

Identification & Recruitment Rapid Response Consortium (IRRC)

The Colorado MEP is a member of IRRC which is a capacity building project designed to help states be more consistent in the way families are interviewed and how eligibility for MEP services is determined. One focus of the project is helping states ensure they have high quality systems in place for their state ID&R plans to help increase and improve consistency and quality in ID&R determinations across the nation.

Preschool Initiative

The Colorado MEP participates as a member state in the Migrant Preschool Initiative in order to ensure all migrant pre-school children receive the services they need in order to be “school ready” in the state of Colorado. The Goals of the Migrant Preschool Initiative are:

1. To expand the capacity of state and local MEPs to serve migrant Pre-K children.
2. To ensure that more services are provided to migrant 3-5 year old children and that these children will demonstrate substantial and measureable educational gains.
3. To disseminate evidence-based promising practices developed by PI to the national MEP community and other stakeholders.

Binational Initiative

The Binational Program was developed to enable those migrant students from Mexico that arrive in the United States to have access to the same free, appropriate public school education that is provided to other children. Components of the program include dissemination of information, transfer documents, binational teachers exchange, and culture and education resources.



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National MEP Hotline 800-234-8848

The national hotline provides assistance to MEP families such as; local program contacts, medical services, food, shelter, transportation, and clothing.



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Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part C



The number of eligible children and youth in the Colorado MEP has increased more than 10% in the last three years.

5,015 services were provided in the 2015-2016 school year in Colorado.

The Migrant Education Program (MEP) provides supplemental support to eligible migrant children and youth. The purpose of the program is to ensure that migratory children are not penalized in any manner by disparities among curriculum, graduation requirements, academic content and student academic achievement standards and ensure that migratory children are provided with appropriate educational services and opportunities so they can succeed in school and graduate from high school being postsecondary education or employment ready.

Program Goals

- Support high-quality and comprehensive educational programs for migratory children to help reduce the educational disruptions and other problems that result from repeated moves;
- Ensure that migratory children are provided with appropriate educational services (including supportive services) that address their special needs in a coordinated and efficient manner;
- Design programs to help migratory children overcome educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, various health-related problems, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to do well in school, and to prepare such children to make a successful transition to postsecondary education or employment; and
- Ensure that migratory children benefit from State and local systemic reforms.

Identification & Recruitment

Identifying and recruiting eligible migrant children is a cornerstone of the MEP in order to attain the goal of assisting migrant children to achieve academic standards and graduate from high school. Each LEA is responsible for the identification and recruitment of all eligible migrant children in the state in a timely manner and help deliver services at an appropriate level of quality and intensity to meet the needs of the children being served.

The Migrant Education Program may serve children from birth to the age of 22 who are eligible for a free public education under State Law. In order to qualify for services, children must have moved within the past three years, across school district lines with or to join a migrant worker.

State Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The PAC provides input concerning program services for migrant families, students, children and youth in Colorado. It plays a critical role in the effectiveness of the MEP. Each Regional Migrant Program is required to also have a PAC.

Data Collection

The office of Migrant Education collects data related to services, student achievement, and family mobility. This data is gathered to promote program effectiveness and improvement. The Migrant Education Programs (MEP) has developed policies related to data privacy, confidentiality, and security practices. It also includes specific information to guide MEP programs with data integration and data sharing. MEP programs must follow the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Colorado privacy laws (in section 22-1-123, C.R.S.) when disclosing personally identifiable student information (PII).

Summer Migrant Youth Leadership Institute (SMYLI)

The purpose of this Institute is to motivate and empower migrant students to achieve their educational goals and continue to enhance their potential as leaders in their schools and communities. We collaborate with local Colorado Universities and programs that serve Migrant families.



Migrant Education Program (MEP) Mission and Vision

Mission: *Identify and serve all migrant children/youth and families.*

Vision: *To provide equitable resources and outcome to ensure that all migrant children/youth are postsecondary and workforce ready and that all families are empowered to succeed.*