

# Louisiana Migrant Education Program (LMEP)

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LMEP Recruiter Certification  
ID&R Team

# Agenda

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- What is the Louisiana Migrant Education Program (LMEP)?
- Who is eligible?
- Recruiter Certification



# Alphabet Soup

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- MEP
- OSY
- COE
- ID&R
- MERIL3
- MSIX



# The Migrant Education Program (MEP)

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- **Title 1, Part C** of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
  - Enacted in 1965 and reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- The MEP is **funded** by the U.S. Department of Education and **administered** the State Education Agencies (SEAs)
- **The LDOE** distributes funds to parishes across the state and to **ESCORT** in order to identify, recruit and serve all of the migratory students in Louisiana.



# Purpose of Louisiana MEP

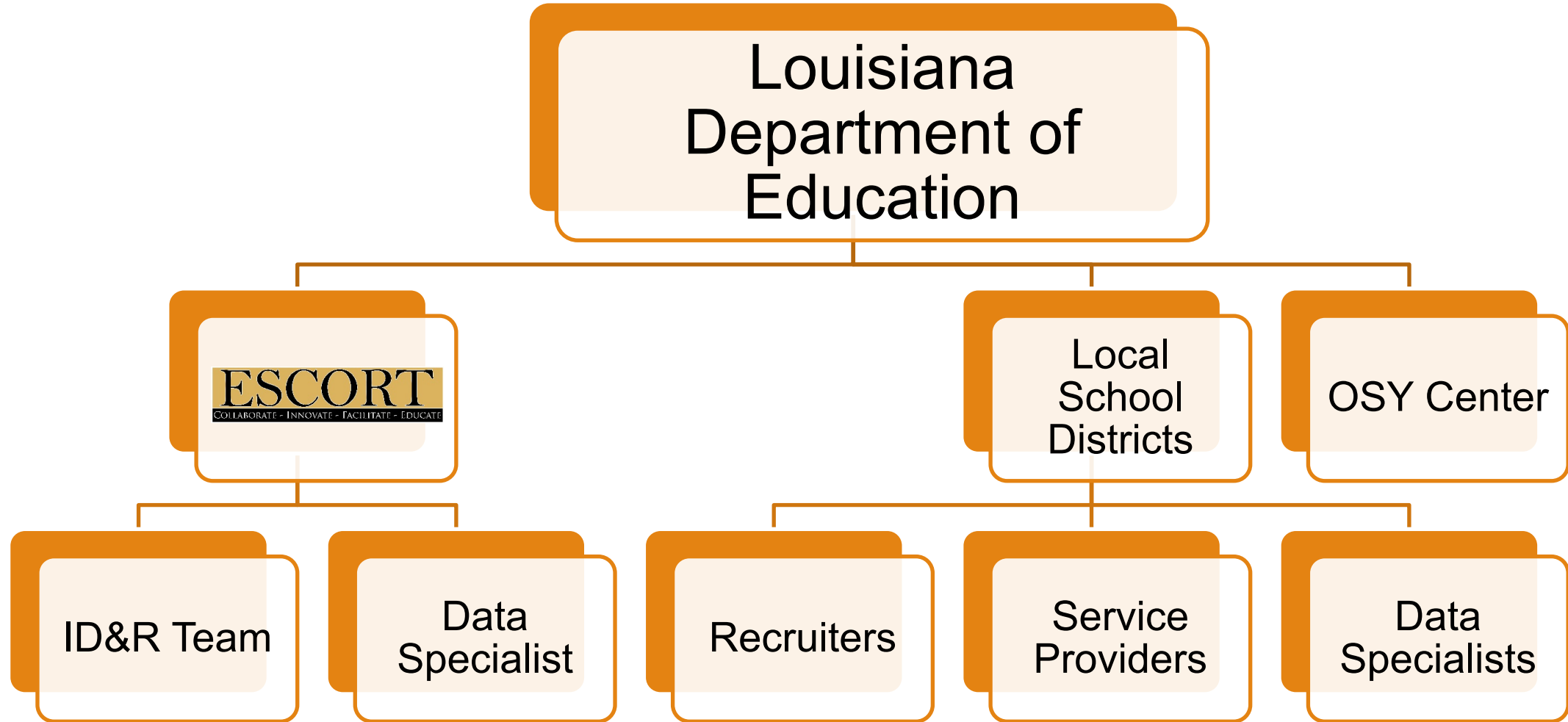
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The program aims to ensure that all migrant students reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma (or complete the HiSET) that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.



