2022 REGIONAL STREAM FORUMS

Each year regional agricultural worker advocates, health and social service providers, policy makers, and more gather in a series of three conferences called the Regional Stream Forums. This document summarizes highlights from the three Forums held in Spring of this year. Click here to view the full Regional Stream Forums 2022 Impact Report in more detail!

90 SESSIONS
90 sessions were offered across the 3 Forums, including a variety of intensive and educational sessions on emerging issues, diabetes, social determinants of health (SDOH), and agricultural worker access to care.

640 ATTENDEES
Attendees represented over 50 health centers, 43 states, and many disciplines, with the majority identifying as Community Health Workers, outreach workers, health care providers, administrative staff, and program coordinators & directors.

120 CEUs
The Stream Forums provided educational credit in the professional areas of medicine, nursing, social work, counseling, and community health worker (including CME, CHES, CNE, SW, and CHW).

ABOUT
The Regional Stream Forums provide agricultural worker-specific continuing education and networking opportunities. Each Regional Stream Forum is located in one of the three traditional migratory streams: Western Stream, Midwest Stream, and Eastern Stream, representing the flow of agricultural workers as they follow the harvest. This year’s Stream Forums were hosted and organized by the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association, the National Center for Farmworker Health, and the North Carolina Community Health Center Association.

LOCATIONS
Western Stream Forum
Portland, Oregon

Midwest Stream Forum
Austin, Texas

East Coast Stream Forum
Virtual
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
This year’s plenary sessions featured keynote speakers that provided valuable information and inspiration for attendees to integrate into their work and take home to share with colleagues.

East Coast Stream Forum
Maxine Henry
National Latino Behavioral Health Association
Kaethe Weingarten
Migrant Clinicians Network

Midwest Stream Forum
Sam Byrd
Centro de Comunidad y Justicia

Western Stream Forum
Lalo Alcaraz
Political Cartoonist

60 YEARS OF MIGRANT HEALTH
Each host organization highlighted the 60th Anniversary of the Migrant Health Act of 1962 in their conference programming. This landmark legislation sowed the seeds for what would later become the Community Health Center Program. The bill emphasized the need for simple and flexible services adapted to the needs of migrant workers, and focused on the provision of health services. This legislation paved the way for the Migrant Health Program and its current 175 awardees that serve agricultural worker populations across the country today.

All three regional partners included a video update from Jim Macrae, Associate Administrator of the Health Resources & Services Administration’s Bureau of Primary Health Care, who applauded this great accomplishment and celebrated the positive impact of the Migrant Health Program.

“As a child of former farmworker immigrants and as a migrant farmworker, I would like to help those who need additional services; those that have barriers to getting/finding the most basic needs. With all of us together, it can be possible! ¡Sí se puede!”
-Midwest Stream Forum attendee

HIGHLY SATISFIED
Survey results from all three Forums indicate high levels of attendee satisfaction, high levels of knowledge gained by attendees from educational sessions, and high confidence in attendees’ ability to implement new knowledge and skills.

For more information about next year’s Regional Stream Forums, visit our website:
www.ncfh.org/regional-stream-forums