

# 2018 Midwest Stream Forum for Agricultural Worker Health

## Summary

September 10th – 12th, 2018

Harrah's New Orleans Hotel • New Orleans LA



# ABOUT THE FORUM

## 2018 Theme: **Achieving Excellence Through Collaborations**

The 28th Annual Midwest Stream Forum for Agriculture Health was held in New Orleans, LA September 10—12, 2018. The Forum exists to provide farmworker—specific educational content, creating an environment for continuing education, professional development and social networking with other migrant health professionals.

The 2018 Forum offered sessions from over 40 speakers on clinical, research, outreach/lay health, and leadership topics that included priorities for community and migrant health centers, such as diabetes prevention programs, language access, social determinants of health, childhood obesity, mental health, opioid epidemic, and pesticide

exposure, among many others. The forum also offered opportunities for professionals from medical, nursing, social work and community health workers to receive CEUs from various accrediting institutions.

The theme of the Forum, **Achieving Excellence Through Collaborations**, emphasized the importance of cultivating collaborative relationships in and between sectors to advance the goal of improving the health status of migratory and seasonal agriculture workers and their families. Together with the support of health centers, front line staff, community members, and support organizations, we can impact the lives of America's agriculture workers.

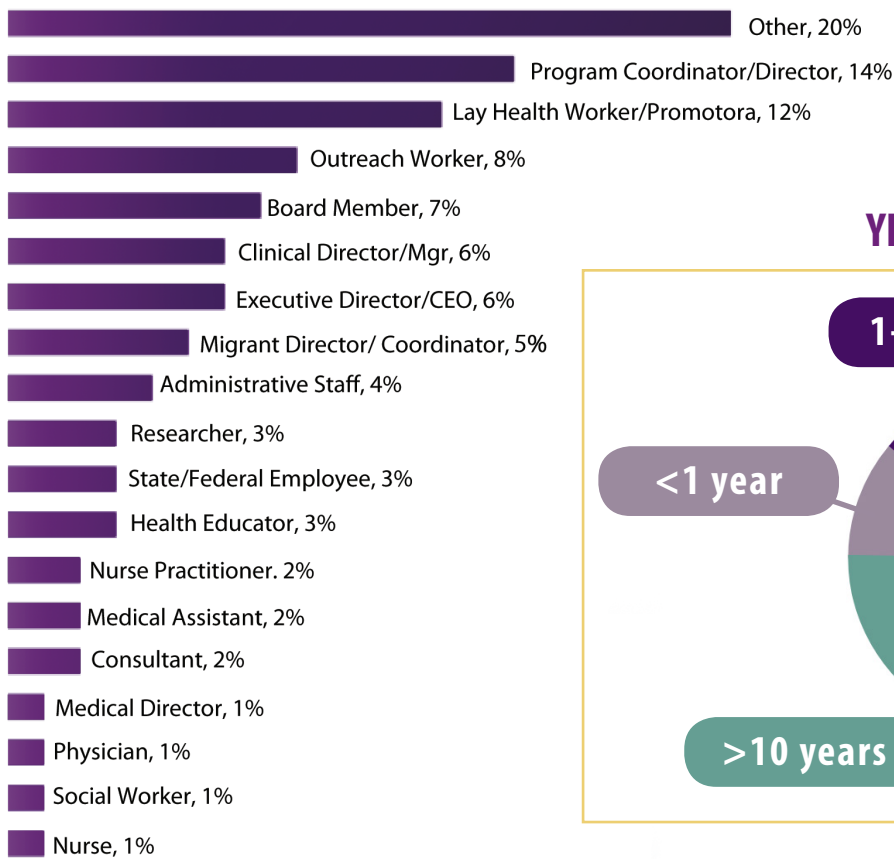


## ABOUT NCFH

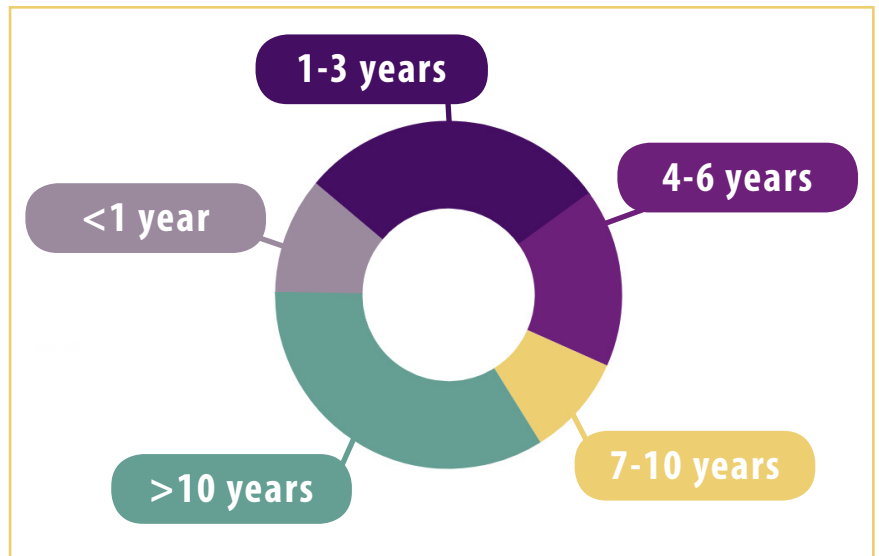
The National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH) is a private non-profit corporation, established in 1975, located in Buda, Texas. NCFH provides information services, technical assistance, and training to more than 500 private and federally funded migrant health centers as well as other organizations and individuals serving the farmworker population. NCFH has organized the Midwest Stream Forum since 1990.

# ATTENDEE SNAPSHOT

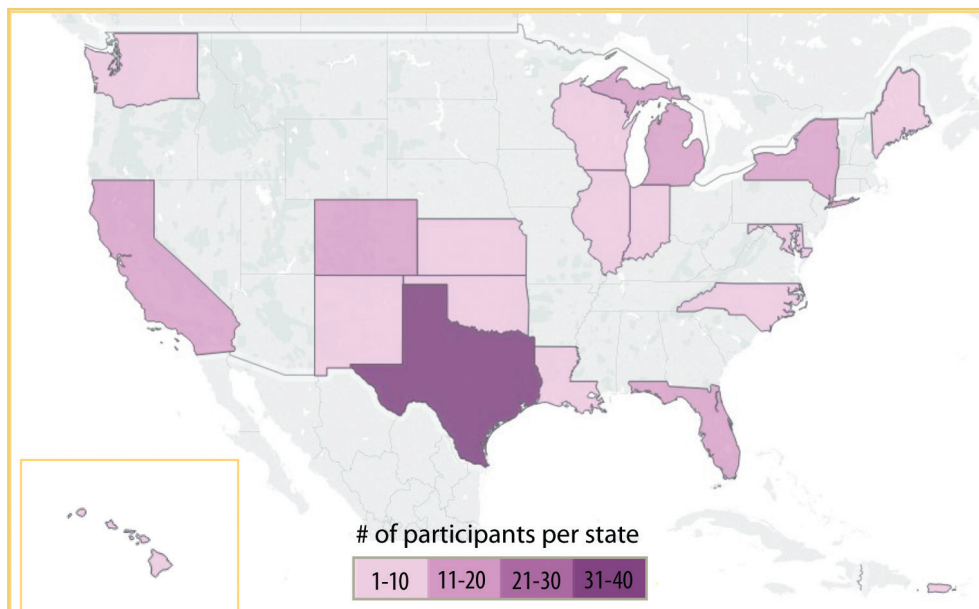
## PROFESSIONS REPRESENTED



## YEARS WORKED IN MIGRANT HEALTH



## ATTENDEES BY STATE



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

# 27

Educational Sessions

# 3

3-Hour Intensives

# 37

Hours of Continuing Education Credits (CEU's)