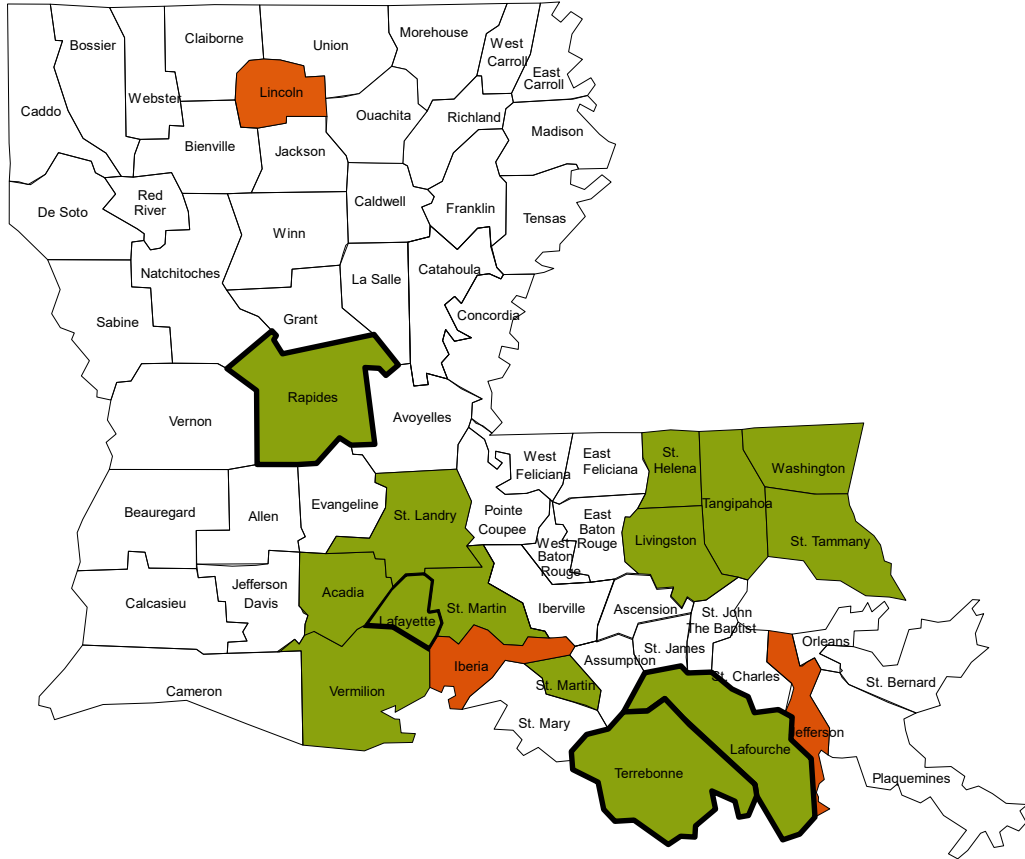


# LMEP Structure





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- 64 Parishes statewide
- 16 MEP-funded Parishes
- OSY Center
- Statewide Recruiters
  - Tomi Soto
  - Laurie Stewart
  - Lorena Andrea Roberts
  - Clare Ortiz



# Who is eligible?

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- Each migratory student must have a Certificate of Eligibility signed by Louisiana Department of Education to receive services
- Some Eligibility Factors (each move is unique!)
  - Migratory – students, families and workers who moved across school district lines in past 3 years
  - Farmworker or Fisher - worked in these temporary or seasonal industries
  - Eligible for Free Public Education in the US - students have not yet reached age 22 or obtained a HS diploma or equivalent





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Ages 0-5



Grades PK-12



Up to Age 22

# Regions & Qualifying Work

- North  
Forestry, Sweet Potatoes, Nurseries
- Acadiana  
Sugarcane, Nurseries, Crawfish, Rice, Fish Processing
- Southeast  
Shrimping, Crabbing, Oysters, Strawberries, Oranges

