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FARMWORKER HEALTH NETWORK

Key Resources for Migrant Health

The Farmworker Health Network (FHN) is comprised of six National Cooperative Agreements in migrant health funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide training and technical assistance to current and potential Migrant Health Center Programs. The FHN is committed to supporting the development of leadership within community and migrant health centers and increasing access to care for the farmworker population. We function as a trusted resource to health center staff and boards, helping them to fulfill their capacity building needs, and to incorporate service delivery options that are designed to enhance care to farmworkers and their families. Collaboration among FHN members includes a team approach to addressing health center needs and bringing multiple areas of expertise to bear in problem solving. The FHN works to assure the visibility of the Migrant Health Program within HHS, and other governmental and private organizations through the articulation of issues, analysis and comment on proposed policy and procedural documents, dissemination of population specific information and provision of technical assistance services to address the need for information, training, and education. Attached are key resources from each of the FHN members which highlight best practices and field-tested models in migrant health.



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Resources for Migrant Health Centers



Farmworker Justice develops numerous resources for health center staff on topics related to occupational safety and health and access to healthcare for farmworkers. These resources include

fact sheets on Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, clinician guides on occupational health standards, a risk management and emergency preparedness series for health centers, and migrant health center brochures for farmworker patients. It also includes links to trainings and materials on pesticide safety, leadership, the Affordable Care Act, and medical-legal partnerships.



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Outreach Connection

This information portal is for

outreach staff at health centers and other organizations that seek to build and sustain health programming. Every other month, the portal is updated with valuable resources and information on topics including community health outreach and enabling services, outreach and enrollment, outreach program planning, leveraging outreach data, outreach-centered health education and care coordination, and community collaboration. HOP notifies its subscribers of new content posted to the portal via email alerts.

Outreach Reference Manual

This manual is a comprehensive resource designed to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of health outreach programs. The manual covers cultural competency, health education, recruitment and retention, needs assessment, planning and evaluation, and case management.

Affordable Care Act Fact Sheets

Farmworker Justice developed a series of fact sheets for farmworkers and their families on the Affordable Care Act: A Guide for U.S. Citizen and "Qualified Immigrant" Farmworkers and their Families; A Guide for Lawfully Present Farmworkers and their Families; A Guide on the Health Insurance Requirement; and A Guide for H-2A Workers. The fact sheets are available in English and Spanish.

Eye on Farmworker Health

This e-newsletter covers important recent developments in research and policy affecting the health and safety of farmworkers and their families. Each issue includes summaries of peer-reviewed research articles in occupational health and recent federal policies affecting farmworker health and access to healthcare.

Medical-Legal Partnership Resource Guide (A partnership between Health Outreach Partners and Farmworker Justice)

Our nation's farmworkers endure unsafe living and working conditions. Yet they are often reluctant to seek out help due to fear of employer retaliation, lack of health insurance, or documentation status. To improve health and well-being, farmworker-serving organizations need tools to address the social, economic, and political context in which people live. A medical-legal partnership is a healthcare delivery model that integrates legal care into the healthcare setting. This resource was created to encourage health and legal services organizations to work together to better meet the needs of the farmworkers they serve.

The Silent Crisis: How to Do Outreach in an Anti-Immigrant Climate

The anti-immigrant climate creates a serious challenge for health centers. Some immigrants avoid seeking health center services entirely; others only come in once a problem is extreme. Outreach programs are often called upon to help address these challenges. This booklet provides ideas and resources for doing outreach in an anti-immigrant climate. Outreach programs and outreach workers contributed information on working directly with immigrant communities, providing linkages to care, and promoting community health and well-being.

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Project FRESCO: A Heat & Sun Safety Program for Farmworkers

Farmworkers are nearly 20 times more likely to die from a heat illness compared to the average U.S. worker (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2008). Long hours laboring outdoors during the hottest seasons place farmworkers at an increased risk of dehydration, heat exhaustion, kidney disease, and mortality. Project FRESCO was developed for use by community health workers and includes a set of bilingual tools including a fotonovela and teaching guide, a low-literacy educational flipchart, and a lesson plan guide. Trained community health workers will be able to use FRESCO materials to conduct educational sessions with farmworkers to increase their self-efficacy and impact their knowledge and attitudes about heat safety practices, such as wearing protective clothing, limiting alcohol and caffeine, taking rest breaks in the shade, and frequent hydration. NCFH also offers health education curricula on topics such as [breast & cervical cancer screening](#), management of [asthma & arthritis](#), and [HIV/AIDS prevention](#).

Health Tips

Health Tips is a bilingual newspaper that provides low-literacy information about health issues that affect underserved Hispanic and farmworker populations, such as adolescent health, diabetes, food safety, and the Affordable Care Act. Health Tips is published quarterly and includes information about disease prevention, guidance for interacting with health care providers, and contact information for those seeking further information. You can download electronic copies of Health Tips or subscribe to receive print copies.

Farmworker Fact Sheets

NCFH has developed a series of fact sheets with the most current research and authoritative information about a range of topics affecting farmworkers. These 2-4 page facts sheets cover topics such as current farmworker demographic information, mental health issues, tuberculosis, child labor, and profiles of indigenous farmworkers and those working in animal production industries. Health centers can use this information to provide farmworker-specific data in grant applications, educate staff about the farmworker population, and gain insight into current farmworker health issues.



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Promotor(a) Program Implementation Guide

The *Promotor(a)* Program Implementation Guide is a resource for migrant and community health centers that have an interest in creating a program based on the

Promotor(a) de Salud model. Each part of this Guide is an informational tool designed to aid in the implementation of the program. The Guide both describes the steps involved in developing each component of a program and offers tools that assist with implementing that component.

Promotor(a) Supervision Manual

The Supervision Manual was developed to provide basic guidelines to supervisors of *Promotor(a) de Salud* programs. The Manual is organized into four sections: (1) Overall Information, (2) Hiring and Supervision, (3) Training and Motivation and (4) Challenges and How to Handle Them. At the end, you will find an appendix with additional information, sample forms and templates.



MCN Best Practices in Clinical Systems Toolbox

MCN Clinical Systems Toolbox, your online connection to resources for best clinical documentation practices in migrant and community health centers. MCN's staff has been collecting forms, policies, tools and protocols from health centers across the United States in an effort to make them available to others working to provide quality health care to the underserved. We have reviewed hundreds of documents and selected these samples for you to use and adapt to your own clinic needs.

Evaluation Toolkit for *Promotor(a)* Programs

The Evaluation Toolkit is intended for use by those who run *Promotor(a) de Salud* programs serving migrant and seasonal farmworkers. The Toolkit is designed for those who have little or no evaluation experience and those with limited evaluation resources, but it also includes tips for improving existing evaluation efforts. It is community focused, bilingual and tailored to address issues relating to farmworkers, such as short timeframes for administering evaluation activities and collecting data, or low literacy audiences facing multiple barriers to health care access.



Clinical Education in Migrant Health

MCN is committed to providing high quality continuing education to health care providers serving migrants and other underserved populations. MCN's comprehensive clinical education program helps to develop excellence in practice, clinical leadership, and the dissemination of best models and practices. To best serve individual needs, MCN has devised an array of educational services that can be tailored to clinicians' unique requirements. Come explore what we have to offer.

Continuity of Care for Mobile Patients

MCN's Health Network addresses the unique challenge of mobility by creating a system that not only allows clinicians to follow up with their patients, but ensures that patients can have appropriate continuity of care. Health Network provides critical patient navigation, bridge case management, medical records transfer, resource identification and evaluation, referral, and education for mobile patients requiring care for ANY health care issue.