Born of the Central American social justice movements and US solidarity in the 1980s/cold war era, CARECEN was founded by refugees forced to flee their countries as a result of US military interventions in the region—refugees who inspired and worked tirelessly for what we know today as Sanctuary Cities Movement; who continue contributing their hard work and social assets to the growth of this nation.

CARECEN SF is ready, despite the announced “phasing out” of DACA, to continue working in community, to keep our doors open, to inform, respond and advocate for the long overdue and much-awaited U.S. immigration system overhaul. In response to this announcement, CARECEN SF will be:

- Holding 2 daily Charlas (workshops) Monday-Friday 11am and 4pm at our Main Offices
- Promoting Know Your Rights information and responses to FAQ’s about this decision
- Launching a “Shame on You” campaign so DREAMERS and allies can flood the white house with postcards letting them know that we will RESIST
- Providing legal consultation for 100% of DACA beneficiaries and their families that walk through our doors, in order to screen for other potential forms of relief
- Immigration legal document processing support and filing for those who may qualify for other immigration programs
- We will continue to work with our local and national advocacy partners, elected officials and allies to expand protections, impact policies and ensure access to immigration legal services
- Produce bi-lingual and accessible information via social media, our website and other community based platforms
- Continue our work in Mesoamerica to inform, connect and advocate on behalf of migrants forced to leave, on their journey and in receiving countries.
- Continuing our commitment and advocacy to achieve a just, humane and dignified immigration system reform.

Community members can connect with CARECEN SF’s:

- Immigration Legal Program
- Second Chance Youth Program & Tattoo Removal Clinic
- Family Wellness and Health Promotion Programs
- Advocacy, Community Building, and Leadership Development Activities

For more information about this decision and how to engage in advocacy actions, visit our website at www.carecensf.org