

On Friday, information was released by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [regarding deferred action for undocumented youth, or childhood arrivals, and the process for who can apply and how.](#)

On June 15, 2012, the Obama Administration announced a new policy of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals whereby United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), a branch of DHS, was directed to design a process for certain young people residing in the U.S. to apply for deferred action and work permits. The process was directed to begin no later than August 15, 2012, and USCIS today affirmed their implementation of the process starting on August 15.

This policy affects children who were brought here without documentation by family and parents, or who were kept here by family or parents after their visas lapsed, and who meet good moral character, education, military service and other requirements. Congressman Blumenauer applauded the announcement, saying the new policy “is good for children, and good for America.” He added, “This is a good step, but we must keep working for a common-sense path to citizenship for these children, who are here through no fault of their own.”

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