



In Their Own Words

The Impact of Covid19 on DREAMers

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Impact on Scholars Income 76% of Scholars work

Of those working, 80% are experiencing income loss due to:

- Job lost temporarily – 50%
- Work hours reduced – 23%
- Job lost permanently – 7%

“ [I’m] worried about everything: rent, food, medical care etc., that my family and I might need and might not get if there’s no work to pay for basic needs.

-TheDream.US Scholar

Impact of temporary job lost

Of 632 respondents who said they lost their job temporarily . . .

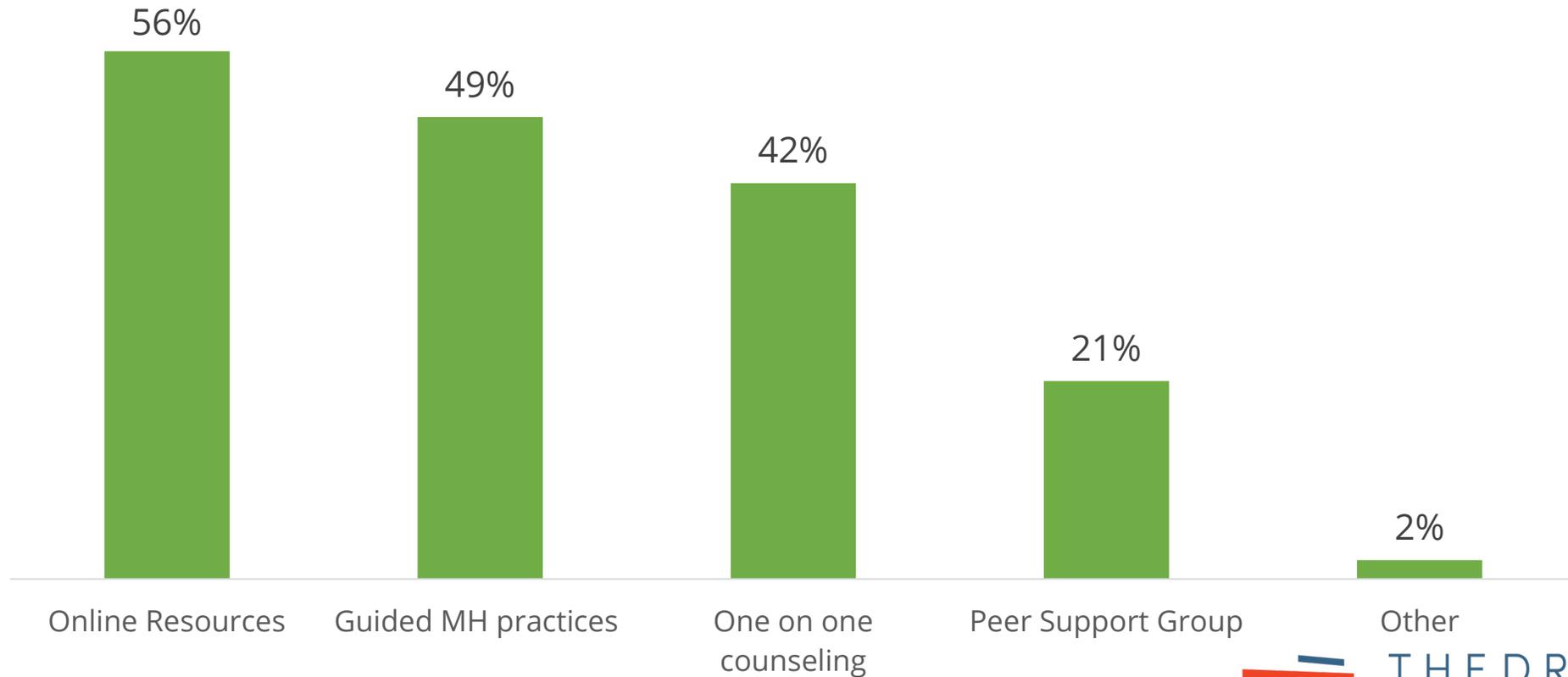
92% will not be paid or will be paid a reduced amount

“ I lost a job temporarily (3 months) and they're unsure if they'll call back. And, I lost my other full time job.

-TheDream.US Scholar

Mental health support

58% of Scholars reported needing mental health support



Scholar Top needs

- Help with rent and utilities
- Help with food and meals

“Although I currently have a job, my parents have lost theirs and I am now the head of household. I’m stressed and unsure of how this will affect my entire household in the future.

-TheDream.US Scholar

Immediate Concerns about Online classes

Many Scholars also reported anxiety on ability to do well in online classes and on completing majors that required labs, practicums, etc.

