

Executive Summary

Building Partnerships with State Monitor Advocates to Increase Access to Care for Ag Worker Families

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Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act identifies agricultural workers as a special population due to their limited access to health care services and unique challenges in accessing services. Through the Health Resources and Services Administration's Health Center Program, health centers receive funding to support the provision of health services for agricultural workers.

Of the estimated 4.5 million agricultural workers and their families in this country, approximately 22 percent are currently being seen in health centers. The Ag Worker Access Campaign is a national initiative to increase the number of agricultural workers and their families served in Community and Migrant Health Centers. To achieve this goal, establishing partnerships with other agricultural worker serving agencies is essential.

Yu-Mon Luis Chang, State Monitor Advocate of The Connecticut Department of Labor, Mary Ellen McIntyre and Amy Shepherd of The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, and Kasey Harding of The Community Health Center, Inc. share their experiences and expertise regarding:

- Successful partnerships between health centers and their State Monitor Advocates and how their relationships were established, evolved, and achieved success in increasing access to quality healthcare for MSAWs in Connecticut and Massachusetts
- Enhancing and increasing access to healthcare for farmworkers through collaboration with partners, including the case study of COVID-19 outbreak
- Accessing tools/resources available through Ag Worker Access Campaign

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