Improving health and oral health services for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start children and families: A partnership between Health Centers and Migrant Seasonal Head Start

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Effective Partnerships Guide: Improving Oral Health for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Children and their Families

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Mission

Improve the health of the Nation’s underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services
21.1 Million Patients
- 93% Below 200% Poverty
- 36% Uninsured
- 62% Racial/Ethnic Minorities
- 1,121,037 Homeless Individuals
- 903,089 Farmworkers
- 219,220 Residents of Public Housing

Program Grantees Serve All Ages

Program Grantees Revenue Sources

- 1,198 Grantees with 8,900+ Service Sites
- 83.8 Million Patient Visits
- Over 148,000 Staff
- 10,400+ Physicians
- 7,500+ NPs, PA, & CNMs

National Presence 2012

Health Center Program Grantees and Service Delivery Sites
Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike and Sites

Health Center Program Grantees
- Health Center Program Service Delivery Sites
- LAL Health Centers
- LAL Sites
What is a Health Center?

• For more than 45 years, HRSA-supported health centers (primary care clinics/public private partnerships) have provided comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services to medically underserved communities and vulnerable populations.

• Health centers are community-based & patient-directed organizations that serve underserved and vulnerable populations in urban & rural areas with limited access to health care regardless of the ability to pay.
• Located in or serve a high need area
• Governed by a community board composed of a majority of consumers
• Provide comprehensive primary health care services as well as supportive services that promote access to care
• Provide services available to all with fees adjusted based on ability to pay
• Meet other performance and accountability requirements
Memorandum of Understanding
Background

• In 2010, the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Collaboration Office (NMSHSCO) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)’s, Health Center Program began collaboration efforts to improve the delivery of oral health and other primary health care services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their children.

• As a result, key stakeholders from HRSA, the Office of Head Start (OHS), administrators from health centers and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) grantees came together to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

• This MOU serves as a commitment to coordinate resources, align policies, foster stronger working relationships, and to ensure quality, culturally competent, and comprehensive oral and other primary health care services in each state where MSHS programs and health centers co-exist.
The referral process established through the MOU will permit BPHC to develop the first “360” degree Patient Centered Medical Home” by keeping farmworkers and their families in the national BPHC primary care delivery system from home base and back again. This process will greatly improve patient referrals, reduce duplication/cost, and improve health outcomes.

To further enhance access for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families, the BPHC & MSHSP developed a “dual widget health center locator” which was placed on the NMSHSCO website. The tool will assist grantees and migrant families in simultaneously locating the nearest MSHSP and HC located near their future work site.