



## Overview of Services

The Geneseo Migrant Center provides a variety of services to migrant farmworkers residing in the immediate service area of the Center as well as coordinating programs benefiting migrant workers on a regional, statewide, and national level.

The services of the Geneseo Migrant Center are administered by two organizational entities: the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership, an intermediate educational agency serving twenty-two school districts, and the Geneseo Migrant Center, Inc., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit community services agency.

### LOCAL

#### **In Camp ABE / ESL / GED Instruction**

- funded by the NYS Department of Education, Employment Preparation Education Program (EPE)

Instructors provide adult basic education instruction throughout the migrant season in area camps.

Instruction stresses the improvement of reading levels or English as a Second Language through the use of survival skills and other relevant learning activities.

#### **Migrant Medical / Dental Program**

- funded by the NYS Department of Health, Thiel Foundation, and Finger Lakes Community Health

A medical team offers in-camp screenings, mid-level care, and referrals, while a dental team provides education, examinations, cleaning, fillings, and extractions in offices in Leicester, New York.

#### **Creative Artists Migrant Program Services (CAMPS)**

- funded by the NYS Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

CAMPS provides arts activities including music and dance performances, arts and crafts, drawing and painting, photography, and sculpture. Field trips to various art activities and events take place throughout the season. The project preserves and displays traditional arts and practices through various art exhibitions.

#### **Migrant Literature Project**

- funded by the NYS Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

Poets and writers present readings of their own work and/or the work of other writers as well as conducting writing workshops for migrant workers.

#### **Esperanza**

- administered through the East Bloomfield Central School

Special educational and support services for migrant children who also meet federal criteria as homeless.

### REGIONAL/STATEWIDE

#### **Genesee Valley Migrant Education Tutorial and Support Services (METS)**

- funded by NYS Migrant Education Department

The Genesee Valley METS serves children, ages 3-21, whose families have moved across school district lines for employment in agriculture. Service area extends over 8 counties and 53 school districts where family educators, teaching assistants, and outreach workers are engaged in tutoring, ESL instruction, adolescent outreach, summer educational programs, and family literacy and support activities.

#### **Career Exploration (GAIN - Getting Ahead In The New Millennium and WOW - Women, Options, and Work)**

- funded by NYS Migrant Education

GAIN, for young men ages 14 through 21, and WOW, for young women ages 14 through 21, provide 3-day career retreats during which participants visit career sites, talk with role models, and take part in discussions and confidence building activities.

## **NATIONAL INITIATIVES**

### **National PASS Center**

- funded by numerous state Migrant Education programs

The **National PASS Center (NPC)** was established in 1997 to serve as a national clearinghouse and coordinating center for bringing PASS (Portable Assisted Study Sequence) courses into alignment with current academic learning standards. Located in western New York as part of the Geneseo Migrant Center, the NPC is charged with overseeing the development of academically rigorous yet accessible and cost-effective courses, providing support materials and trainings, and acting as a resource for information on program implementation, promising practices, and state contacts.

### **Geneseo Migrant Center Clearinghouse**

- no funding

The Center has assembled a comprehensive collection of materials on migrant farmworker issues. Staff fill numerous requests for information from this collection. The Center also operates a toll-free hotline (1-800-245-5681).

### **Migrant Gallery**

- funded by the New York Council for the Humanities

An exhibition celebrating the importance of migrant farmworkers and highlighting their vibrant cultures and artistic talents.

### **Scholarships**

- funded by private donations

**Gloria Mattera National Migrant Scholarship Fund**

**Frank Kazmierczak Memorial Migrant Scholarship**

**Berrien Fragos Thorn Arts Scholarships for Migrant Farmworkers**

**Migrant Farmworker Baccalaureate Scholarship**

**Jean DeGrace Crandall Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**Margaret Raley New York State Migrant Student Scholarship**

**Robert Apicella Good Samaritan Migrant Scholarship**

**Friends of Senator Jack Perry Migrant Scholarship**

**Aurello "Larry" Jazo Migrant Scholarship**

**Juanita Crippen Memorial Scholarship**

**Leah Levy Memorial Scholarship**

### **Toys That Teach**

- funded by private donations

Toys That Teach provides new, educational toys to the children of migrant farmworkers.