

## Arizona Migrant Education Program (MEP)

### Mission Statement

The Arizona Migrant Education Program (MEP) is a federally-funded, state operated program which was reauthorized under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title I Part C. Our mission is to impact teaching and learning in K-12 classrooms so that migratory students achieve high academic success. This program provides supplemental services to students of Migratory Workers from the ages of three through twenty-one and provides funding and support to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs). The LEAs are required to provide the structure, support, and scope of available services to Migratory students to ensure their achievement of higher academic standards and graduation from high school.

### Identification & Recruitment

The program goals of the AZ MEP are to support the identification and recruitment of migratory children, youth, and their families, and provide them with data-driven, evidence-based supplemental educational programs and support services based on their needs.

### Data

- To be considered a migratory student (participant in the MEP), a student must have a state final approved Certificate of Eligibility (COE) on file in MIS2000 (Migrant Education Program has very specific requirements a student and family must meet to qualify for the program. The family has to have worked in agriculture or fishing within the last three years and have mobility to potentially qualify for the MEP program).
- By law, Priority for Service (PFS) students must receive services first.
- State MEP staff manage all data for the program through the MIS2000 (state) and MSIX (federal) Migrant Databases (Access to both databases is only available to MEP Staff, and can only be given by contacting the State MEP Staff at the Arizona Department of Education).

### Grants and Family Engagement

MEP funds are used to provide supplemental services that are above and beyond Title I-A Support high quality and comprehensive educational programs for migratory children in an effort to help reduce the educational disruptions and other problems that result from repeated moves. Supplemental expenses should be used for items that are both beyond what is provided in mainstream classrooms or to mainstream teachers **and a necessity for migratory students.**

### Identification and Recruitment

- [Arizona MEP webinars and other ID & R resources](#)
- [IDRC webinars and links to view past webinars on topics related to ID&R](#)
- [Eligibility scenarios developed by IDRC to help personnel test their knowledge of MEP eligibility](#)
- [Past webinars from iSOSY \(formerly GOSOSY\) about serving out-of-school youth \(OSY\)](#)
- [The Office of Migrant Education website with ID&R tools, curriculum, and policy FAQs](#)

### Resources

The Arizona Migrant Education Program is composed of the following three areas:

- **Identification & Recruitment** (*Zujaila Ornelas, State ID&R Coordinator*)
- **Data** (*Patrick Bohanan, State Data Specialist*)
- **Grants & Family Engagement** (*Lea Bryant, State Grants & Family Engagement Specialist*)

We strongly encourage educators, parents, and community members to visit the Arizona Migrant Education Program website at [www.azed.gov/migrant](http://www.azed.gov/migrant) for more information about our program. Inquiries about the Arizona Migrant Education Program can be e-mailed to our staff at [MEPInbox@azed.gov](mailto:MEPInbox@azed.gov).