Record Nr. UNINA9910817185303321 Autore Zatz Marjorie Sue <1955-> Titolo Dreams and nightmares: immigration policy, youth, and families // Marjorie S. Zatz and Nancy Rodriguez Pubbl/distr/stampa Oakland, California: .: University of California Press. . 2015 ©2015 **ISBN** 0-520-28306-6 0-520-95889-6 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (213 p.) Disciplina 325.73 Immigrant youth - United States - Social conditions Soggetti Unaccompanied immigrant children - United States - Social conditions Emigration and immigration law - United States Immigrant families - Law and legislation - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Front matter -- CONTENTS -- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS -- CHAPTER 1. Nota di contenuto Introduction and Historical Context -- CHAPTER 2. Prosecutorial Discretion: A Mechanism for Balancing Competing Goals -- CHAPTER 3. Legislative Inaction and Executive Action Mixed Status Families, the Dreamer Movement, and DACA -- CHAPTER 4. Families Torn Apart: Parental Detention and Deportation -- CHAPTER 5. No Good Options: Unaccompanied Minors in the US Immigration System -- CHAPTER 6. Conclusions and Recommendations -- NOTES -- REFERENCES -- INDEX Sommario/riassunto Dreams and Nightmares takes a critical look at the challenges and dilemmas of immigration policy and practice in the absence of comprehensive immigration reform. The experiences of children and youth provide a prism through which the interwoven dynamics and consequences of immigration policy become apparent. Using a unique sociolegal perspective, authors Zatz and Rodriguez examine the mechanisms by which immigration policies and practices mitigate or exacerbate harm to vulnerable youth. They pay particular attention to prosecutorial discretion, assessing its potential and limitations for resolving issues involving parental detention and deportation,

unaccompanied minors, and Dreamers who came to the United States as young children. The book demonstrates how these policies and practices offer a means of prioritizing immigration enforcement in ways that alleviate harm to children, and why they remain controversial and vulnerable to political challenges.