## Louisiana's Agriculture

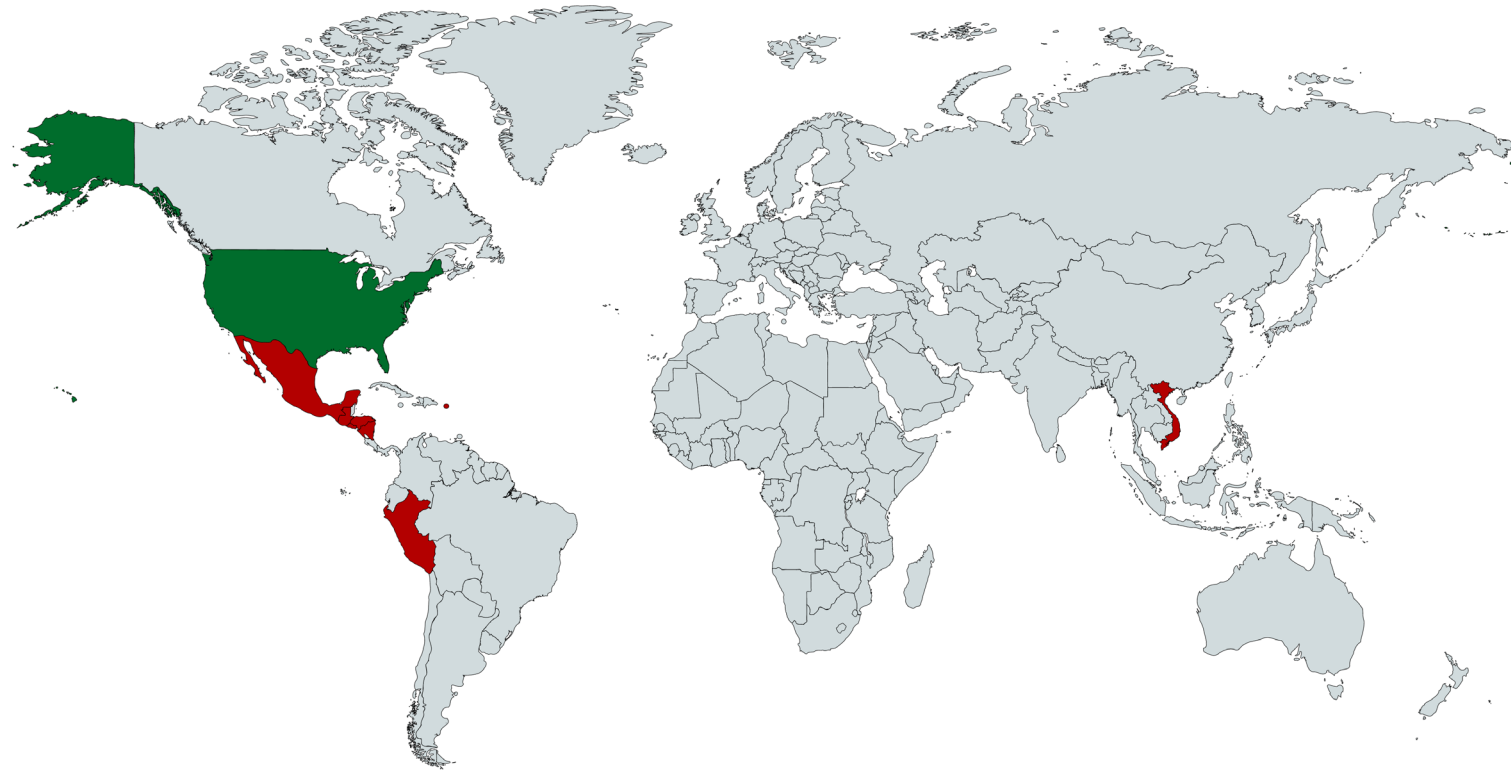
The top commodities produced in each parish, based on the 2017 gross farm value\*



