

Services to Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers (MSFW) through One-Stop Career Centers

MSFW Outreach Program

The Agency for Workforce Innovation assists Workforce Boards in operating an outreach and employment program for MSFWs. Full-time, year-round, outreach workers conduct outreach activities in order to accomplish the maximum penetration into the farm worker population. Additionally, One-Stop Career Centers utilize other agency staff and volunteer workers to inform farm workers of the services available. The outreach services network is further supported by the State Monitor Advocate, who conducts on-site Quality Assurance visits of Florida's significant One-Stop Career Centers to ensure that an equitable level of services is provided to the farm worker community.

MSFW Outreach Specialists are located at the following One-Stop Career Centers:

- Workforce Plus - Gadsden, 1140 W. Clark Street, Quincy
- Workforce Plant City Career Center, 2001 E. Cherry, Plant City
- Polk Works One-Stop Career Center, 500 E. Lake Howard Dr., Winter Haven
- SunCoast Workforce - Bradenton, 3526 9th Street West, Bradenton
- Highlands One-Stop Career Center, 5901 US Hwy 27 South, Ste 1, Sebring
- St. Lucie County Career Center, 584 NW University Blvd., Suite 300, Port St. Lucie
- West Career Center, 1085 South Main Street, Belle Glade
- Homestead Career Center, 140 NE 8th Street, Homestead
- Immokalee One-Stop Career Center, 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee

Services Provided to MSFWs at any One-Stop Career Center:

The One-Stop can provide a number of employment services, which may be of help to you. In order to receive some of these services you may have to fill out an application. Assistance with completing the application is available. Florida's employment service system can be found online at www.EmployFlorida.com.

No application is needed for:

- Information on the kinds of jobs that are available
- Information about and/or referral to other agencies that may be able to provide services not available through the One-Stop
- Filing a complaint about the One-Stop or a job you have been sent to by the One-Stop
- Information about farm worker rights that are protected by state and federal laws

A short application (partial) is needed to assist in providing:

- An immediate referral to a job, if one is available

A longer application (full) should be completed to enable the One-Stop to provide:

- Employment Testing
- Employment Counseling
- Training opportunities
- Referral to Supportive Services
- Job referral now or at a later date

A longer application will provide us with a more complete summary of your work experience and needs. It will help us search for more services for which you may qualify and continue looking for job opportunities for you after you leave the office.

*** If you feel that your rights as a farm worker have been violated by an employer, call the Florida Farm Worker Helpline at 1-800-633-3572.**