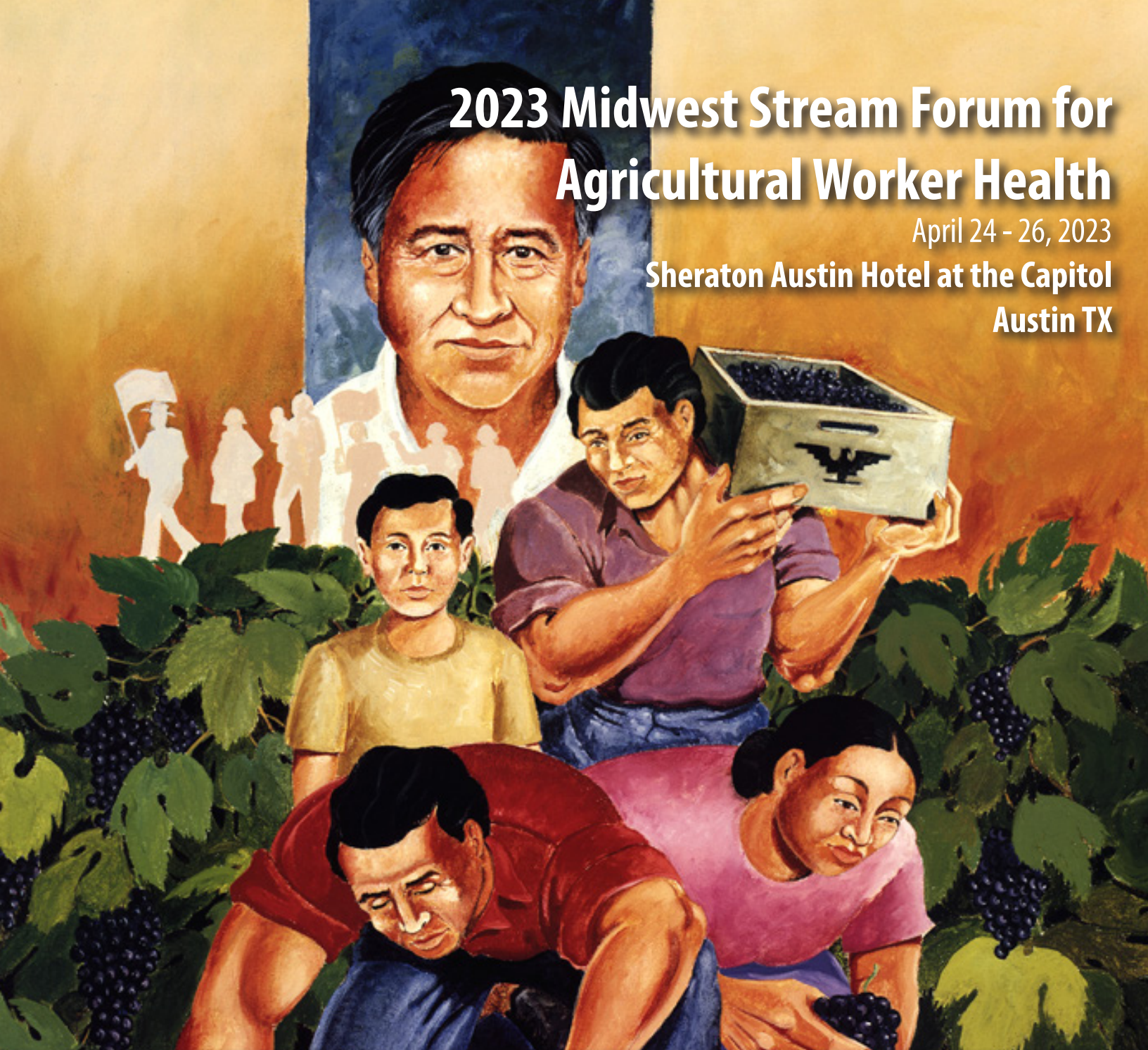


# 2023 Midwest Stream Forum for Agricultural Worker Health

April 24 - 26, 2023

Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol  
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***¡ADELANTE!* MOVING FORWARD WITH VISION AND STRENGTH**



**"Justice for All"**

Commemorative Artwork



# Welcome to the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Midwest Stream Forum for Agricultural Worker Health!

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Austin, Texas, and the 31st Annual Midwest Stream Forum for Agricultural Worker Health! Our theme this year, **¡Adelante! Moving Forward with Vision and Strength**, focuses on honoring and learning from our past, celebrating our successes, to date, and moving into the future together. You will see the theme weaved throughout the conference as a reminder that with community collaboration, strength, and resiliency, together we can rise to the challenge to keep the vision of the Migrant Health Movement at the forefront of all we do and improve the health and wellbeing of Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Worker (MSAW) families!

We have an exciting schedule of educational sessions and networking opportunities planned and hope that you will return home with a reinvigorated commitment to be Ag Worker Access Champions in your communities and to encourage others to do the same. We look forward to spending this time together and learning from each other's experiences to ensure access to quality healthcare for MSAW families.

Thank you for joining us and we hope you enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

NCFH STAFF



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Registration Desk – Capitol Ballroom Foyer

The registration desk will be open on the following days and times:

Sunday, April 23rd	1:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Monday, April 24th	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday, April 25th	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, April 26th	7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Interpretation Services**—Interpretation services will be available for some sessions. Please check the program for those sessions with interpretation services.



**Servicios de interpretación**—Contarán con servicios de interpretación en español en algunas de las sesiones. Por favor consulte el programa para ver las sesiones con interpretación.

## MEETING AND EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

#### Morning Intensives

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

- **Emergency Response through Collaboration and Research** – Capitol View Terrace North
- **Building Agricultural Worker Wellness and Resiliency** – Capitol View Terrace South

#### Opening Plenary – Capitol Ballroom

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Official conference welcome by Sylvia Partida, CEO/President, National Center for Farmworker Health, Inc., followed by Alfonso Rodriguez Lainz, PhD, DVM, MPVM, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine and Bethany Boggess Alcauter, PhD, NCFH Director of Research & Public Health Programs with an update on CDC Partnerships to Protect Agricultural Workers During COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond. Don't miss our keynote speaker, Jim Harrington, who fought for worker's rights alongside Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers for 18 years. His stories of experience and reflection will provide inspiration and hope for the future of the Migrant Health Movement.

#### Exhibits – Capitol Ballroom Foyer

**Monday, April 24 - Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

Exhibitors provide attendees with information and materials for expanding healthcare services to agricultural workers. Come by the exhibit tables during morning and afternoon breaks to learn more.

#### Welcome Reception & Poster Presentations

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Creekside

Join us Monday evening for dinner, entertainment, and networking with your peers in Migrant Health.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

#### Morning Plenary – Capitol Ballroom

8:30 AM – 10:15 AM

- **Welcome and Overview of Texas Health Centers:** Jana Eubank, Executive Director, Texas Association of Community Health Centers

- **Update from the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC):** Susan Burton, Director of Advocacy, National Association of Community Health Centers
- **Ag Worker Access Campaign Panel Discussion: Building Strategic Relationships to Improve the Health of Migratory & Seasonal Agricultural Worker Families** - Lisa Miller, Training Services Manager and Kadie Koeneman, Project Coordinator - IAC for Ag Worker Initiatives, National Center for Farmworker Health

#### Movie: A Song for Cesar – Capitol Ballroom

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Join NCFH in viewing the documentary, "A Song for Cesar," which showcases a tribute to Cesar Chavez, the Farmworker Movement, and the United Farm Workers Union. Through the lens of music and artists explore how Chavez's legacy of peaceful protest, perseverance, and artistic inspiration can change the world. *¡Juntos Si Se Puede!*

#### Monday, April 24 - Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Morning/Afternoon Breakouts – Capitol Ballroom A-C, Capitol Ballroom, F-H, Capitol Terrace North, and Capitol Terrace South

Join us for cutting-edge presentations focusing on the latest in agricultural worker health. The multi-track program features sessions on agricultural worker health-specific to clinical, research, outreach/lay health, administration, and leadership development topics.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

#### Closing Plenary

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Roger Rosenthal – Immigration Policy 101: What Health Providers Want to Know

