



**2017 Day of Action
May 6–8, 2017
Participant Guidelines and Criteria**

The Free Our Dreams Statewide Day of Action serves as a vehicle for young people to lead and shape policy that will have real impacts in their lives and communities. It is also an opportunity for us to leverage our local work on a statewide level and demonstrate the power of young people in our networks. Ultimately, we want to shift the narrative around who matters and ensure that young people are influencing policy in ways that create meaningful change.

Because the 2017 #FreeOurDreams Day of Action and Youth Organizing Summit have been divided into two events to maximize impact, we are envisioning a smaller cohort of youth and adult allies to participate in this year's Day of Action in Sacramento. **We're planning for a maximum of 200 people total—roughly 150 youth and 40 adult allies / chaperones coming from more than 20 communities across California for the full two days of programming.** (The Direct Action component on Monday, May 8 could have significantly more than 200 people.)

In order to help each site plan and recruit participants for the Day of Action, we share the following guidelines and criteria:

- **Each site (not each organization) should plan to send a delegation of approximately eight (8) youth leaders and two (2) adult allies who will serve as chaperones and delegation leaders.**
- **Each youth participant and adult ally should be part of a legislative and advocacy visit team.** (Given the numbers, each site could ideally have up to two legislative visit teams.)
- **Youth participants and adult allies should plan to participate in all of the orientation activities on Saturday evening, prep sessions, workshops, and exchanges on Sunday, and the direct action and legislative visits on Monday.**
- **All youth and adult participants will stay on site at the hotel and conference center.**
- **Youth participants should have at least three months prior engagement with a local organization, should be committed to stay engaged throughout the next year, and should be able to share their stories and experiences on key issues with other youth, adult allies, and policymakers.**
- **Youth participants should be reflective of diversity of the race/ethnicity, gender identities, sexuality, system-involvement, immigration status, and other identities of youth from the local community.**