# Where do these students move from?



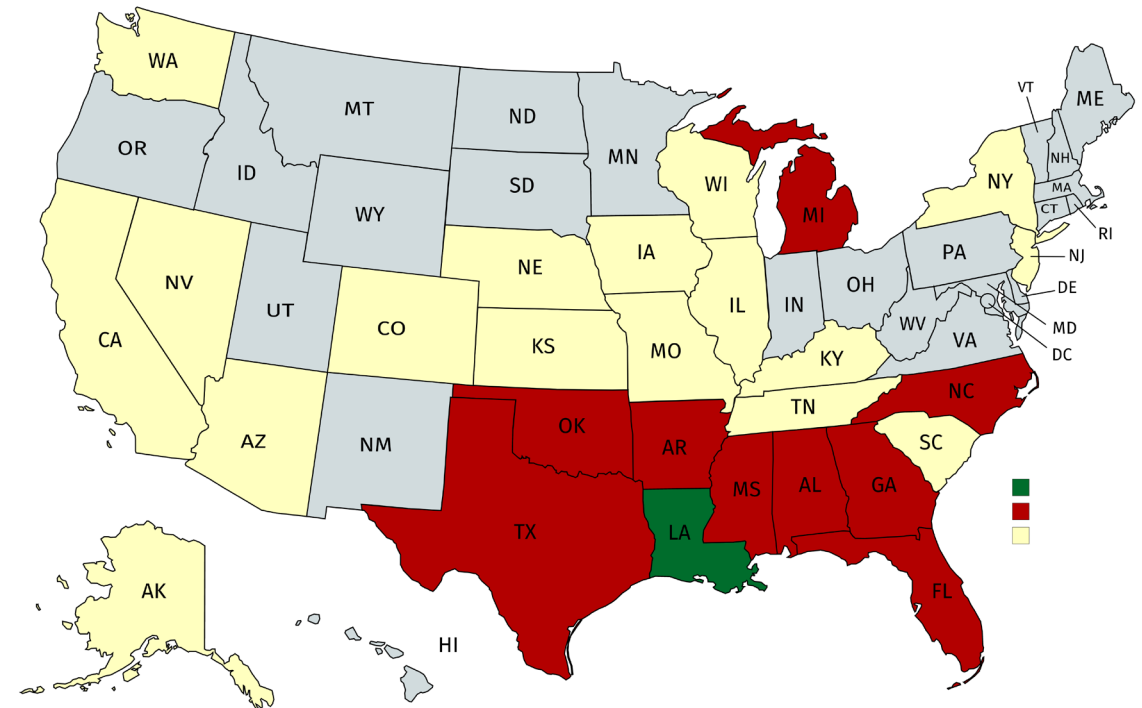
Top 9 Countries	Students
USA	4257
Mexico	1002
Guatemala	70
Honduras	57
Vietnam	22
Puerto Rico	7
Nicaragua	6
El Salvador	2
Peru	2



# Where do these students move from?



Top 10 States	Students
Louisiana	2878
Texas	484
Mississippi	238
Oklahoma	117
Michigan	88
Arkansas	81
Florida	60
Georgia	55
North Carolina	41
Alabama	40





# Who are YOUR migratory students?

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Thinking about YOUR students....

- Where are they from originally?
- Are they mostly K-12, preschool, or out-of-school youth?
- What work do their parents do?
- How long will they be with you?
- What are their unique needs due to their migratory lifestyle?



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# Out of School Youth (OSY) Students



**INGLES**  
**RAPIDO Y PRACTICO**

Aprenda a hablar, leer, escribir, y pensar en inglés.

¿Habla Ud. inglés?  
Do you speak English?  
¿Se le habla inglés?

¡Sí, lo hablo.  
Yes I do.  
¡Sí, se le habla!

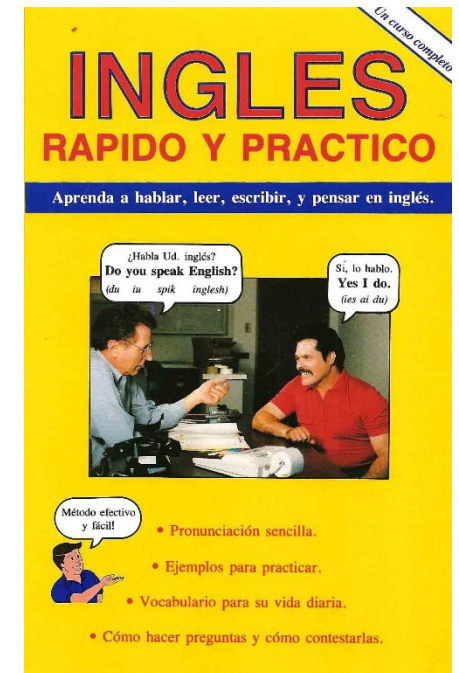
Método efectivo y fácil!

- Pronunciación sencilla.
- Ejemplos para practicar.
- Vocabulario para su vida diaria.
- Cómo hacer preguntas y cómo contestarlas.