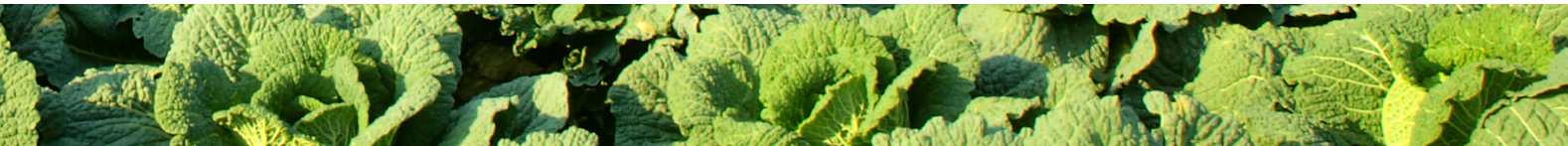
#### Closing Remarks



# Schedule-at-a-Glance

SUNDAY, APRIL 23			
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open - Capitol Ballroom Foyer		
MONDAY, APRIL 24			
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open - Capitol Ballroom Foyer		
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Exhibit Set-Up - Capitol Ballroom Foyer		
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast – Capitol Ballroom Foyer		
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Exhibits Open - Capitol Ballroom Foyer		
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break with Exhibitors – Capitol Ballroom Foyer		
Location	Capitol View Terrace North		Capitol View Terrace South
	Overcoming Emerging Issues		
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Emergency Response through Collaboration and Research Partnerships in Time of Crisis: Lessons Learned from COVID-19 Response Efforts in North Carolina Tania Connaughton and Kate Furgurson, North Carolina Farmworker Health Program AND COVID-19 Impact on Agricultural Worker Communities: Results from the Farmworker COVID-19 Community Assessments (FCCAs) Jocelyn Suarez and Bethany Boggess Alcauter, NCFH		Building Agricultural Worker Wellness and Resiliency Monica Garcia and Monica Calderon, MHP Salud
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch on Your Own		
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	OPENING PLENARY* Capitol Ballroom D–E		
	Welcome: Sylvia Partida, CEO, National Center for Farmworker Health  CDC Partnership to Protect Agricultural Workers During COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond: Alfonso Rodriguez Lainz, PhD, DVM, MPVM, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine and Bethany Boggess Alcauter, PhD, NCFH Director of Research & Public Health Programs *Video presentation with live question and answer segment.  Keynote Presentation: ¡Sí, se puede! A Tribute to You and a Challenge Jim Harrington, founder of Texas Civil Rights Project		
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break with Exhibitors – Capitol Ballroom Foyer		
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
Track/Location	Advancing Health Equity by Addressing SDOH Capitol Ballroom F-H	Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Capitol View Terrace North	MSAW Service Delivery (Outreach and Patient Engagement) Capitol View Terrace South
	Successful Outcomes and Lessons Learned in Addressing Disparities in Access to Healthy Foods Catalina Burillo, Mercy Health Project, and Naomi Hysa, Michigan State University Extension	Lessons Learned on Diabetes Management during and After Natural disasters due to Climate Dr. Jose Rodriguez, Castañer General Hospital and Elizabeth Gonzalez-Ibarra and Jessica Calderon, Migrant Clinicians Network	Agricultural Worker Health 101: An Introduction to Migrant Health Theresa Lyons-Clampitt, Migrant Clinicians Network, Alexis Guild, Farmworker Justice, and Aba Anison-Amoo, Health Outreach Partners
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION: Dinner, Music, Poster Session Displays – Creekside		
TUESDAY, APRIL 25			
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open – Capitol Ballroom Foyer		
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast – Capitol Ballroom Foyer		
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Exhibits Open – Capitol Ballroom Foyer		
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	MORNING PLENARY* Capitol Ballroom D–E		
	Welcome and Overview of Texas Health Centers: Jana Eubank, Executive Director, Texas Association of Community Health Centers Update from the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC): Susan Burton, Director of Advocacy, National Association of Community Health Centers Ag Worker Access Campaign Panel Discussion: Building Strategic Relationships to Improve the Health of Migratory & Seasonal Agricultural Worker Families Lisa Miller, Training Services Manager and Kadie Koeneman, Project Coordinator – IAC for Ag Worker Initiatives		





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10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Morning Breakout Sessions			
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10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	The True Impact of Transportation Barriers: Opportunities to Address Missed Appointments and Understand the Patient Experience <i>Aba Anison-Amoo and Sonia Lee, Health Outreach Partners</i>	Supporting Lifestyle Change: How ADCE57 Self-Care Behaviors Lay the Foundation for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES), National Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), and More <i>Sacha Uelmen and Angela Forfia, ADCE5</i>	Health Literacy and Accessible Educational Materials for Agricultural Workers and Indigenous Agricultural Workers* <i>Robin Lewy, Rural Women's Health Project; Alexis Guild, Farmworker Justice; Laura Gonzalez, Language Access Florida</i>	Supporting Mental and Social Well-being Among Agricultural Workers <i>Athena Ramos, University of Nebraska Medical Center</i>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch on Your Own			
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Breakout Sessions			
Location	Capitol Ballroom F-H	Capitol View Terrace North	Capitol View Terrace South	Capitol Ballroom A-C
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	COSECHA – A Statewide, CHW Delivery Network Addressing Health Inequities Experienced by MSAWs in the Florida Farmworker Corridor ‡ <i>Anna Villagomez, Rural Women's Health Project, and Zorayda Avila, Alianza Americas</i>	HIV Overview of Care Continuum: Together We Can End the HIV Epidemic <i>Pedro Coronado and Armando Molina, Valley AIDS Council</i>	Increasing Access to Quality Healthcare for Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Families through Accurate ID, Classification, & Reporting in UDS <i>Lisa Miller and Kadie Koeneman, NCFH</i>	Climate Change and its Impact on Agricultural Worker Health <i>Alexis Guild, Farmworker Justice</i>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break with Exhibitors – Capitol Ballroom Foyer			
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Breakout Sessions			
Location	Capitol Ballroom F-H	Capitol View Terrace North	Capitol View Terrace South	Capitol Ballroom A-C
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Organizing for Change: How CHWs Will Change the World <i>Ricardo Garay, Dell Medical School/University of Texas</i>	Heart Health: Learning to Prevent and Manage Cardiovascular Disease for a Healthier and Longer Life* <i>Mercedes Cruz Ruiz, Aetna</i>	Providing Continuity of Care for Patient Populations on the Move <i>Theresa Lyons-Clampitt and Elizabeth Gonzalez-Ibarra, Migrant Clinicians Network</i>	Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR): Gatekeeper Training for Agricultural Communities <i>Esmeralda Mandujano, Western Regional Agricultural Stress Assistance Network and Kimber Nicoletti-Martinez, National AgrAbility Project</i>
7:00 PM- 9:00 PM	MOVIE: A SONG FOR CESAR Capitol Ballroom D-E			
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26				
7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration Open – Capitol Ballroom Foyer			
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast – Capitol Ballroom Foyer			
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Exhibits Open – Capitol Ballroom Foyer			
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Breakout Sessions			
Location	Capitol Ballroom F-H	Capitol View Terrace North	Capitol View Terrace South	Capitol Ballroom D-E
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	On-Farm Health Screening Needs of Immigrant Dairy Workers in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains <i>Anabel Rodriguez, University of Texas Health Science Center</i>	CHWs – The Key to Providing Diabetes Support in Underserved Communities* <i>Caroline Blanco, American Diabetes Association and Ninfa Purcell-Peña, Texas A&amp;M University</i>	Strategies for Providing Culturally Responsive Care to Agricultural Workers and their Families, <i>Katie O'Malley, NCFH</i>	Overview of Michigan Agricultural Worker Statistics, Outreach Innovation Brought on by the Pandemic and the Importance of Creating Crucial Communications for Agricultural Workers <i>Jo Estrada-Guerra, MI Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Migrant Affairs</i>
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Break with Exhibitors – Capitol Ballroom Foyer			
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Breakout Sessions			
Location	Capitol Ballroom F-H	Capitol View Terrace North	Capital View Terrace South	
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Social Determinants of Health in the National Agricultural Workers Survey: Recent Changes in Agricultural Workers Living and Working Conditions, Earnings, Health Care Access, and Assistance Programs Use <i>Andrew Padovani JBS International</i>	Delivering Self-Management Education for Chronic Conditions Through an Innovative Tele-education Approach <i>Maria Bustamante, NCFH</i>	Late Night/Early Morning Outreach to Connect with the Agricultural Worker Community ‡ <i>Liliana Cruz and Idolina Castro, Campesinos Sin Fronteras</i>	
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Final Break/Check-Out			
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	CLOSING PLENARY* Capitol Ballroom D-E			
	Immigration Policy 101: What Health Providers Want to Know Roger Rosenthal, Migrant Legal Action Program Closing Remarks: National Center for Farmworker Health			

