

MIGRANT HEALTH ORIENTATION

This following is an outline of an orientation for new and existing Migrant and Community Health Center employees. This outline lays out the key elements of an orientation for migrant health center staff. If you would like resources that can be implemented into the elements of the outline please see the other resource section of the migrant orientation training section. This outline is only a template and can be adapted to fit the needs of your health center.

ORIENTATION OUTLINE

Objectives

Participants will:

1. Gain an understanding of the Migrant Health Movement
2. Understand farmworker demographics and the culture of the population, and the agricultural industry and how these impact on health delivery.
3. Understand the Migrant Health Program, HRSA Program Requirements and Performance Measures.
4. Understand service delivery challenges and strategies for overcoming them.
5. Understand the HRSA definition for agriculture and migrant and seasonal farmworker for health center eligibility and determine eligibility from a set of case studies.

PART 1: BASICS IN MIGRANT HEALTH

This section includes the following information:

- I. Farmworker History
- II. Who are America's Farmworkers?
 - Demographics
 - Migration Patterns
- III. Migration Housing and Lifestyle
 - Living Conditions
 - Lifestyle and Behavioral Risks



- Aspects of Agricultural Work

IV. Occupational and Environmental Risks and Injuries

V. Farmworker Health

- Overview of Infectious Diseases
- Overview of Chronic Illnesses
- Mental Health Issues

VI. Barriers to Access and Continuity of Health Care

VII. Migrant Health Program and Policy

VIII. Service Delivery Models and Service Delivery Challenges

IX. HRSA Health Center Program Requirements and Performance Improvement Measures

PART 2. FARMWORKER VERIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

This section provides the information needed to verify whether a farmworker is eligible for health care services in health centers that receive section 330g funding in the Public Health Service Act.

- Importance of Verification and Documentation of MSFW patients
- Definitions of Agriculture and Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker
- Qualifying Tasks, Industries and Exclusion
- Eligibility Tools
- Case Studies