## Keynote Speaker: Eliseo "Cheo" Torres

Keynote Speaker, Eliseo "Cheo" Torres, administrator at the University of New Mexico and long-time member of the faculty, kept attendees intrigued and entertained as he spoke on Curanderismo and holistic medicine in a modern world through demonstrations and props, and much laughter as he incorporated the Risa Terapia/ Laugh Therapy into his presentation. His presentation gave an understanding of the influences of Curanderismo and the teaching of cultural competencies to allied health.



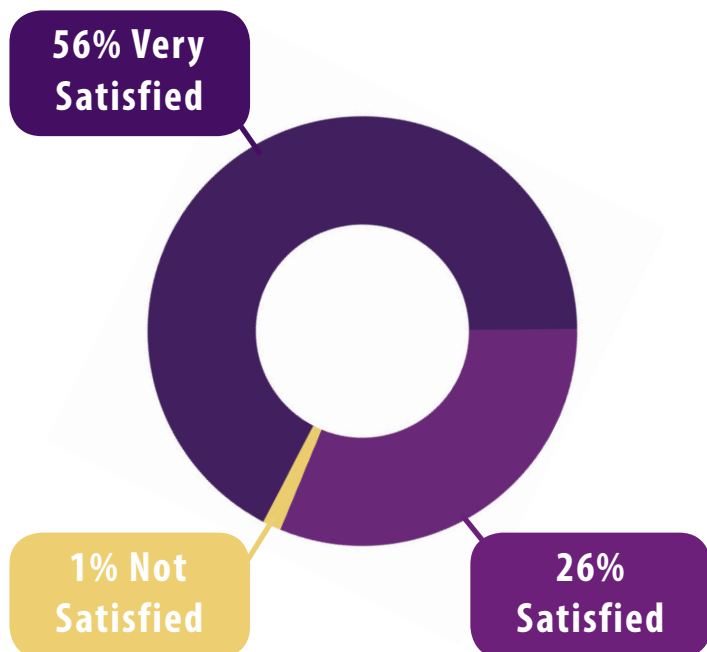
## Ag Worker Access 202 Campaign - Hatching Champions

The conference concluded with an Ag Worker Access 2020 Campaign update and interactive exercise focused on continuing the Campaign momentum through collaboration, sharing promising practices, and recruiting and developing more increase access champions. Guadalupe Cuesta, Director at the National Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Collaboration office, gave key points for advancing the Campaign through collaborations. Deborah Salazar, Migrant Health Director, at Salud Family Health Centers, shared her health center's strategies for increasing access to care for Ag Workers. NCFH staff member, Lisa Miller, led the group in an activity of "hatching champions" for the Campaign. Attendees shared their personal stories and ideas for "hatching" new champions. The interactive Closing Plenary inspired and re-ignited the passion to serve the agricultural worker population.



# FORUM IMPRESSIONS

## OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE CONTENT OF THE SESSIONS



**99%**

Average satisfaction rate for individual sessions.



**3 of 4**

Sessions received a **100%** satisfaction rate.



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of attendees agreed sessions met their objectives.

## MOST POPULAR SESSIONS

- Steps to Becoming a GREAT Leader...at Work and in Life
- Mapping Social Determinants of Health and Chronic Disease Among Agricultural Worker Communities
- Current Trends in Agricultural Labor Policy and Impact on Workers' Access to Health
- To Be Healthy, Information is Not Enough: The Case for SDOH
- It's a Numbers Game: Helpful Strategies for Increasing the Number of Agricultural Workers



*"I loved the diversity of the sessions' topics and learning from those that have worked much longer with migrant workers. I also discovered how similar many of the migrant-serving organizations are, which allowed translation of the many effective strategies used by other organizations to my own."*