# Out of School Youth (OSY) Services

- OSY Recruitment kits
  - Basic hygiene items (shampoo, deodorant, antibacterial soap, tooth paste/brushes, bath towels/wash cloths)
  - Notebooks, pens, pencils
  - “Rapido y Practico” workbooks
  - Drawstring bags
  - Mini Lessons
  - Community Services Guide
  - Brain Child kits



# How do we find our students?

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Referral



Interview



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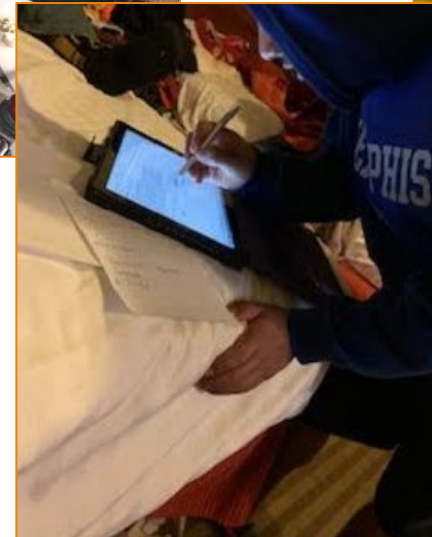


- Visiting farms, docks, processing plants, etc.
- Collaborating with community organizations
- Getting out in the community!





# Recruitment in Action

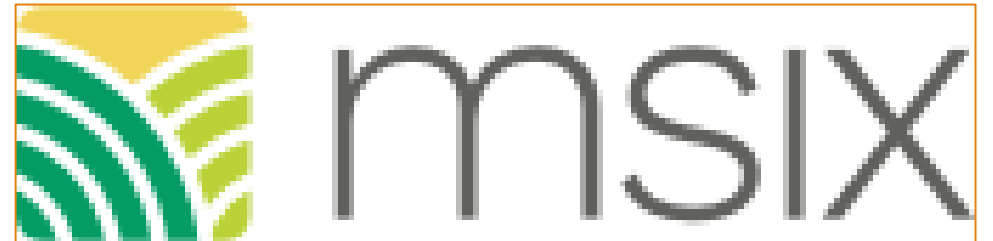


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## MSIX: Migrant Student Information Exchange

“Technology that allows States to share educational and health information on migrant children who travel from State to State”





# Migrant Search Form

Nearly half of students recruited into the MEP are identified through School Surveys



## Louisiana Migrant Education Program









### Family Search Form

School District/Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to better serve your children's academic needs, our program wants to identify students who may qualify to receive **FREE** additional educational services. The information you provide will only be used for program purposes. Please answer both questions below and return this form to your child's school.

1. Have you or another person in your home worked in agriculture or fishing in the past 3 years?  
(Please check all that apply below & complete contact information)

YES  NO

 Picking vegetables, fruit, pecans, hay, soybeans, sugarcane, sweet potatoes, etc. <input type="checkbox"/>	 Working in a poultry farm <input type="checkbox"/>	 Working in shrimping / crabbing / oyster fishing <input type="checkbox"/>	 Working in forestry / timber / logging <input type="checkbox"/>
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2. Have your children moved or traveled across school district lines in the past 3 years?  
This may include overnight or extended trips, at any time of the year, including the summer, to do shrimping, crabbing, oyster fishing, or agricultural work.

YES  NO

Parent (Guardian) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Language/Lenguaje/Ngôn ngữ:  English  Español  Tiếng Việt  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this form is to help the state determine if the child(ren) in this family are eligible for the Louisiana Migrant Education Program. One of the individuals listed below may contact you to determine eligibility for the Louisiana Migrant Education Program:

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# Search Form

- Download the Search forms from the [Louisianamigrantidr.com](http://Louisianamigrantidr.com) website
- Place Search Forms in every student registration packet
- Email the forms to [idr.team@louisiana-mep.org](mailto:idr.team@louisiana-mep.org)
- The ID&R Team will follow up with the family to determine eligibility



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If you or someone you know may qualify for the MEP, please contact:

- Regional Recruiters**
- Acadia Parish – 337-783-5808
  - Iberia Parish – 337-364-7641
  - Lafayette Parish – 337-521-7179
  - Lafourche Parish – 985-532-2508
  - Natchitoches Parish – 318-352-8389
  - Orleans Parish – 318-432-5330
  - Plaquemines Parish – 504-595-6004
  - Rapides Parish – 318-442-8891
  - St. Landry Parish – 337-948-3657
  - St. Martin Parish – 337-942-0409
  - Tangipahoa, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Washington Parishes – 985-542-7290
  - Terrebonne Parish – 985-879-6400
  - 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**
- Tomi Soto – 956-740-8077
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  - Anna Ramirez – 607-435-6709