## OPENING PLENARY SESSION

*Spanish Interpretation will be offered.*

**Monday, April 24, 2023**

1:30 PM — 3:00 PM

Capitol Ballroom D-E

**Welcome** — Sylvia Partida, Chief Executive Officer, National Center for Farmworker Health

### **CDC Partnership to Protect Agricultural Workers During COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond**

Alfonso Rodriguez Lainz, PhD, DVM, MPVM, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, U.S.-Mexico Unit, CDC

Bethany Boggess Alcauter, PhD, NCFH Director of Research and Public Health Programs

### **Keynote Presentation — ¡Sí, se puede! A Tribute to You and a Challenge**

Jim Harrington, Founder of Texas Civil Rights Project

**Title:** **Successful Outcomes and Lessons Learned in Addressing Disparities in Access to Healthy Foods**  
**Time:** 3:30 PM — 5:00 PM  
**Presenter(s):** Catalina Burillo — Mercy Health Project and Naomi Hyso — Michigan State University Extension  
**Room:** Capitol Ballroom F-H

Since 2016, the Oceana Health Bound Coalition's Healthy Lifestyles sub-committee has been addressing health disparities among the underserved, high-risk agricultural worker population in rural Oceana County, Michigan. Their main objective is to support healthy lifestyle behavior change among adults, especially those who are at an increased risk for chronic diseases and, subsequently, other health conditions. In this session, presenters will describe a Prescription (RX) for Health Program they introduced to the agricultural worker population in Spring of 2022. Participants of the program were connected to evidence-based nutritional education and exercise-programming sessions through a bi-directional referral process that was established between key partners and community-clinic systems. Presenters will share impact data gathered from this prevention program and self-management programs participants, involved vendors, and key collaborative partners who worked together to address health disparities in Oceana County. Participants will also learn about the Prescription (RX) Program and how to implement it in their local areas and learn to identify evidence-based nutritional education and exercise-programming workshops.

#### **Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Learn more about the Prescription for Health project and how it can be implemented in their local area to address health disparities in underserved, high risk agricultural worker populations.
2. Identify potential partners to collaborate with and carry out a Prescription for Health program in the community.
3. Identify evidence-based nutritional education and exercise programming workshops available virtually or in-person.

**Title:** **Lessons Learned on Diabetes Management During and After Natural Disasters Due to Climate**  
**Time:** 3:30 PM — 5:00 PM  
**Presenter(s):** Dr. Jose Rodriguez — Castañer General Hospital and Elizabeth Gonzalez-Ibarra and Jessica Calderon, Migrant Clinicians Network  
**Room:** Capitol View Terrace North

Diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability in the United States and Latin America. Poor control and lack of self-management skills result in multiple complications that are more evident when a natural disaster strikes. Unfortunately, continuous natural disasters are part of the climate crisis the world is facing. This has exacerbated the need for chronic disease management at the community level during emergencies. This interactive workshop, aimed at Community Health Workers (CHWs), will review the possible complications caused by diabetes because of poor diabetes control and describe how to help prevent these complications during and after disasters. Presenter will review strategies and lessons learned based on the comic book, "My Health, My Treasure," a tool to help people self-manage their diabetes. Presenter will also review the importance of home blood sugar monitoring, home testing, prevention and management of abnormal results, and the physiology of exercise in the control of diabetes and its relationship to treatments. Each participant will receive a Spanish copy of the comic book, "My Health, My Treasure," produced by the Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN).

#### **Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the relationship between climate change, disasters, and chronic diseases, including diabetes.
2. Identify diabetes complications due to poor control and gather diabetes prevention strategies and self-management tactics.
3. Learn how to use MCN's diabetes comic book as a tool to help patients self-manage their diabetes and other chronic conditions.

**Esta sesión se presenta en español con interpretación en inglés.  
This session is presented in Spanish with interpretation in English.**



## DAILY SCHEDULE AND SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

### MONDAY, APRIL 24

**Title:** Emergency Response through Collaboration and Research

**Time:** 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Presenter(s):** Abstract 1: Tania Connaughton and Kate Furgurson – North Carolina Farmworker Health Program  
Abstract 2: Jocelyn Suarez and Bethany Boggess Alcauter – National Center for Farmworker Health

**Room:** Capitol View Terrace North

#### **Abstract 1: Partnerships in Time of Crisis: Lessons Learned from COVID-19 Response Efforts in North Carolina**

The COVID-19 pandemic put undue pressures on entities serving historically marginalized populations, including those serving agricultural workers. In North Carolina, several entities, under the coordination of the NC Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP), came together to address the challenges of the pandemic and find solutions. Two years after the start of the pandemic, NCFHP began an evaluation of its response to assess the extent to which the program was successful in mitigating the effects of COVID-19 on agricultural workers in NC. The evaluation assessed the effectiveness of information, technical assistance, and resources shared with health outreach partners and other agricultural worker/farmer serving agencies. It also assessed the extent to which NCFHP's coordination of statewide COVID-19 response strengthened relationships among partner organizations. This session will highlight learnings from the evaluation, which included key informant interviews, a survey of local COVID-19 response teams, and focus groups with outreach workers.

#### **Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Name three recommended resources that state agencies can provide to support emergency response work of agricultural worker serving agencies.
2. Identify strategies for successful collaboration with community partners during an emergency response.
3. Describe two practical techniques for evaluating the effectiveness of emergency planning and response programs.

#### **Abstract 2: COVID-19 Impact on Agricultural Worker Communities: Results from the Farmworker COVID-19 Community Assessments (FCCAs)**

As part of a national COVID-19 outreach and vaccination project for agricultural workers supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH) conducted a series of Farmworker COVID-19 Community Assessments (FCCAs). Two phases of the projects chronicle the pandemic's impact on agricultural worker communities with data collected from August 2021 to August 2022. This presentation will focus on data collected during Phase 2 of the project (March – August 2022) in five communities across the U.S. These assessments highlight the racial and linguistic diversity of agricultural worker communities, disparities in COVID-19 vaccination uptake, and widespread exposure to key COVID-19 transmission risk factors, such as overcrowded housing and shared transportation to work. The assessments provide NCFH, CDC, and local communities with actionable findings about agricultural workers' experiences and recommendations on how to best meet their needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the results of Phase 2 of the FCCAs, including data on agricultural worker demographics and risk factors for infectious disease, vaccine, and booster uptake among this population.
2. Learn about the methods of conducting a rapid community assessment with agricultural workers.
3. Learn how the data has been used in public health action.

**Esta sesión se presenta en inglés con interpretación en español.  
This session is presented in English with interpretation in Spanish.**



**Title:** Building Agricultural Worker Wellness and Resiliency

**Time:** 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Presenter(s):** Monica Garcia and Monica Calderon – MHP Salud

**Room:** Capitol View Terrace South

Access to mental health resources can be challenging among Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers (MSAWs) due to varied cultural conceptions of mental illness that can also limit their access to mental health care. The Community Resiliency Model (CRM) aims to help create trauma-informed and resiliency-focused communities that share a common understanding of the impact of trauma and chronic stress on the nervous system and how resiliency can be restored or increased using this skills-based approach. This interactive workshop will provide health center staff and Community Health Workers (CHWs) who work with MSAW populations with information and resources to promote self-care, community resiliency, and access to mental health well-being. Participants will practice the core CRM wellness skills: (1) Tracking, (2) Grounding, (3) Resourcing, (4) Gesturing, (5) Shift & Stay and (6) Help Now! – used to bring our bodies, mind, and spirit back into a state of balance. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage in peer-to-peer discussions on mental health concerns and address how these wellness skills can be made accessible to MSAWs and their families to build and restore resiliency.

#### **Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this session, participants will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the mental health needs of underserved Latino populations, specifically Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers (MSAWs).
2. Describe how CHWs address cultural barriers to mental health.
3. Identify and utilize the wellness tools in support of CHWs who work with MSAW communities to practice self-care and improve community resiliency.



## MONDAY, APRIL 24

**Title:** **Agricultural Worker Health 101: An Introduction to Migrant Health**

**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

**Presenter(s):** Theresa Lyons-Clampitt – Migrant Clinicians Network, Alexis Guild – Farmworker Justice, and Aba Anison-Amoo – Health Outreach Partners

**Room:** Capitol View Terrace South

This session offers a comprehensive orientation to the Migrant Health Program in the United States For those new to the migrant health field as well as those needing a refresher. This session will provide a look into the fascinating world of the health care program for migratory and seasonal agricultural workers (MSAWs) and their families. Presenters will provide an overview of the history of agricultural migration, the structure of the Migrant Health Program, and the people that make it work. They will also provide information about agricultural workers, their health care needs, and the system of care that works for them. Case studies related to agricultural worker health, barriers to care and health centers will be reviewed and discussed to promote peer learning. Acronyms such as DHHS, HRSA, BPHC, ONTASP, FHN, PCMH, etc. will be deciphered, and resources to make your work easier and better will be provided.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the migratory and seasonal agricultural worker (MSAW) population and their barriers to healthcare.
2. Understand the history, structure, and requirements of the federal Migrant Health Program.
3. Explain the system of care for MSAWs and gather resources to better serve this population.