I'm an education major and unable to complete my fieldwork hours because schools have been shut down.

The resources at campus were really helpful in passing my classes, like tutoring. I'm concerned...not having that physical help one on one.

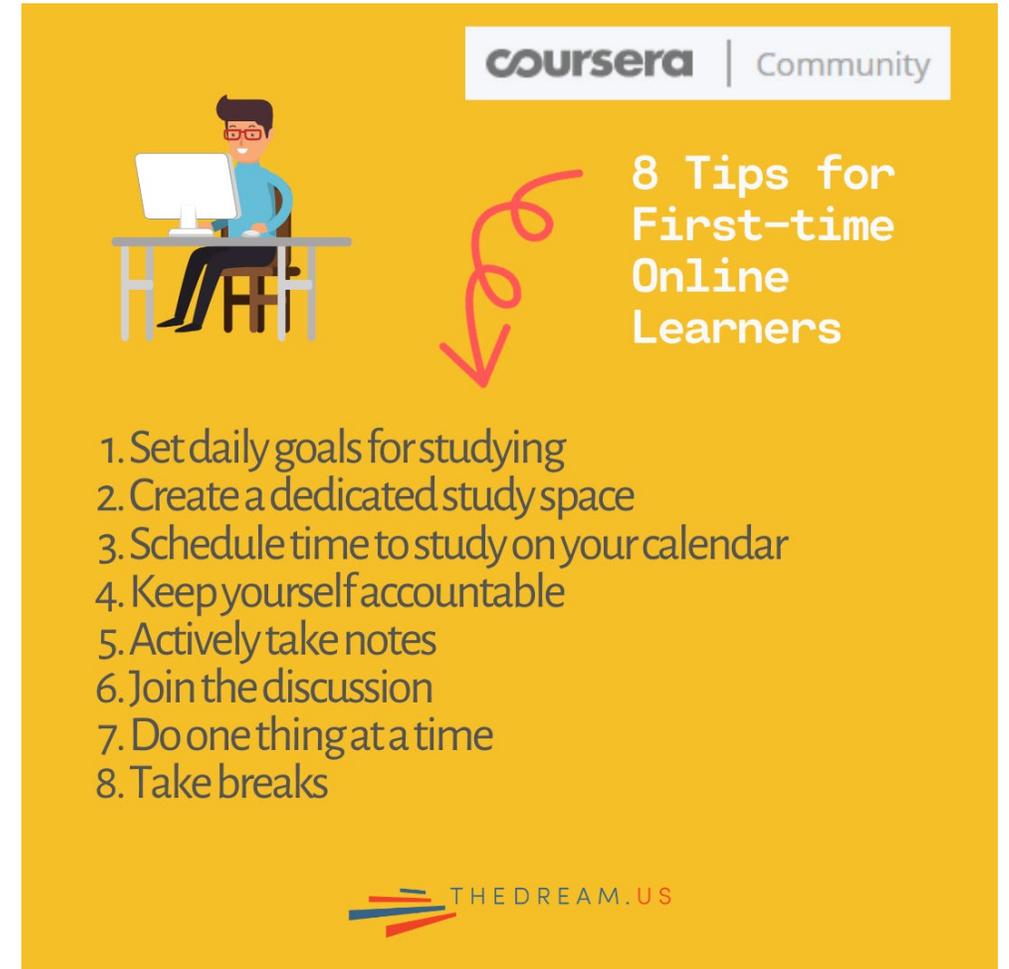
I've never taken an online class and I'm scared I will struggle with the classes and material.

I am struggling to keep up with school from home since I do not have internet access.



Immediate Support

- \$500 Emergency Grants
- Wellness Gathering
- Resources Shared



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8 Tips for First-time Online Learners

1. Set daily goals for studying
2. Create a dedicated study space
3. Schedule time to study on your calendar
4. Keep yourself accountable
5. Actively take notes
6. Join the discussion
7. Do one thing at a time
8. Take breaks

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College Supports in Wake of Pandemic

- Provide emergency funds for undocumented students
- Provide access to hotspots/wi-fi and computers
- Allow students to remain on campus housing
- Allow students to work remotely
- Have regular virtual group check-ins
- Provide virtual or off-campus services – e.g. consultations with immigration lawyers, food banks, online counseling
- Create and promote local Covid-19 resource list relevant to undocumented community



**DREAMers
need our help,
now more than
ever, to achieve
their college
dreams.**

**“I want to be the best,
most productive
American I can be.”**

DREAMER SCHOLAR



KEY MESSAGE FOR DREAMERS

Stay in school; get your college degree.

- Opens careers that will enable you to support yourself and family
- DREAM Act likely to require education
- No one can take your education away from you