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  
1 (800) 234-8848

For a complete list of contacts, go to the

"resources" section in the following link:  
<https://louisianamigrantdir.com/documents.php>

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## Louisiana Migrant Education Program

Harvest of Hope for All Migratory Children & Their Families



### What is the Migrant Education Program?

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### 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 has 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, please contact the appropriate staff member using parish and phone information on the back of this brochure.

### 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 Migrant Ed Program

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:

- 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



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- OSY: Out of School Youth
- COE: Certificate of Eligibility
- ID&R: Identification and Recruitment
- MERIL3: Migrant Education Records in Louisiana
- MSIX: Migrant Student Information Exchange



# Recruiter Certification

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Recruiter Certification consists of these two parts:

- Training
- Assessment

# Recruiter Certification

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## Training

- All things eligibility
- COE Completion
- ID&R Strategies

# Recruiter Certification

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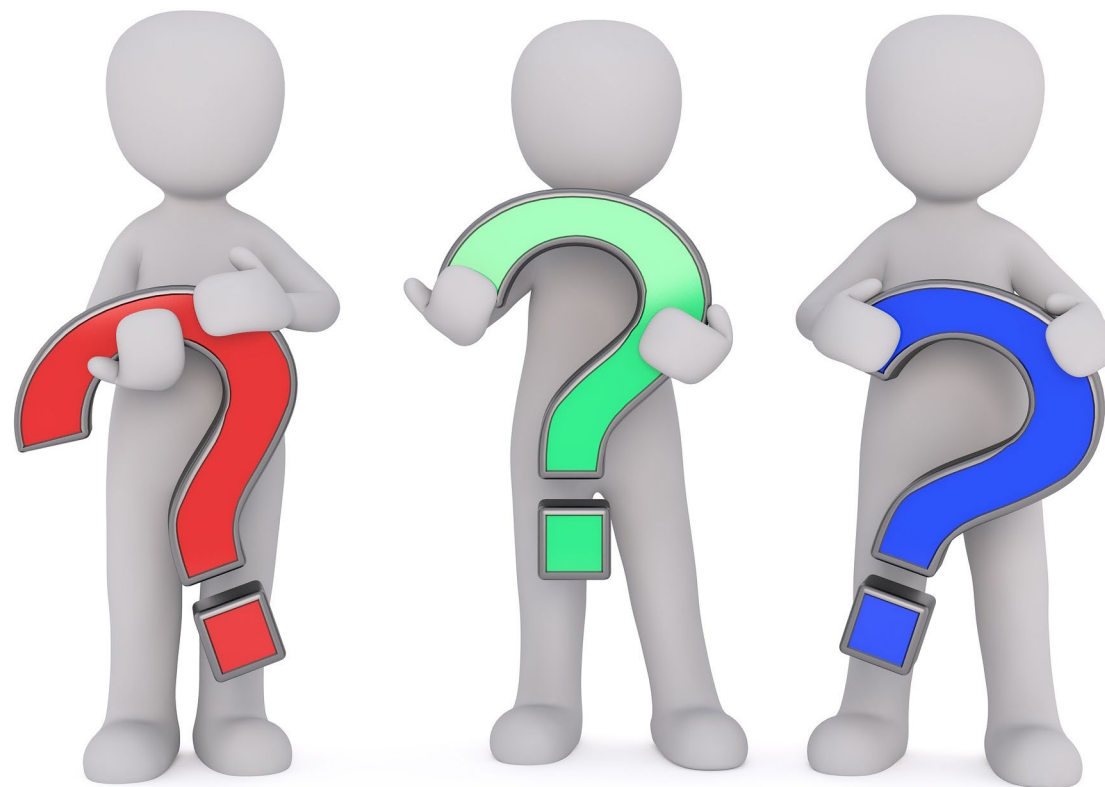
## Assessment

- We use the IDRC Assessment
- A score of “Proficient” is required for certification
- If a score of “Proficient” is not obtained, we will conduct additional training and the recruiter will take the assessment again



# Questions

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# Contact information



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