## WELCOME RECEPTION

**Monday, April 24, 2023**

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Creekside

NCFH Board Chair, Steve Weinman, will be making opening remarks and St. Edward's University Ballet Folklorico will be featured. Be sure to plan on attending this great networking event to learn about NCFH's mission of improving the health of farmworker families and connect with other conference attendees.

### Thanks to our Poster Presenters!

Vanessa Errisuriz, University of Texas at Austin

**"Agricultural Worker Children's Healthy Habits: Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program Needs Assessment"**

Christine Tanne and Maggie Eckerstorfer, University of Minnesota

**"A Mobile Clinic Program to Address Vision Care for Migratory Agricultural Workers in Minnesota"**





## **MORNING PLENARY SESSION**

*Spanish Interpretation will be offered.*

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM

Capitol Ballroom D-E

**Welcome** — Jana Eubank + Overview of Health Centers in the State, Executive Director, Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC)

### **Update from the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)**

Susan Burton, Director of Advocacy, National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)

### **Ag Worker Access Campaign Panel Discussion: Building Strategic Relationships to Improve the Health of Migratory & Seasonal Agricultural Worker Families**

— Lisa Miller, Training Services Manager and Kadie Koeneman, Project Coordinator – IAC for Ag Worker Initiatives

Join the National Center for Farmworker Health, in collaboration with the Ag Worker Access Campaign Task Force, in an interactive facilitated discussion featuring at least two health centers and one community partner, focused on developing strategic relationships to increase access to quality healthcare services for Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers (MSAWs).

Since the inception of the Ag Worker Access Campaign, a national initiative to increase the number of MSAWs seen in health centers nationwide, Migrant Health Champions across the country have worked with peers in their state and local communities to understand the challenges that impact agricultural worker access to care and develop and test strategies to address these challenges. One of these strategies is working with like-minded individuals and organizations committed to improving the health of MSAW families to increase outreach efforts. A great example of this collaborative effort is the Ag Worker Access Campaign Task Force, comprised of 26 organizations, who meet monthly to identify challenges with healthcare access for MSAWs and discuss strategies to implement at their respective organizations. Today, the Campaign itself has 520 members working towards the shared goal of serving over 2 million MSAWs and their families in health centers across the U.S.

In this session, participants will receive the latest updates of the Ag Worker Access Campaign and celebrate collective accomplishments, gain insight from Migrant Health Champions about the strategic relationships they have developed that have resulted in better health outcomes for their MSAW populations, and have an opportunity to share their own experiences with colleagues.

### **Learning Objectives:**

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Increase their knowledge of the Ag Worker Access Campaign and progress to date toward its goals.
2. Identify strategies for building strategic relationships and gather resources/tools to implement at their health centers to foster partnerships in achieving goals toward increasing access to care for MSAWs and their families.
3. Share their own insights and experiences with colleagues through facilitated peer-to-peer engagement.



**Title:** **The True Impact of Transportation Barriers: Opportunities to Address Missed Appointments and Understand the Patient Experience**

**Time:** 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Presenter(s):** Aba Anison-Amoo and Sonia Lee – Health Outreach Partners

**Room:** Capitol Ballroom F-H

In any given year, at least 3.6 million Americans do not receive medical care because of a lack of transportation. Transportation is essential for access to, and utilization of, care; yet, transportation barriers persist for many communities, including agricultural workers. For health centers, missed medical appointments cause a disruption of care, impact clinical outcomes, and result in a loss of revenue. Evidence shows that access to reliable transportation correlates with improved health outcomes and increases the utilization of services. In this session, Health Outreach Partners (HOP) will utilize its Transportation Quality Improvement Toolkit to discuss how health centers can analyze and assess the impact of transportation barriers and missed appointments, and the importance of a quality improvement process for implementing transportation interventions. This includes a small group activity, where a tool will be used to identify patient-centered solutions to mitigate the effects of missed appointments. HOP will also feature true patient stories from its recent resource, “Telling Their Stories.” The conversation often centers on the impact to health centers and their margins but will remind participants of who is truly affected by this issue: the patients who are forced to overcome great barriers in order to address, maintain, and improve their health.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Explain the relationship between transportation barriers and missed appointments, including the associated costs.
2. Identify intervention efforts that find patient-centered solutions to transportation barriers.
3. Apply examples of real-life patient experiences and gather resources for health center transportation solutions.

**Title:** **Supporting Lifestyle Change: How ADCE7 Self-Care Behaviors Lay the Foundation for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES), National Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), and More**

**Time:** 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Presenter(s):** Sacha Uelmen and Angela Forfia – Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists

**Room:** Capitol View Terrace North

Health centers nationwide provide care to many of the 130 million people with prediabetes and diabetes. Working on the front lines of primary care, health center teams see individuals at the greatest risk of diabetes complications and comorbidities like overweight, obesity, heart disease, and more. This interactive session discusses how Community Health Workers (CHWs) can support and advance diabetes care, through community outreach, education, and participant navigation. Presenters will review health education about diabetes, discuss informal coaching strategies around the ADCE7 Self-Care Behaviors Framework™, and share how health center-based teams, including CHWs, can support more intensive programs like Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) and the National

Diabetes Prevention program (DPP). Interactive case studies and activities will be used to promote peer learning to integrate and expand these DSMES and National DPP community health programs.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Distinguish health centers as an important healthcare context for connecting with people with prediabetes, diabetes, and other cardiometabolic conditions.
2. Describe existing programs and services within health centers for people with prediabetes, diabetes, and other cardiometabolic conditions.
3. Discuss how CHWs can utilize the ADCE7 Self-Care Behaviors Framework to support healthy behavior change and connect patients to existing programs and services.

**Title:** **Health Literacy and Accessible Educational Materials for Agricultural Workers and Indigenous Agricultural Workers**

**Time:** 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Presenter(s):** Robin Lewy – Rural Women’s Health Project, Alexis Guild – Farmworker Justice, and Laura Gonzalez – Language Access Florida

**Room:** Capitol View Terrace South

Publicly reported COVID-19 data is often unreliable for agricultural and food processing worker communities. Rapid Community Assessment (RCA) is one tool that can be used to quickly gather community insights about public health in order to inform program design. Presenters will share their experience in utilizing COVID-19 RCA to help clarify reasons for low vaccination, identify access challenges, and adapt outreach for migratory, seasonal, and indigenous Mesoamerican agricultural workers and food processing workers. In this session, local and state partners will describe adaptation, implementation, and results of the RCA in rural Oregon during summer 2021. Each presenter will discuss their role, resources needed for a successful RCA, and plans for utilizing findings. Presenters will also describe the process of transforming the results into post-project actions needed to achieve community health equity.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Improve their understanding of health literacy as it affects MSAs and, in particular, Indigenous language speakers.
2. Learn specific strategies to create health educational materials accessible to MSAs with limited health literacy and, in particular, Indigenous agricultural workers.
3. Access a variety of resources showcasing best practices for health literacy.

 **Esta sesión se presenta en inglés con interpretación en español. This session is presented in English with interpretation in Spanish.**



**Title: Supporting Mental and Social Well-Being Among Agricultural Workers**

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Presenter(s): Athena Ramos — University of Nebraska Medical Center

Room: Capitol Ballroom A-C

Latino agricultural workers comprise the majority of the agriculture workforce in the United States; however, they are often isolated physically, culturally, and socially with little information or access to health enhancing services and programs including those focusing on mental and social well-being. Agricultural workers may experience high levels of stress, and research has shown that stress is a factor in many common mental health concerns, such as depression and anxiety. Not only do agricultural workers face many of the usual stressors associated with agriculture like long hours, the weather, or time pressures, but they may also experience stressors such as separation from family, adjustment to a new culture, communication difficulties, immigration legal concerns, discrimination, and work conditions that undervalue people's skills and may be health-harming. Few interventions address mental health and stress among agricultural workers. As a part of the North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center, presenters will highlight their experience with implementing the Bienvenido (Welcome) program with migratory agricultural workers in the Midwest. The Bienvenido program is working to meet agricultural workers where they are and move towards enhancing emotional well-being, promoting effective communication, reducing mental health stigma, and promoting help-seeking behaviors through a culturally responsive approach that integrates core principles of *conversación* (conversation), *convivencia* (cohabitation), and *confianza* (trust).

