



Migrant Program Updates

December 16, 2016



Happy Holidays from EL & Migrant Education at the SDE!



Upcoming Events

February 2nd – 3rd

⇒ Idaho Association of Bilingual Educators (IABE) Conference
Keynote: Dr. Kate Kinsella

⇒ <https://sites.google.com/site/idassocbi/linged/home>

April 5th – 7th

⇒ Federal Programs Conference, Boise Centre

- ❑ **What if a family moved for Dad to take a dairy job, but with very young children weren't discovered as a potentially migrant family until 2 years later? The family has moved to a neighboring school district recently, but Dad is at the same job. Do they qualify?**

No. Unfortunately, since Dad has been in the same job for more than 12 months, it is no longer temporary and they would not qualify. Had they been qualified when they first arrived, it would have been counted as temporary and could have been a qualifying move.

- ❑ **What do I do if I have a student that I am serving in my district, but who lives in a neighboring district? How is all the data tracked?**

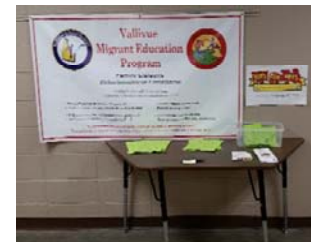
This is a case where collaboration is critical. The district where the child lives must enter all information in MSIS, including immunizations, residency verification date, services, etc. The district where the child attends school will need to mark the student as migrant in the school information system for ISEE and will need to ensure that a copy of the COE gets into the cumulative file. Since one district has the information that the other district needs, the liaisons will have to work together to make sure everything gets done. Don't forget the secure site as a way to transfer documents when needed.

Hot Recruiting Tip

At recent parent/teacher conferences the family liaisons at Vallivue each set up a table near the office in their buildings. On the table were the applications for Toys for Tots (something many parents stopped to pick up), their nice new banners showcasing district migrant services, and brochures for the program. At one of her buildings, Griselda Garcia chatted with 21 sets of parents. Of those 5 families were potentially eligible for the migrant program. Was it worth it to have her standing there, just greeting and chatting with parents, making them feel welcome? With 3 liaisons in the district, if each of them got a similar number of potential new families, the district could gain up to 15 new migrant households. You bet it was worth it!

The parents got an important service they knew they wanted (Toys for Tots applications), the liaison got families to chat about their circumstances and therefore found new potential families, and the children are now getting services. Everyone wins! At spring parent teacher conferences, it may be summer school applications that everyone wants. By being visible, we have a much better chance of finding our families. Would those families have been identified if Griselda had been elsewhere? Nope. We must reach out with human kindness to find families.

-Thanks Griz for the wonderful Hot Tip!



Treasure Valley	Magic Valley	Eastern Idaho
<p>January 14th, 10am - 3pm Health Fair by St. Alphonsus Nampa Housing Authority Ctr. 211 19th Ave North, Nampa</p> <p>Free: Dr. Exams, Flu Shots, Food Boxes, Blood Glucose/ Cholesterol Testing, GED/ Insurance Information, Refreshments</p>	Nothing reported	Nothing reported

Feel free to send me information on regional events that may be recruiting opportunities or that will benefit families or students. These will appear on this page by region.

Please include:

Dates

Topic/Name of event

Name of organization putting on event

Location (may be the same as name of organization)

Time