

Michigan Migrant Child Task Force

Collaboration for Farmworker Children Health



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Presentation Overview



- Number of MSFWs in Michigan
- Overview of the IMSC and MMCTF
- Challenges encountered by Farmworker families
- MMCTF History and Priority Areas
- Cross-agency Collaboration Outcomes and Outreach

Michigan's Farmworkers: An Overview



How many migrant & seasonal farmworkers in MI?

- 94,167 MSFWs and dependents; 61,564 migrants ²
- 27,965 migrant children ages 0-19
- 10,599 migrant children ages 5-12
- 7,718 migrant children under 5

¹ United States Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration
Designation of Significant Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker (MSFW) States, 2014.

² Michigan Update Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Enumeration Profiles Study, 2013.
www.michigan.gov/documents/dhs/FarmworkerReport_430130_7.pdf

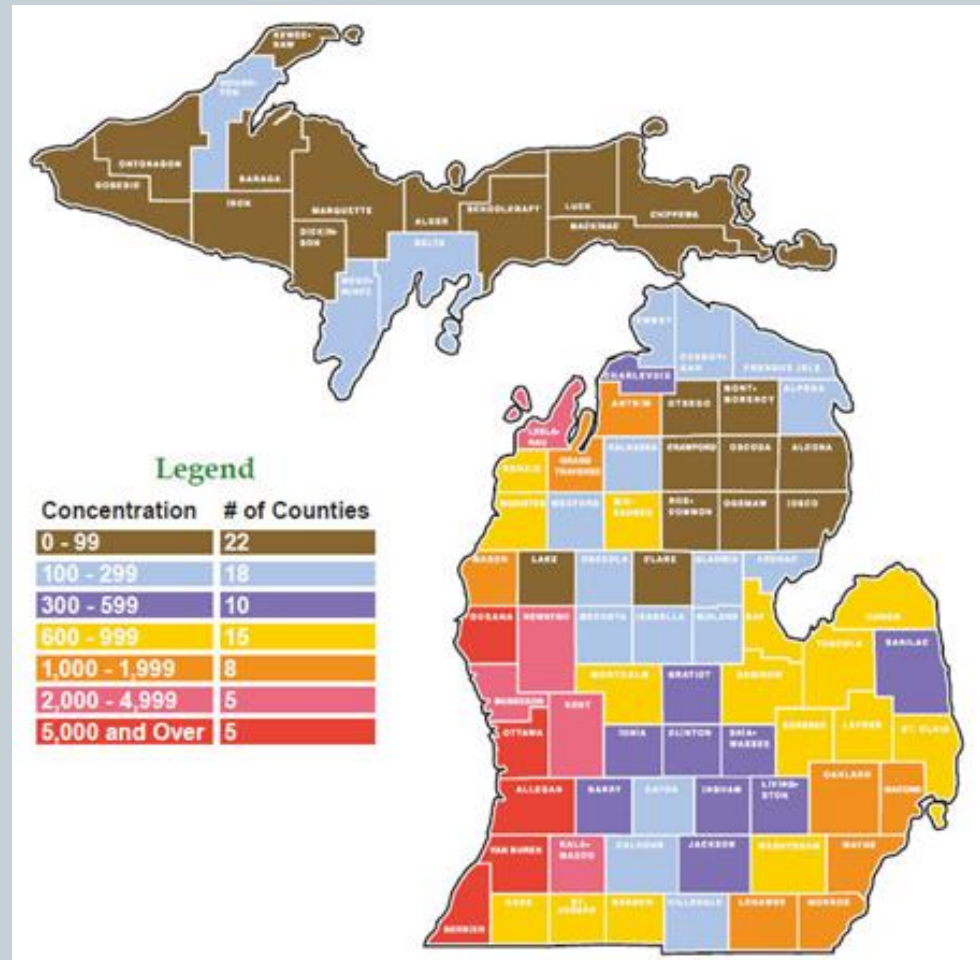
Michigan's Farmworkers: An Overview

Top 5 Counties: (Migrant workers & dependents)

1. Ottawa (9,084)
2. Van Buren (8,527)
3. Oceana (4,738)
4. Berrien (4,496)
5. Allegan (3,458)

NOTE: Map indicates migrant & seasonal workers & dependents.

http://michigan.gov/documents/dhs/FINALFactSheet_431867_7.pdf?20130823162225



MI Interagency Migrant Services Committee



Mission: The mission of The State of Michigan Interagency Migrant Services Committee (IMSC) is to improve the quality of life of Migrant and Seasonal farmworkers and their family members who work in Michigan's agricultural industry.

Goal: The goal of The State of Michigan Interagency Migrant Services Committee is to develop a comprehensive action plan for the improvement of personal, mental, environmental and occupational health, education, employment, social services, civil rights and legal services for Migrant and Seasonal farmworkers and their families.