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss common mental health concerns and stressors among agricultural workers.
2. Describe the Bienvenido (Welcome) program.
3. Recognize the benefits and principles for utilizing a culturally responsive approach to addressing mental health concerns and stress.

**Title: COSECHA – A statewide CHW delivery network addressing health inequities experienced by MSAWs in the Florida Farmworker Corridor**

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Presenter(s): Anna Villagomez — Rural Women's Health Project and Zorayda Avila — Alianza Americas

Room: Capitol Ballroom F-H

Integration of Community Health Workers (CHWs) or promotores de salud has proven to be an effective approach in addressing health equity, particularly for Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers (MSAW). With experience in training over 700 Latino CHWs, Rural Women's Health Project collaborated with Alianza Americas and 3 Florida partner organizations to create Cosecha, a statewide promotor network in Florida. This partnership integrated promotor leadership to bridge service gaps impacting Florida's Latino agricultural communities in response to COVID-19, addressing vaccine hesitancy, COVID fatigue, and the availability of culturally competent materials. Equipped with multi-media and multilingual information through monthly trainings that targeted specific health topics and COVID-19, mobilization of the 73 promotores across the state was critical to help bridge the information and service gaps by guiding monthly campaigns and disseminating the health

and COVID-related information. As such, Cosecha was created with a vision of reaching the MSAW communities across the state in Spanish and indigenous languages (Spanish, Mam, Mixteco Alto, Q'anjob'al, and Kiche). In this presentation presenters will share lessons learned in the development of Cosecha and strategies for fostering state and national networks to overcome systemic barriers to improve health equity for MSAWs. In addition, audio and print materials will be shared on health and rights education to address health and vaccine challenges by ensuring those with limited literacy receive timely information.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss opportunities in serving MSAW through state and national networks.
2. Recognize 3 key strategies to overcome systemic barriers to health equity for MSAW.
3. Access tools and materials to replicate health and rights education to address health and vaccine challenges.



**Esta sesión se presenta en español con interpretación en inglés.  
This session is presented in Spanish with interpretation in English.**

**Title: HIV Care Continuum: Together we can End the HIV Epidemic**

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Presenter(s): Pedro Coronado and Armando Molina, Valley AIDS Council

Room: Capitol View Terrace North

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services launched the Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE) in 2019, as a plan that aims to end the HIV epidemic by 2030. This goal can only be achieved by collectively working together not only in healthcare settings, but also by working with providers that address the various social determinants of health which create inequities in our health care systems. Taking a closer look at the HIV care continuum will provide a greater sense of understanding, where we can focus efforts to include HIV screening, retention to care and ultimately viral suppression. The Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan includes four pillars to achieve the plan, which are Testing, Treatment, Prevention and Response. Increasing access to the services that address the four pillars that make up the EHE plan, we can achieve the EHE goals through the services that your health care center provides to the community such as those that address the social determinants of health. That includes but does not limit it to mental health, stigma reduction, employment, transportation, health literacy, housing, and food security. Participants will be provided with online tools and evidence-based interventions that can be integrated with their current work for their community to access HIV prevention, treatment and testing services. This presentation will share Texas-specific HIV data and describe a status neutral approach to serving patient populations affected by HIV. Presenter will also identify barriers that affect systems of care and share strategies to overcome these barriers and improve health systems to End the HIV Epidemic.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Review Texas HIV Data.
2. Describe a status neutral approach to serving patient populations affected by HIV.
3. Identify barriers that affect systems of care and gather strategies to overcome these barriers and improve health systems to End the HIV Epidemic.

**Title:** **Increasing Access to Quality Healthcare for Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Families through Accurate ID, Classification and Reporting in UDS**

**Time:** 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**Presenter(s):** Lisa Miller and Kadie Koeneman, National Center for Farmworker Health

**Room:** Capitol View Terrace SouthH

Although proper identification, classification, and reporting of Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Worker (MSAW) families in the Uniform Data System (UDS) is critical to increasing access to quality healthcare for this special population, it continues to be a challenge for health center teams. Closing gaps in health disparities among special populations, including MSAWs, continues to be a priority for health center staff, but these disparities are often not addressed because many MSAW patients are not identified and reported correctly in the Uniform Data System (UDS). This presentation will provide an overview of the federal definition of agriculture, including qualifying industries and tasks, describe the accurate classification of MSAWs, and address the relationship between proper identification of MSAW patients, UDS reporting, and funding. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss real-life scenarios through case studies and have access to tools and resources for use by their health center teams.

**Learning Objectives:**

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the relationship between classification, UDS reports, and health center funding, and identify agriculture industries and tasks that should be considered when classifying MSAWs for UDS reporting.
2. Distinguish the different classification types for MSAWs and utilize acquired knowledge to correctly report agricultural worker patients in UDS.
3. Learn about available resources and services from NCFH to assist in meeting Migrant Health (MH) Program increase access goals.

**Title:** **Climate Change and its Impact on Agricultural Worker Health**

**Time:** 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**Presenter(s):** Alexis Guild – Farmworker Justice

**Room:** Capitol Ballroom A-C

Agricultural workers are on the frontlines of the climate crisis, experiencing the health effects of heat waves, droughts, wildfires, and other weather events. In May 2022, Farmworker Justice convened stakeholders representing agricultural workers, environmental health advocates, health center staff, legal services representatives, and academic institutions to discuss promising practices and recommendations to support communities as they confront the effects of climate change. During this session, presenters will share an overview of the environmental impacts experienced by agricultural worker communities in the U.S. and lessons learned from the May 2022 convening. Participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences and discuss potential applications of these promising practices in their organizations. Interactive discussions will include the role of Community Health Workers (CHWs) in implementing adaptive strategies related to climate issues.

**Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the effect of climate change on agricultural worker communities, including their health and access to health care.
2. Share promising practices and policies to improve agricultural worker resiliency in the face of climate change.
3. Explore the potential role of CHWs to support agricultural communities as they continue to confront the climate crisis.

**Title:** **Organizing for Change: How Community Health Workers Will Change the World**

**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

**Presenter(s):** Ricardo Garay – Dell Medical School/University of Texas

**Room:** Capitol Ballroom F-H

The COVID-19 Pandemic has disproportionately affected historically marginalized communities in the U.S. and has exposed various gaps in public health and community engagement. As healthcare providers and public health agencies continue to explore ways to incorporate Community Health Workers (CHWs) into teams and initiatives, planning, implementation, and evaluation play a central role. Understanding how CHWs can help radically transform health care systems in communities that need it the most is a unique opportunity to address health equity and improve health outcomes.

The Department of Population Health at the Dell Medical School in the University of Texas at Austin has incorporated CHWs in various projects centering on CHW values and national guidelines to address health disparities. This CHW team has used a vast network of expertise to create a Hub that has coordinated CHW operations across the Medical School and beyond. This session will touch on the history of CHWs in the U.S. and include templates and case studies showing how CHWs at Dell Medical School have addressed social determinants of health, improved healthcare access, and redefined service delivery in Central Texas. Presenter will share how the work of CHWs has evolved based on client experiences and academic evaluations. Presenter will also highlight the concept of “nothing about us without us” and allow active participant engagement and granular understanding of key concepts.

**Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe successful techniques in recruiting, screening, and hiring CHWs.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the history, value, and impact of CHWs in multi-disciplinary teams, especially in historically marginalized communities.
3. Create a plan for CHW advancement and promotion within different organizations.



**Title:** Heart Health: Learning to Prevent and Manage Cardiovascular Disease for a Healthier and Longer Life  
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
**Presenter(s):** Mercedes Cruz-Ruiz – Aetna  
**Room:** Capitol View Terrace North

An estimated 80% of cardiovascular disease (CVD), including heart disease and stroke, is preventable. However, cardiovascular disease remains the No. 1 killer and the most expensive disease, costing nearly \$1 billion a day. While CVD is largely preventable, it tops the disease burden list, and this situation is expected to worsen. According to recent projections showing that by 2035, 45% of the U.S. adult population will live with CVD at an annual cost of more than \$1 trillion. CVD, which includes heart attack, stroke, heart failure, and other conditions, is a main cause of death and disability in the United States. On average, someone dies of CVD every 34 seconds in the United States and of a stroke every 3 minutes and 17 seconds. In this session, participants will learn the modifiable risk factors to prevent heart disease and stroke for themselves, their families, and their friends. Presenters will also share the warning signs of heart attack and stroke, and share strategies to help patients take control of their health and self-manage chronic conditions to improve health outcomes. Let's stop heart disease and stroke!

