

## CONTINUUM OF IMMIGRATION STATUSES

THIS CHART IS OFFERED AS A WAY TO VISUALIZE VARIOUS IMMIGRATION STATUSES THAT IMMIGRANTS MAY HAVE ON A CONTINUUM OF THE LEAST SECURE STATUS TO THE MOST SECURE STATUS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT A PERSON'S STATUS MAY CHANGE FROM ONE PERIOD OF TIME TO THE NEXT. FOR EXAMPLE, A NUMBER OF HAITIANS LIVING IN THE U.S. PRIOR TO THE EARTHQUAKE WERE UNDOCUMENTED. MANY QUALIFIED FOR AND RECEIVED TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

