

THE NATIONAL FARMWORKER JOBS PROGRAM

What is the NFJP? The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) is a nationally directed program created by Congress in response to the chronic seasonal unemployment and underemployment experienced by **migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs)**. The NFJP offers assistance that strengthens the ability of farmworkers and their families to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Since its inception with the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the farmworker program has been an integral part of the national workforce strategy. The NFJP is currently authorized under Title I D Section 167 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, and where it operates, it is a required partner of the local one-stop delivery system. The NFJP website at <http://www.doleta.gov/msfw> has additional information about the program.

What does the NFJP do for farmworkers? The NFJP provides funding to assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families to achieve economic self-sufficiency by providing supportive services to them while they work in agriculture or by assisting them to acquire new job skills in occupations offering better pay and a more stable employment outlook. Intensive and Training Services enable farmworkers and family members to acquire skills that permit them to progress to stable employment outside of farmwork or to upgraded employment within agriculture. Farmworkers may access assistance from local One-Stop Centers as well as from the NFJP One-Stop partner. *Universal Core Services* of information and referral to One Stop Center partners are also offered.

The services available from the **NFJP** for assisting MSFWs, are:

Core Services which include assessment, referral to core services of the Local One-Stop Center and WIA program eligibility determination,

Intensive Services which include objective assessment, basic education and individual employment planning achieved through case management,

Training Services which include occupational skills and job training, such as On-the-Job Training, and

Related Assistance Services which include short-term direct or emergency assistance to farmworkers and their families during continued employment in farmwork or during intensive and training services and pesticide safety training.

Who operates the NFJP in Illinois? The **Illinois Migrant Council (IMC)** operates the NFJP in Illinois. For the location of IMC field sites and service areas, see the reverse side. Please visit our website at www.illinoismigrant.org for more information about IMC.

Farmworkers sustain us daily by their labor.

ILLINOIS MIGRANT COUNCIL (IMC)

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Who is eligible to receive NFJP assistance?

To be eligible for participation in the NFJP under WIA Title I D Section 167, individuals must:

- (a) have been a migrant or seasonal farmworker in qualifying agricultural labor whose family was disadvantaged during any consecutive 12-month period within the 24-month period preceding application for enrollment,
- (b) be citizens or nationals of the United States, lawfully admitted permanent resident aliens, or be residing in the US under other legal immigrant status granting employment authorization, and
- (c) have not violated Section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act by failing to register as required, or
- (d) be a dependent of the qualifying farmworker and qualify under (b) and (c) above.

Please contact IMC staff listed above to set up cross-training.

Equal Employment Opportunity Employer/Program
Auxiliary Aids/Services Available Upon Request