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the risk factors for and causes of cardiovascular diseases.
2. Know the warning signs of heart attack and stroke.
3. Gain strategies to help patients take control of their health and self-manage chronic conditions to improve health outcomes.

 **Esta sesión se presenta en inglés con interpretación en español.**  
**This session is presented in English with interpretation in Spanish.**

**Title:** Providing Continuity of Care for Patient Populations on the Move  
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
**Presenter(s):** Theresa Lyons-Clampitt and Elizabeth Gonzalez-Ibarra – Migrant Clinicians Network  
**Room:** Capitol View Terrace South

Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMHs) greatly improve continuity of care for patient outcomes and experiences with health care settings. However, the advances of a PCMH tend to be focused on geographically stable populations. A robust medical home transformation should also include assuring continuity of care services for patients experiencing barriers to health care due to mobility. Because migratory workers, including agricultural workers, tend to be highly mobile, diagnosis of preventable and chronic diseases are necessary for positive health outcomes. An adapted PCMH for mobile populations emphasizes the need for intensive primary care both in the health center and in the community with an emphasis on self-management. An integrative approach across sites of care can increase the capacity for providing continuity of care despite geographic and cultural interfaces. The Health Network (HN) program from Migrant Clinicians Network is a very effective tool for maintaining continuity of care and helping create a PCMH for mobile populations. HN's primary focus is to eliminate mobility as an active obstacle for continuity of care. For clinics, HN provides patient outreach and referrals, outcome reports, and updated medical records for the referring clinic. For patients, HN offers culturally appropriate services that promote

health center engagement and health education. The program provides communication among a wide range of stakeholders including administrative staff, outreach teams, clinicians, and mobile patients. Knowing which patients to enroll, how to enroll, and what to expect are crucial for every health center looking to establish effective continuity of care for their mobile patients. This session will provide an overview of the adapted PCMH model for mobile patients, as well as practical strategies for implementing continuity of care for all mobile populations seen in health centers throughout the country.

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the adapted PCMH model and know how to identify mobile patients at risk of loss to follow up.
2. Describe the enrollment process for HN and learn the benefits of enrolling patients at risk of loss to follow up.
3. Gain strategies and resources for providing continuity of care for mobile patients like agricultural workers.

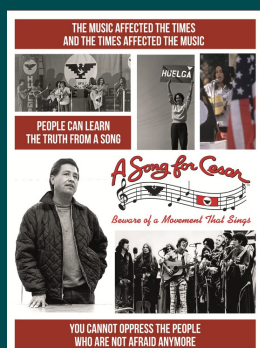
**Title:** Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Gatekeeper Training for Agricultural Communities  
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
**Presenter(s):** Esmeralda Mandujano – Western Regional Agricultural Stress Assistance Network and Kimber Nicoletti-Martinez – National AgriAbility Project  
**Room:** Capitol Ballroom A-C

AgriAbility is a program providing technical assistance and direct services to farmers and agricultural workers living and working with a disability and/or chronic illness. Across the country, AgriAbility has joined the United States Department of Agriculture's efforts to address farm stress. Through collaboration with the Farmer Rancher Stress Assistance Network in the North Central and Western regions, AgriAbility offers training to equip professionals and community members with skills to provide gatekeeper support in times of crisis. Stressors unique to the agricultural community have led to increased mental health challenges in agricultural producers (including agricultural workers, ranchers, farmers, and production agriculture workers), contributing to increased rates of suicide in rural areas. Although little research is available, studies have found that depression and nervios (anxiety) were respectively 5 times and 2 times more likely among injured agricultural workers. Additionally, agricultural workers injured on the job were 7 times more likely to be depressed when compared to the general population. Only a few of studies have explored suicidal ideation (Hovey, 2000b; Hovey & King, 1996), suicide attempts (Sorenson & Golding, 1988), and completed suicides (Smith, Mercy, & Warren, 1985) among Mexican immigrants. Some have suggested that immigration increases the risk for suicide. In an effort to address the rising rate of stress and suicide, Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training gives laypeople and professionals the tools to recognize the warning signs of suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to lifesaving services. During this session, presenters will provide insight into the unique challenges producers experience, review the steps of implementing QPR training, and provide referral resources. QPR training outcomes including increased knowledge, confidence, and gatekeeper skills are supported by the National Registry of Evidence-based Practice and Policies.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Learn the connection between stress and increased mental health conditions.
2. Recognize the warning signs of suicide and describe the steps to implement and practice QPR training.
3. Become familiar with national and local mental health resources.



## MOVIE: "A SONG FOR CESAR"

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Capitol Ballroom

Join NCFH in viewing the documentary, "A Song for Cesar," which showcases a tribute to Cesar Chavez, the Farmworker Movement, and the United Farm Workers Union. Through the lens of music and artists explore how Chavez's legacy of peaceful protest, perseverance, and artistic inspiration can change the world. *¡Juntos Si Se Puede!*

# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

**Title:** On-Farm Health Screening Needs of Immigrant Dairy Workers in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains

**Time:** 8:30 AM — 9:15 AM

**Presenter(s):** Anabel Rodriguez — University of Texas Health Science Center

**Room:** Capitol Ballroom F-H

The University of Texas Health Science Center conducted a cross-sectional study focused on dairy workers in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains. The objective of this pilot study was to determine the health needs of dairy workers and the feasibility of on-farm health risk screenings. In this session, presenters will share data collected through survey responses concerning the health needs and occupational and economic characteristics among 300 dairy workers between April 2020 and July 2021. The presenter will also review additional findings and share lessons learned about the need and interest for on-farm health risk screenings and education among immigrant dairy workers. Presenter will address how known barriers to health should be paramount to the organization of on-farm health risk screenings. Participants will receive guidelines for on-farm health risk screenings and to interpret findings from evidence-based practice planning to improve the health and wellbeing of dairy workers.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize sociodemographic and occupational characteristics of dairy workers in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains.
2. Review on-farm health risk screening needs of dairy workers based on lessons learned from this pilot study.
3. Interpret findings for evidence-based practice (EBP) planning to improve the health and well-being of dairy workers by addressing known barriers to health when organizing on-farm health risk screenings.

**Title:** CHWs — The Key to Providing Diabetes Support in Underserved Communities

**Time:** 8:30 AM — 9:15 AM

**Presenter(s):** Caroline Blanco — American Diabetes Association and Ninfa Pena-Purcell — Texas A&M University

**Room:** Capitol View Terrace North

Racial/ethnic minority groups, including African American and Hispanic/Latino populations have higher rates of diabetes with significantly higher risk of complications compared to non-Hispanic Whites. Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death and disability for people living with type 2 diabetes. Diabetes support programs have been shown to reduce complications and improve overall health and quality of life, but unfortunately, are not readily available in underserved communities. The mission of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. During this session, presenters will provide an overview of ADA's Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes, focusing on elements most relevant to Community Health Workers (CHWs). Presenters will also review Diabetes Support programs, available in English and Spanish, along with other health education materials, including meal planning resources that are culturally tailored for racial/ethnic minority populations. Using a case-based approach from the Texas A&M University Center for Population Health and Aging, presenters will discuss how CHWs can successfully implement diabetes support programs in their communities by integrating culturally relevant education and resources. Participants will be given an opportunity to practice using these take-home tools and resources. Special attention will be put on the CHWs role as part of the diabetes care team and how your organization can utilize these best-practice tools and resources helping to create community-clinical linkages.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss ADA's Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes recommendations for evidence-based strategies to improve the management of diabetes in underserved communities.
2. Explain the roles that CHWs can play in diabetes management and type 2 diabetes prevention in the clinical or community setting.
3. Identify action steps that participants can take to integrate culturally and linguistically relevant tools and resources for diabetes support programs across the lifespan.

**Esta sesión se presenta en inglés con interpretación en español.**  
**This session is presented in English with interpretation in Spanish**



**Title: Strategies for Providing Culturally Responsive Care to Agricultural Workers and their Families**

Time: 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM

Presenter(s): Katie O'Malley – National Center for Farmworker Health

Room: Capitol View Terrace South

According to the CDC, culture is reflected in people's ideas and perspective about health, in the language used when receiving health services, in their health literacy skills, and in the way they communicate about health. In order to be able to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services to patients, healthcare providers must support the twin skill sets of cultural humility and cultural competency for all staff on an ongoing basis. Years of research have shown that culturally and linguistically appropriate care increases patient safety and satisfaction, empowering better health outcomes especially in diverse patient populations. This approach is even more critical with vulnerable populations like Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers (MSAWs), who face barriers like cultural and language differences when accessing and receiving care. In this session, participants will explore what cultural humility and culturally appropriate care means in their work, receive an overview and access the National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards, and gain strategies for practicing these skills.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Define culture and identify cultural factors that impact health for MSAWs and their families.
2. Explore the different meanings of cultural competence and cultural humility and what these skill sets mean for individuals who provide health care service delivery.
3. Access the National CLAS Standards and explore strategies to ensure culturally competent care for MSAWs.

