

Cultivate Hope





MICHIGAN MIGRANT CHILD TASK FORCE

CREATION: The Michigan Migrant Child Task Force is a committee of the Michigan Interagency Migrant Services Committee whose mission is to improve the quality of life of Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers and their family members in Michigan.

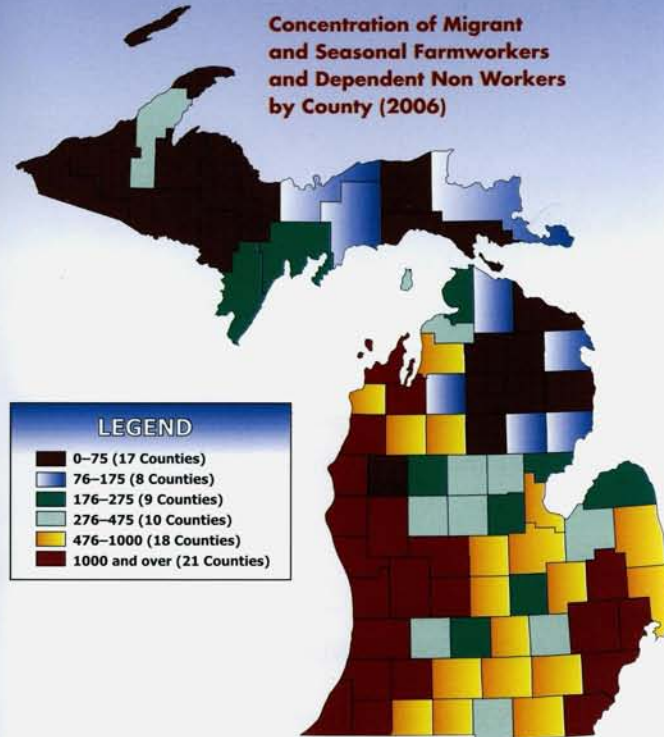
PRIORITY AREAS:

- Access to community services (health, transportation, and policy alternatives)
- Collaboration
- Caregiver development and support
- Public awareness and outreach

OUTCOMES OF TASK FORCE COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION:

- Improved cross-referrals, recruitment, and outreach across and between agencies
- Successful coordination of outreach activities for public policy officials to improve dialogue with Migrant parents and providers
- Continued support and advocacy for culturally and linguistically appropriate services
- Better utilization and leveraging of services

“Children are our most valuable natural resource.”
~Herbert Hoover



CHALLENGES MICHIGAN MIGRANT FAMILIES FACE



There are many challenges faced by Migrant families including availability of quality housing, access to services and immigration-related fears.

HOW CAN YOU HELP IMPROVE THE LIVES OF MIGRANT CHILDREN IN MICHIGAN?

- Call on policymakers to support programs that improve the lives of Migrant families
- Monitor and support legislative advocacy efforts to improve the lives of Migrant children
- Donate time, supplies, and financial resources to local and state efforts for improving the lives of Migrant children
- Organize events that improve the quality of life and serve Migrant children and family members



Helpful Michigan Phone Numbers Números de teléfono importantes en Michigan

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

MICHIGAN DEMOGRAPHICS



Every year Michigan welcomes thousands of farmworkers, the majority of whom have brought their families from Texas or Florida, in order to ensure that our fruits and vegetables are harvested successfully. Hand-harvested crops net over \$2 billion a year in Michigan. With 56,014 farms and 10,031,807 acres of farm land in Michigan, agriculture is the second largest industry in the state and important to our economy. As a result, Michigan has the 7th largest farmworker population in the United States with approximately 90,716 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers and their dependents living in Michigan each year. Almost half of that number are children under the age of 20, and 28,563 are children under the age of 12.

POPULATION OF MIGRANT CHILDREN IN MICHIGAN:

- 41,038 Migrant children between the ages of 0–20 years
- 28,563 Migrant children between the ages 0–12 years



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Vision: Healthy Migrant children today.
Strong communities tomorrow. Cultivating hope.

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