NC Farmworker Health Program,

Office of Rural Health, NC DHHS

NCFHP is a statewide Migrant Health Voucher Program within the NC Office of Rural Health. As opposed to a free-standing health center, NCFHP works with local agencies to respond to gaps in health care that would otherwise prevent farmworkers from accessing needed care.

Mission of NC Farmworker Health Program

NCFHP aims to increase access to health care for farmworkers in North Carolina by:

- Providing **funding** for health care and dental services
- Building capacity through **training** and **technical assistance**
- Advocating for the well being of farmworkers

Farm work is one of the most dangerous occupations in the US

There are over **80,000** farmworkers in NC

Farmworkers are at
INCREASED RISK for:

- Heat-related illness
- Pesticide exposure
- Musculoskeletal injuries
- Green tobacco sickness
- Uncontrolled chronic illness
- Untreated depression and anxiety

But face many
BARRIERS TO CARE:

- Transportation
- Cost
- Language
- Long work hours
- Frequent migration
- Discrimination
- Geographic and social isolation

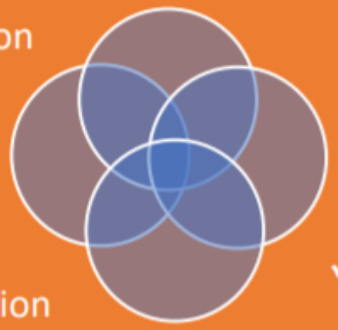
NCFHP Contract Sites

Our program supports **8 sites**

Reaching **56 counties**

Skilled **outreach teams** find farmworkers and their families in rural areas, assess their health needs, & provide and link them to care through:

- ✓ Interpretation
- ✓ Health Education
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Case Management



9,675

Men, women and children from farmworker families served in **2018**

2,928 Medical visits

1,721 Dental visits

954+ Patients seen on a mobile unit

13,041 Health education sessions on **64** different topics including pesticide safety, heat illness prevention, sexually transmitted infections & DWI

3,219 low-cost prescriptions dispensed with a **cost savings** of **$226,956**

- Demographics of Farmworkers in NC

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Roles & Responsibilities of Central Office staff

- Funding to respond to needs in community
- Training
- Technical Assistance
- Workforce development
- Management of 340B Drug Pricing Program
- Monitoring of quality of care
- Statewide initiatives
- Awareness raising
- Resources

NCFHP Enabling Services Model

Outreach workers

- Identify farmworkers
- Share clinic information
- Conduct health assessments
- Provide health education

NCFHP's Service Delivery Model

Initial contact with patient

- Outreach worker identifies workers, builds rapport, and conducts health assessment

Response to identified needs

- Outreach worker follows protocols to determine a case management plan
- Provides health education Makes a referral if needed
- Arranges for transportation and interpretation if needed
- Documents services provided for case management purposes and UDS report

Provision of care

often in evening clinic or mobile unit

Payment arrangement

By fee-for-service reimbursement or through a contract provider

Follow up

- Outreach worker documents services provided
- Arranges follow-up care if needed
- Follows up with patient