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**Title: Overview of Michigan Agricultural Worker Statistics, Outreach Innovation Brought on by the Pandemic and the Importance of Creating Crucial Communications for Agricultural Workers**

Time: 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM

Presenter(s): Jo Estrada-Guerra, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Room: Capitol Ballroom D-E

It is estimated that there are more than 94,000 migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and dependents in Michigan. The state's migrant program recognizes that outreach is key to ensure agricultural workers are informed and receive services. Outreach is the single, most important way to reach agricultural workers due to a variety of reasons, but COVID-19 posed challenges for outreach workers. In 2022, outreach workers were still dealing with the threat of COVID-19, but because of their innovative outreach techniques, they continued to provide essential services to agricultural workers and worked collaboratively with health departments, federally qualified health care centers and other health centers to ensure agricultural workers had access to vaccines. Additional COVID-19 support for agricultural workers continued in the form of testing, free test kits, masks, sanitizing kits, and more. Two years into the pandemic and because of the ever changing and sometimes confusing guidance, a workgroup was formed to create an informational brochure to guide agricultural workers ill with COVID-19, remind them of the risks of COVID-19, and share

resources available through QR codes. Including the QR codes was innovative and necessary to ensure agricultural workers had the latest guidance regarding COVID-19. Aside from dealing with the threat of COVID-19, agricultural workers also faced the threat of the Mpox Virus (MPV). Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Office of Migrant Affairs took the initiative to act swiftly to inform agricultural workers of the signs, symptoms, and supports available by creating an MPV informational pamphlet. Keeping agricultural workers informed was a task that required partnerships and collaboration with other agencies to be effective.

In this session, participants will learn the importance of outreach and the need to develop new techniques, while collaborating with community partners, when faced with challenges. Participants will also learn new strategies used by outreach workers in Michigan, and how they can be able to use the same or similar technique when outreaching in their own states.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the importance of innovation and modifying strategies when conducting outreach to meet agricultural workers where they are.
2. Identify lessons learned from outreach workers in Michigan on collaborating with health centers and explore approaches for forming workgroups that will address the needs of agricultural workers.
3. Access communication materials developed by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and learn techniques that can be used when communicating and outreaching to agricultural workers.

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**Title: Social Determinants of Health in the National Agricultural Workers Survey: Recent Changes in Farmworkers Living and Working Conditions, Earnings, Health Care Access, and Assistance Programs Use**

Time: 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Presenter(s): Andrew Padovani – JBS International, Inc

Room: Capitol Ballroom F-H

The health promoting factors found in one's living and working conditions influence health. In this session, presenters will share information collected in fiscal years 2019–2020 from face-to-face interviews with 2,172 agricultural workers in recently released National Agricultural Workers Survey (NAWS) data. Major population characteristics are: 66% male, an average 41 years of age, 50% are parents, 62% most comfortable speaking in Spanish, an average 9th grade level of education, 63% born in Mexico, 78% Hispanic, 56% authorized to work in U.S., 85% settled, and 15% migratory. This presentation will show how living and working conditions compare nationally and across three major migratory streams. Presenters will highlight differences based on workers' demographics and households. For example, the region with the largest workers under employer-provided housing changed from Eastern stream (24%) to Midwest stream (31%). However, more migratory agricultural workers still live in employer-provided housing. Presenters will also reveal how crowded dwellings, pesticide training, earnings, health care access, health insurance, assistance programs use, and poverty levels have changed since 2015–2016. For example, farmworkers reported accessing health care at public health clinics 20% more than previously recorded.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify which workers have higher exposures to conditions that influence their health and learn how employer type influences primary crop and job tasks.
2. Understand the benefits employers may offer and learn about assistance programs workers are more likely to use.
3. Describe changes in agricultural worker insurance coverage and health care.

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**Title:** **Delivering Self-Management Education for Chronic Conditions Through an Innovative Tele-education Approach**

**Time:** 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

**Presenter(s):** Maria Bustamante – National Center for Farmworker Health

**Room:** Capitol View Terrace North

Delivering self-management education for chronic conditions to patients from different backgrounds and cultures can be challenging, especially when trying to communicate effectively with them. During the recent pandemic, health providers were challenged to find innovative and effective ways to drive positive outcomes and increased the use of virtual platforms for tele-education. This presentation will demonstrate the power of using digital technology to increase patient retention and engagement in health center programs for patients living with chronic conditions and will highlight how WhatsApp, a free video calling and messaging app, can be used as a platform to deliver health tele-education to this population. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from case studies of the utilization of WhatsApp for tele-education and will also be introduced to a Participant WhatsApp Tele-Education Readiness Assessment tool, which can be used to determine a patient's ability/readiness to use and access the WhatsApp platform as a form of digital engagement.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Understand how digital technology can be effectively utilized to deliver tele-education as a service delivery model that health centers can implement with patients with chronic conditions.
2. Learn about the effectiveness of messaging apps, specifically WhatsApp, for patient tele-education through different case studies and different program adaptations.
3. Access strategies and tools, including the Participant WhatsApp Tele-Education Readiness Assessment, to integrate technology into service delivery for better patient health outcomes.

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**Title:** **Late Night/Early Morning Outreach to Connect with the Agricultural Worker Community**

**Time:** 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

**Presenter(s):** Liliana Cruz and Idolina Castro – Campesinos Sin Fronteras

**Room:** Capital View Terrace South

Campesinos Sin Fronteras (CSF), Inc., is a community-based organization serving the binational agricultural worker community for more than 23 years between Yuma County, Arizona, and Mexico. One of their best practices is the late night/early morning outreach

approach, effectively accommodating the workers' availability and schedules. The approach has successfully engaged, informed, and provided the agricultural workers with social services and health services (COVID-19 testing, vaccines, glucose, and blood pressure testing). Thousands of agricultural workers from Mexico cross the border into the United States to work daily in Yuma, Arizona, with crossing times between midnight and 1:00 am to wait for their ride/work buses to pick them up. Because of their work schedule, they cannot access services during standard working hours (8 am–5 pm). Campesinos Sin Fronteras (CSF) meets agricultural worker needs by providing late-night/early-morning outreach services, hosting events, and education at the most frequented sites (gas stations, grocery stores, port of entry, and work bus pick-up sites) and/or in the fields.

In this session, presenters will describe the CSF late-night/early-morning outreach to connect with agricultural workers and discuss the importance of knowing the community that is being served to address their unmet needs using a more culturally appropriate approach. Best practices will be shared, and participants will be encouraged to reflect on their own outreach efforts to identify unmet needs and consider new approaches that are more culturally inclusive and sensitive for the communities they serve.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe an outreach practice and how it meets the needs of the agricultural worker population.
2. Define best practices and understand the importance of knowing the community served.
3. Identify at least one unmet need(s) from their own communities and one new approach to address unmet needs in a more culturally appropriate way.

 **Esta sesión se presenta en español con interpretación en inglés.**  
**This session is presented in Spanish with interpretation in English.**



CLOSING PLENARY

Spanish Interpretation will be offered.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Capitol Ballroom D-E

Immigration Policy Updates

Immigration Policy 101: What Health Providers Want to Know

Roger Rosenthal – Migrant Legal Action Program

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Immigrants and their families are a critically important part of the population served by health centers. Therefore, it is essential for health center staff to better understand how to ensure access to and fully deliver services to all eligible patients. This session will explain, step-by-step, the complex world of current immigration law and policies that impact many patients served by health centers. Presenter will begin with a review of government agencies responsible for immigration and explain basic concepts. Presenter will also review legalization, immigration enforcement, Public Charge, and the status of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Finally, to maximize patient access, presenter will discuss patient privacy concerns and how to overcome immigrant fears of accessing health services. This information will be immediately usable in undertaking outreach, intake, and planning programs, ensuring services to all eligible patients.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completing this session, participants will be able to:

- 1. Understand the current status of immigration policy as it affects their patients and patients’ families and what possible changes in immigration policy may be coming.
- 2. Explain immigration policies to their patients and their families and try to correct misunderstandings, in order to encourage greater, continuing access to health services.
- 3. Improve delivery of services to immigrants and their families and undertake intake and outreach to maximize patient access and participation.