Diverse Membership

Subcommittees/Task Forces

Challenges for Michigan's Migrant Children



- Access to Child Care
 - State child care provider application and training requirements
 - Lack of providers in remote areas
 - Lack of outreach to & support for providers in all areas
- Access to Healthcare and Health Challenges
 - Pesticides exposure
 - Lack of access to care
 - Lack of transportation



Challenges for Michigan's Migrant Children



- Lack of Transportation
 - Unable to apply for Driver's Licenses
 - Fear of travel due to deportations
- Housing Availability/Importance of Quality
 - Housing essential for workers new to MI
 - Ensure safety of workers and children
 - Free of pesticides
- Immigration
 - Fear of Driving without a License
 - Fear of Raids



MMCTF History



- Developed in 2003
- Workgroup developed between Migrant Affairs/DHS, Migrant Education, & Migrant Head Start in response to a constituent complaint to the Governor's Office.
- Community outreach & focus group discussions initiated by the Directors of the three programs.
- Focus on Day Care Aide training issues and collaboration across program lines.

MMCTF History



In 2004:

- Regional meetings & outreach taking place with DHS, Migrant Ed, & Migrant Head Start staff.
- Stronger collaboration begins with our CDC Administrator, Head Start State Collaboration Office, MI's 4C Association.
- Connection established with the National Collaboration Coordinator of Telamon Migrant Head Start. Michigan site visit occurs.
- Taskforce formally established under the IMSC in December 2004.

MMCTF History



In 2005:

- Presentation to Federal IMSC in February 2005.
- The National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC) begins facilitation of Strategic Planning process for the Taskforce in Jan./Feb. 2005.
- Outreach to Migrant families, caregivers, & growers continues with visitors from the Telamon Migrant Head Start Bureau.
- Presentation given at Nat'l Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. in December.

Key Elements of Successful Partnerships



PEOPLE	SYSTEMS	RESOURCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared vision• Mutual respect• Attitude, beliefs and values• Skills• Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective communication systems• Detailed, comprehensive planning• Service delivery• Policies• Ongoing evaluation and improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adequate funding• Resource management• Time• Staffing• Environment: facility, space

MMCTF Original Vision/Mission



- The Vision: To improve the future of Migrant children in Michigan and the education of their caregivers.
- The Mission: To collaborate, educate, & advocate for policy and programs that ensure a bright future for Migrant children.



MMCTF Strategic Plan Priorities



Strategic Plan Priorities:

- Caregiver Education & Training
- Data & Research
- Access to Community Services
 - Health, Housing, Transportation, Policy Alternatives
- Collaboration



Priority Area: Caregiver Education & Training



- Overall Goal: Increase the supply of trained caregivers who care for the children of Migrant farmworkers (regulated, Aides and Relatives under the radar screen, etc.).
- Objectives:
 - Identify and find the caregivers.
 - Identify and design appropriate training options.
 - Support Policy Improvements by State agencies
 - Reduce Turnover for individuals providing direct care.

Priority Area: Data & Research



- Overall Goal: Obtain an accurate and current profile of Migrant children in Michigan, their families, and their caregivers.
- Objectives:
 - Coordination with IMSC Data Taskforce.
 - Commission research on Migrant children, families & providers in Michigan.
 - Assure sustainability of long-term data collection and retrieval.
 - Secure appropriate “translation.”

Priority Area: Access to Community Resources



- Overall Goal: Ensure that Migrant children and families have equal access to community services and resources.
- Objectives:
 - Expand our knowledge of all services for Migrant children and families.
 - Develop a “report card” on existing services for Migrant children and families in Michigan.
 - Develop concrete proposals for the top priority policy areas.
 - Review & evaluate Action Plan Progress.

Priority Area: Collaboration



- Overall Goal: Collaborate to improve services for Migrant children and their families.
- Objectives:
 - Ensure collaboration between Migrant Education and Migrant Head Start in Michigan.
 - Promote collaboration with ECIC to ensure that Migrant children's needs are addressed by the infrastructure of ECIC.
 - Expand representation on state-level taskforces.

MMCTF Participation



- Representatives of agencies and programs providing services to migrants
- Currently consists of 20 member organizations
- Representatives from the grower community and farmworker advocates



MMCTF Participation



- State Head Start Collaboration Office
- Michigan Head Start Association
- MI 4C
- Office of Migrant Affairs, MDHHS
- Migrant Education
- Michigan Child Care Licensing
- Bureau of Community Action Agencies
- MSU Extension
- Growers Association
- Early Childhood Department, Michigan Department of Education
- Michigan Child Care Subsidy Program, MDHHS
- Michigan State University
- National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Collaboration Office
- Migrant Head Start
- Farmworker Legal Services
- MI Department of Community Health

MMCTF Materials



- MMCTF Display
- Wallet Cards
- Brochures
- Water Bottles
- Backpacks
- MMCTF T-Shirts
- Fact Sheet
 - Data from Enumeration Study
 - Program Data from members



	Helpful Michigan Phone Numbers Números de teléfono importantes en Michigan
Office of Migrant Affairs	1-517-373-3567
Migrant Head Start	1-800-782-7831
Migrant Education	1-800-234-8848
Farmworker Legal Services	1-800-968-4046
Migrant Legal Aid	1-800-418-3390
Telamon Employment & Training	1-800-782-7831
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
MIOSHA	1-800-866-4674
Health Care (Call for Health)	1-800-377-9968

MMCTF Today



- **Mission:**

- To promote the well-being of Michigan's Migrant children through the education of their caregivers, advocacy for effective public policy, and collaboration with community partners.

