

# Getting Your Ducks in a Row



# Introduction to the MEP and the ID&R Process



# Identification and Recruitment: Importance

Why is it so important to identify and recruit all eligible migrant children, families and youth?

- Children and youth cannot receive MEP services without a certificate of eligibility a recruiter has completed and the state has accepted.
- The longer it takes to find a migrant child and determine the child to be eligible, the longer it will take to provide the child with MEP services.



# Purpose of the MEP

Support high-quality and comprehensive educational programs for migrant children to help reduce the educational disruption and other problems that result from repeated moves.

Ensure that migrant children who move among the states are not penalized in any manner by disparities among the states in curriculum, graduation requirements, state academic content and student academic achievement standards.

Ensure that migrant children are provided with the appropriate educational services (including supportive services) that address their special needs in a coordinated and efficient manner.



# Purpose of the MEP

Ensure that migrant children receive full and appropriate opportunities to meet the same challenging state academic content and student academic achievement standards that all children are expected to meet.

Design programs to help migrant children overcome educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, various health-related problems, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to do well in school, and to prepare such children to make a successful transition to post-secondary education or employment.

Ensure that migrant children benefit from state and local systemic reforms.



## What if we don't identify all migrant children?

- Migrant children not identified may experience:
  - Delays in school placement or incorrect school assignments.
  - Failure to receive partial credits or an inappropriate course sequence for graduation from student's home-based school.
  - Obstacles to receiving necessary supplemental services.



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Children previously found eligible for the MEP who may not currently be receiving services need to be re-identified when eligibility can be updated so future services can be planned



# Identification and Recruitment

- Identification
  - Actively looking for and finding migrant children and youth
- Recruitment
  - Making contact with the family or youth and obtaining the necessary information to document the child's eligibility and enroll the child in the MEP





# Identification and Recruitment: Challenges

One of the challenges of ID&R is

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One of the ways I overcome this challenge is by

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# Challenges

**Not all temporary or seasonal workers are eligible for the MEP.**



# Challenges

**Many migrant children are “invisible.” Instead of going to school, they may stay home or go to work with their parents.**



# Challenges

**It is difficult to find and recruit youth who travel on their own.**



# Challenges

Places where migrant families work and reside are often remote, and employers may not want their employees to have outside visitors during the work day.



# Contact Information

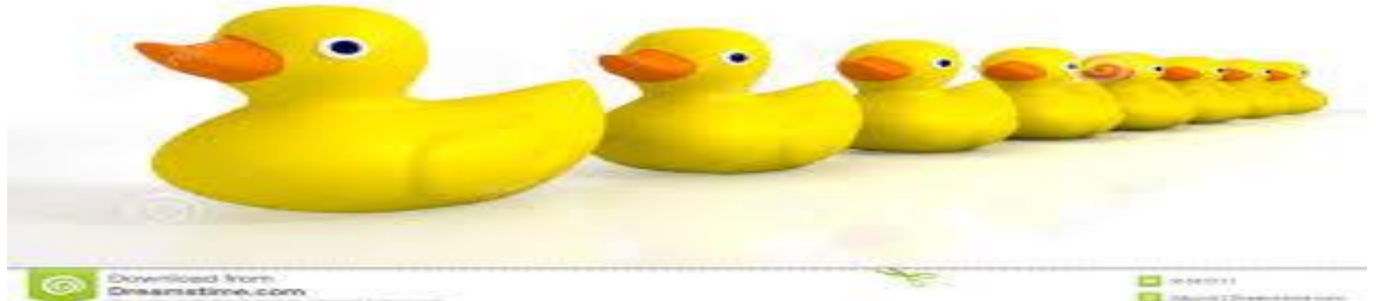
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# Keep Your Ducks in a Row