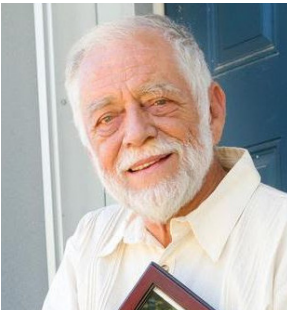


Q&A and Closing Remarks

12:00 pm-12:30 pm

Capitol Ballroom D-E

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



James “Jim” Harrington, J.D.

James “Jim” Harrington grew up in Michigan and received his law degree in 1973 from the University of Detroit. Prior to that, he worked seven summers with migrants in southwest Michigan. After law school, Mr. Harrington served as Director of the South Texas Project for 10 years in the Rio Grande Valley. His legal work included advocating for farmworkers and low-income populations for protections against brutality, discrimination, inclusion of workers compensation, unemployment compensation laws, and improved working conditions in the fields. Mr. Harrington served as Cesar Chavez’ Texas attorney for 18 years. In 1983, Mr. Harrington became Legal Director of the Texas Civil Liberties Union in Austin and founded the Texas Civil Rights Project in 1990. This non-profit foundation promotes social, racial, economic justice and civil liberty for low income and poor persons. During his work there, Mr. Harrington handled a wide array of civil rights cases and was instrumental in establishing state funding for legal aid programs. Mr. Harrington was also an adjunct professor at the University of Texas Law School for 27 years and served on human rights delegations to Central and South America, Israel, and Palestinian territories. Since retiring in 2016, Mr. Harrington has volunteered at Austin’s Interfaith Micah 6 Food Pantry, became an ordained priest for Proyecto Santiago at St. James Episcopal Church, travels to discuss civil liberties, and continues to advocate for Hispanic communities in east Austin.



## PLENARY SPEAKERS



### **Dr. Alfonso Rodriguez Lainz, PhD, DVM, MPVM**

Dr. Rodriguez Lainz is an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, US-Mexico Unit. Dr. Rodriguez's main responsibilities include acting as a liaison, planner, and coordinator for Latino migrant health activities for the Division, in collaboration with other federal, state, and international partners. In that role, he leads efforts to increase awareness and evidence about health disparities experienced by Latino migrants in the U.S.



### **Jana Eubank**

Jana Eubank serves as the Executive Director of the Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC), where she oversees the implementation of strategic priorities and works with TACHC Board of Directors to provide direction and leadership for TACHC's mission and vision. Ms. Eubank has a demonstrated track record of commitment to underserved and marginalized communities with 30 years of experience through her work in health care policy, government relations, leadership development, strategic planning, fundraising, association management, and grassroots advocacy in Texas and nationally. A native Texan, Ms. Eubank earned her undergraduate degree in political science from the University of North Texas and a master's of public affairs degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She began her career at the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations as the Director of Federal Grants and joined TACHC in 1993. Since then, Ms. Eubank has initiated programs and services at TACHC to support health center leadership development, outreach and enrollment, and efforts to support health care delivery and insurance coverage for unhoused individuals and agricultural workers in Texas. Due to her steadfast commitment, Ms. Eubank has been the recipient of various national and state awards for her advocacy work on behalf of health centers and patients, and she continues to actively advocate that access for all individuals to health care services is a human right.



### **Susan Burton**

Susan Burton joined NACHC in January 2019 after 18 years working for the public policy and advocacy agency of The United Methodist Church. Ms. Burton equipped and mobilized people of faith to stand up for the health, safety and rights of women and girls around the world. Formed by faith and generations of family dedicated to public service, Ms. Burton is excited to be part of NACHC to support the mission and rich legacy of Community Health Centers. Ms. Burton grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina and moved to Washington, DC after graduating from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with an undergraduate degree in Biology. After coordinating educational initiatives on college campuses and interfaith communities, she completed a graduate degree in Counseling and Personnel Service at the University of Maryland in College Park. Ms. Burton loves being a mother of two teenage girls. She enjoys attending their concerts, sporting events and Girl Scout activities, and her goal is to consistently work toward a world where all of our children can thrive.



### **Roger Rosenthal, J.D.**

Roger C. Rosenthal is the Executive Director of the Migrant Legal Action Program (MLAP), a national non-profit support and advocacy center located in Washington, D.C. which represents the interests of farmworkers and immigrants and their families. MLAP works with an extensive network of service providers, including health centers, local and regional education programs, legal services programs, job training programs, and other groups, on issues regarding the living and working conditions of migratory and seasonal farmworkers and immigrants and their families. Mr. Rosenthal is an attorney and has worked with MLAP since 1980. He has trained extensively on the issue of immigration policy at the National Conference for Agricultural Worker Health, the Fall and Spring Primary Care Conferences, and all the Regional Stream Forums, including conducting intensives on the issue.

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

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You are encouraged to earn valuable continuing education credits (CEU) from recognized accrediting bodies. The CEU's are free to registered attendees. Follow the steps below to receive credits in your field:

1. Pick up the CEU application form at the registration desk.
2. Ensure you are scanned into each session you attend.
3. Return the completed CEU form to the registration desk before departing from the conference.
4. Complete an overall conference evaluation (name included).
5. For social work CEUs, pick up an attendance verification form at the registration desk and return before departing.
6. Obtain certificate of completion:
  - Nurses – your certificate will be mailed to you.
  - SW, LPC, LMFT – your certificates will be mailed to you.
  - CME – your certificate will be emailed to you.
  - CHES – your certificate will be emailed to you.
  - TxCHW – ask the moderator for a certificate at the end of the session if CHW certification is indicated for that session. If CHW certification is still pending to be determined, your certificate will be emailed to you.

Only those registered for the conference are eligible for continuing education credits.

Check the registration desk for the specific number of credits issued for this event by each accrediting organization.

## Medical (CME)

This Live activity, Midwest Stream Forum for Agricultural Worker Health, with a beginning date of 4/24/23, is being reviewed by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## Nurses (CNE)

The Migrant Clinicians Network is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This activity meets Type I criteria for mandatory continuing education requirements towards re-licensure.

## Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

This workshop has been approved for continuing education credit for Social Workers, LPCs and LMFTs by the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

## Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)

This program entitled "31st Annual Midwest Stream Forum for Agricultural Worker Health" has been reviewed and approved for a total of 12.00 Entry-Level CECH. No Advanced-Level CECH or Continuing Competency CECH have been approved.

## Texas Certified Community Health Workers

This program is approved for non-certified CEUs for promotor(a)s / community health workers by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), unless otherwise indicated for a particular session. As per DSHS, one contact hour is 50 minutes of attendance and participation. Requirements for certification include receipt of a certificate of attendance from each session attended.

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# Benefits of Joining the Ag Worker Access Campaign



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## TOOLS & RESOURCES

Campaign members receive access to Ag Worker Access Campaign-specific, downloadable tools and resources to help raise awareness for the Ag worker population.

- Slides and presentations
- Social media collateral
- Campaign graphics
- Commemorative artwork
- Zoom backgrounds
- Archived webinars & more!



## NETWORK

Campaign members receive the Campaign Member Update, a quarterly email which includes Campaign updates, upcoming opportunities for health center staff, and new tools & resources.

Additionally, Campaign members receive invitations to participate in Campaign virtual and in-person meetups and events at stream forums and other conferences.



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

Campaign members have access to customized training opportunities to assist health center staff in better understanding and accurately identifying & reporting their Ag worker patients in UDS.

Additionally, Campaign members have access to technical assistance and Migrant Health Action Planning to assist in reaching increase access to care goals.

## HOW THE CAMPAIGN STARTED

The Ag Worker Access Campaign was launched in 2015 as a joint effort by the National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH) and the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). We, along with health center staff and other Ag worker advocates knew that more could be done to increase access to quality healthcare for America's Agricultural workers and their families. The result was the Ag Worker Access 2020 Campaign, which has since been renamed the Ag Worker Access Campaign.

## CAMPAIGN TASK FORCE

The Campaign Task Force is comprised of representatives of health centers, primary care associations, health center-controlled networks, National Training and Technical Assistance Partners (NTTAP), and other organizations representing education, housing and labor. In general, the Task Force guides Campaign activities to increase access to care for Agricultural workers by:

- Identifying challenges
- Exploring and launching innovation
- Formulating recommendations
- Supporting collaboration and coalition building
- Identifying and disseminating promising practices



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