- **Vision:**

- Healthy Migrant children today. Strong communities tomorrow. Cultivating hope.

- **Priority Areas:**

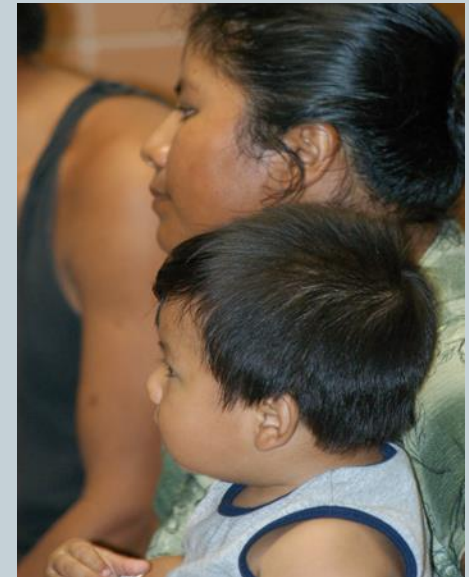
- Access to community services
- Collaboration
- Caregiver development and supports
- Public awareness and outreach



Outcomes of MMCTF Collaboration and Coordination



- Improved cross-referrals between Migrant Head Start and Migrant Education
- Expanded programming and use of facilities through Migrant Head Start and Migrant Education collaborative projects
- Improved joint recruitment and outreach across agencies
- Successful coordination of outreach activities for public policy officials to improve dialogue with Migrant parents and providers



Outcomes of MMCTF Collaboration and Coordination



- Continued support for culturally and linguistically appropriate training for Migrant Child Care Providers through Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care (4C) Association and Michigan State University Extension
 - Better utilization and leveraging of funding
 - National level collaboration with two Federal Technical Assistance Systems: the Office of Head Start (Migrant) and the Child Care Bureau (NCCIC)



MMCTF Outreach



- Four outreach events per year
- Items distributed during outreach for the improvement of farmworker health:
 - Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
 - Bandanas
 - First Aid Kits
 - Water Bottles
 - Car seats/Booster seats
 - Diapers/Wipes
 - Informational Bags
 - Children's Books
 - Soccer Balls



Positive Outcomes from Outreach



- Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and Migrant Education now make referrals to each other
- Joint recruitment and outreach occurring with other agencies
- Better utilization and leveraging of funding



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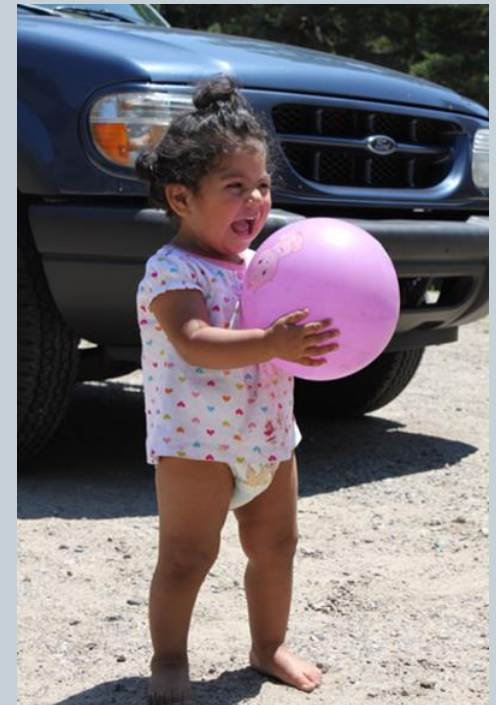
- Getting policy advisors and legislators out to the camps to see how migrants live have led to improvements in policies, such as the state's Child Development and Care Assistance Program
 - CDC Categorical Eligibility
 - Child Care Providers – continuous eligibility and increase in trainings around peak harvest seasons
 - Expanded materials available in Spanish



Positive Outcomes from Outreach



- Connect providers and families to services, such as health, education, legal assistance, child care, public benefits, etc., among the following agencies:
 - Telamon MI Migrant Head Start
 - Michigan Migrant Education K-12
 - College Assistance Migrant Program
 - MDHHS/WIC
 - MDHHS
 - Migrant Health Clinics
 - Farmworker Legal Services
 - Great Start to Quality



Positive Outcomes from Outreach



- Housing Improvement made through Referrals to Migrant Labor Housing
- Showing our appreciation to farmworker families in Michigan



Questions or Comments?



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Thank you!