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**Tangipahoa, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany,  
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**Vermilion Parish:** 337-740-5907

If you are not located in one of the school districts  
above, please contact our regional recruiters below:

### REGIONAL RECRUITERS

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If you or someone you know may be eligible for  
the MEP in another state, please call the national  
hotline number below:

### NATIONAL MIGRANT EDUCATION HOTLINE

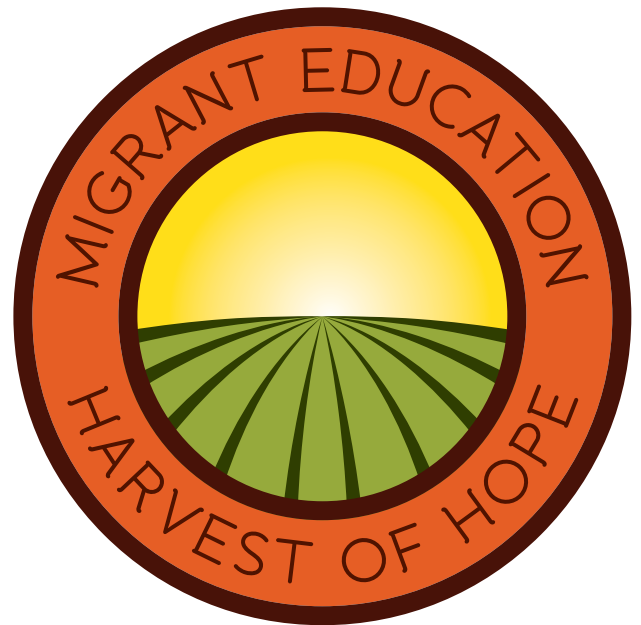
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For a complete list of contacts,  
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# LOUISIANA MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM



## HARVEST OF HOPE FOR ALL MIGRATORY CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES



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## WHAT IS THE MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM?

The goal of the Louisiana Migrant Education Program (MEP) is to ensure that all migratory students reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma (or obtain a high school equivalency) that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.

The program works to ensure that migratory children fully benefit from the same public education provided to other children and that they master the educational content provided by local school districts. The program offers services to help reduce educational disruptions and other problems that can result from multiple moves.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The MEP has trained professionals who conduct outreach and enroll new students into the program. The criteria are:

- A family member that have moved within the last 36 months to perform qualifying work, which includes, but is not limited to:
  - Agriculture, fishing and forestry work
  - Vegetable/fruit harvesting and processing (Strawberries, sugarcane, rice, corn, sweet potatoes; and many more!)
  - Fish/shellfish harvesting and processing (shrimp, oysters, crawfish and many more!)
  - Food/meat/poultry processing
  - Forestry/logging
  - Dairy
- And, the family member moved with children under 21 years old who have not graduated high school or earned a high school equivalency.
- Youth under the age of 21 who moved within last 36 months on his/her own to perform qualifying work

If you or somebody you know may be eligible for the program, contact the appropriate staff member (contact information on back).

## SPECIAL NEEDS OF MIGRATORY CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Migratory children and youth face unique challenges that may lead to limited academic achievement and opportunities because their families move to follow growing seasons and new work. This movement interrupts a student's education, sometimes multiple times within the same school year. Migratory youth often drop out of school to work and have limited access to educational and social services.

## SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MEP

The MEP can offer a variety of free educational services to eligible migratory students to help them overcome the challenges of a migratory lifestyle. Examples of possible services include, but are not limited to:

- After school educational programs
- Tutoring and homework help
- Referrals to High School Equivalency Programs and English language programs;
- Free school lunches and other school meals
- Summer educational or enrichment programs
- Referral to credit recovery programs

