

Developing a Strong and Effective Memorandum of Understanding Between Health Centers and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start for Oral Health Initiatives

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MSHS PROFILE

- Federally Funded **Comprehensive** Early Childhood Development (School Readiness) Program. The MSHS program is Regional Program (Region XII) of Head Start.
- MSHS programs are across 38 states.
 - Private/Public Non-Profit, Community Action Agency, School System, Government Agency
 - Center-based programs and Family Childcare Homes
- Serving migrant and seasonal farmworker families.
 - Serve over 32,000 children. Ages birth – compulsory school age
 - Server over 21,000 families
 - Language is predominately Spanish
 - Provide services for approximately 190 pregnant women
- Approximately 90% of children served have medical insurance (Medicaid and/or CHIP)
- Approximately 126/190 pregnant women have medical insurance
- 35% of MSHS children receive services from Health Centers

“ our children and families, are your children and families”



HRSA AND MSHS: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

I. PURPOSE



The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to coordinate resources and align policies at the national level, and to express the commitment of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS), Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) program. This MOU will foster partnerships at the national, state and local levels for assuring access to comprehensive, high quality, culturally-competent preventive and primary health services to migratory and seasonal agricultural workers (MSAWs) and their families.

EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS GUIDE:

*Improving Oral Health for Migrant and
Seasonal Head Start Children and
Their Families*



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THREE KEY AREAS in which this guide will be extremely helpful are:

- In establishing a solid business plan which incorporates the costs for oral health care services for MSHS children,
- Planning ahead to provide ample time to address the details associated with the comprehensive provision of care (i.e. joint strategy for ongoing planning, service delivery and evaluation), and
- Exploring opportunities to identify resources, acknowledge existing services.

MSHS and HEALTH CENTER LOCATOR APP

Find a Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Center Widget

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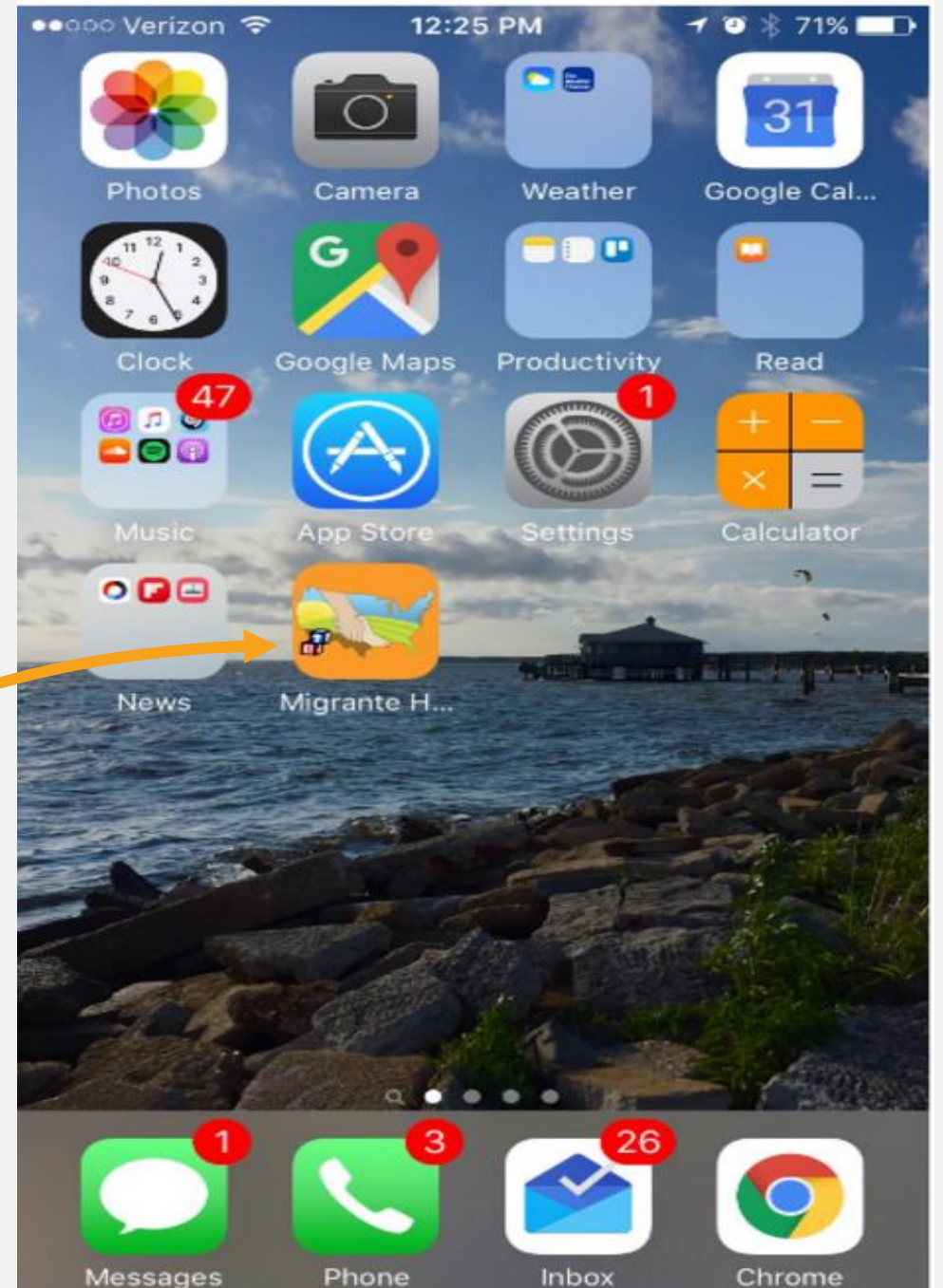
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COST SHARING AND SAVINGS...FOR BOTH OUR PROGRAMS

- Recruitment of Families
 - 51% of MSHS return for every season (continuity of services)
 - 49% are new families in the area (new clients)
- CHIP/ACA Enrollment
- Transportation, Interpretation and Translation
- Case/Workload Management
- Education, Training and Technical Assistance
- Collaboration on Community Needs Assessments



IT'S A WIN, WIN!

MSHS AND HEALTH CENTERS



STATUS OF RELATIONSHIP WITH MSHS...OR HEAD START

Small Group Activity:

- Step one:
 - Through discussion identify & describe level of partnership
 - Use Relationship Status with MSHS template
- Step two:
 - Strategize how to improve/advance the partnership
 - Use MOU for strategizing
- Step three;
 - Large group assistance; what did I miss, what else can I do?



COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

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