-2018 Attendee

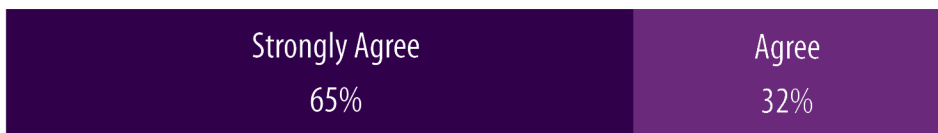
# FORUM IMPACT

## CONFIDENCE TO IMPLEMENT



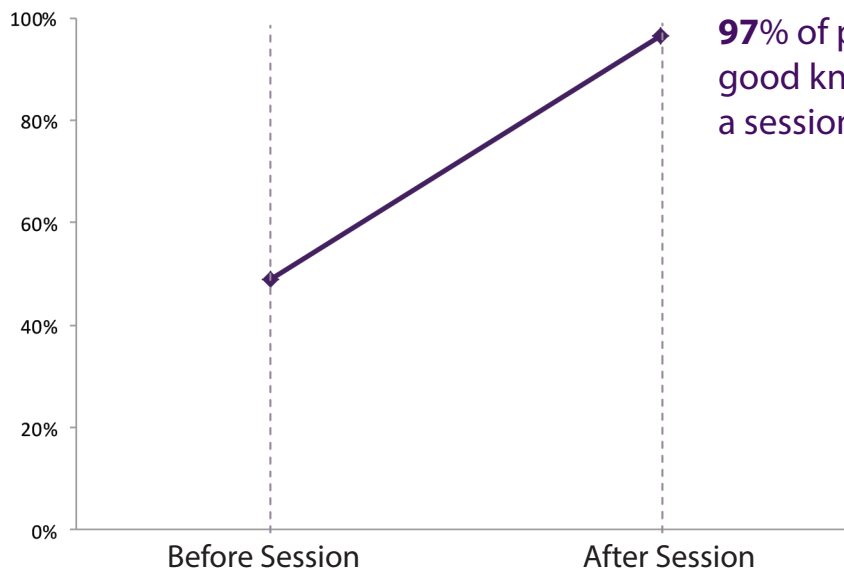
On average, 80% of participants were confident or very confident that they would implement something they learned during the session.

## HELPFUL IN IMPROVING WORK PERFORMANCE



97% of participants, on average, agreed or strongly agreed that their session would be helpful in improving their work performance.

## INCREASED KNOWLEDGE & SKILL LEVEL



**97%** of participants recorded good or very good knowledge about a subject following a session.

On average, attendees reporting good or very good knowledge on a subject almost doubled after a session, from 48% of attendees to 97% of attendees. Participants recorded the most significant knowledge growth in the session **“Telehealth in a Community Migrant Health Center”**, from 14% to 100% reporting very good or good knowledge on the subject.

# NEXT IN MIGRANT HEALTH



## FEEDBACK & REQUESTED TOPICS

Attendees were asked for their feedback on future forums. Responses included suggestions for longer sessions, farmworker related exhibitors, and additional sessions focused explicitly on farmworker health. Attendees also had the opportunity to provide feedback on topics for next year's forum sessions. The most requested topics included:

- Immigration
- Outreach/Referral & Leadership Development
- Cultural Competency & Managing Multiple Priorities
- Employee Retention
- Mental Health & Women's Health
- Family and/or Domestic Violence & Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Hypertension & Group Meeting Dynamics
- Board/CEO Issues; Professional Skills Building; Public Speaking; Worker Protection Standards
- Cardiovascular Health; HIV/AIDS; Immunizations/ Communicable

The Midwest Stream Forum is one of three regional forums organized to address the health Migrant and Seasonal Agriculture Workers. Find out more about next year's Midwest Stream Forum and the other forums at NCFH's website: [www.ncfh.org/regional-stream-forums](http://www.ncfh.org/regional-stream-forums).

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