Module 1:
NYS Dream Act and Confidentiality Protections
Access to NYS-administered grants and scholarships

Students with various immigration statuses can now access:
- TAP: need-based NYS tuition grants which covers up to $5,165
- Excelsior Scholarship: tuition grant for SUNY and CUNY which covers up to $5,500
- Enhanced Tuition Award: tuition award for private college attendance which covers up to $6,000
- 16 other financial aid programs will be available by Fall 2019
NYS DREAM Act

What it is
- A NYS law
- An opportunity for students with various immigrant statuses to receive NYS financial aid

What it isn’t
- Extension of the Federal DREAM act, protecting young immigrants from deportation
- Access to Federal aid
- Pathway to US Citizenship or Permanent Residency
- A scholarship itself
How HESC is protecting student information

- Immigration status and other information cannot be shared with any other state or federal agency (NYS DREAM ACT Section 17)
- Information can only be used to administer New York State program funds
- Measures in the application
- College ID as main form of identity for ALL students- regardless of immigration status