

- explaining the many ways that even low-income young people can attend college; and
- bringing college applications to you.

MIGRANT ADVOCATE

The job responsibilities of a migrant student advocate are to assist migrant families and their children in dealing with problems associated with moving to a new community and attendance at a new school. Responsibilities include placing families in touch with needed social and health services units within the school and community; assisting children with difficulties related to academic performance, attendance and school behavior; encouraging parents to become involved in the education of their children and to continue their own education through adult education services.

The migrant advocate is your friend. You may contact the migrant advocate through your local Board of Education.

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Kentucky Migrant Farm Worker Education



Help Us Help Your Child.

Good news for migratory farm workers in Kentucky.

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Wilmer S. Cody, Commissioner

If you are a migratory worker — if you move to find temporary or seasonal work in farming, fishing, or timber harvesting — your child may have to change schools often.

Many children who must move from school to school have special problems.

- shyness and trouble making friends.
- many missed school days
- gaps in classroom teaching — the teacher may be teaching far ahead of the last teacher
- other problems that affect learning

Migratory workers sometimes have no income between jobs and are not able to give their children as much as they want them to have.

- good food
- medical care
- clothes
- books
- other things they need



All of these problems can cause your child to fall behind in school. They also can cause your child to feel unhappy or uncomfortable. Many schools have services that can help you help your child. The people at each of those schools will work with you to decide what your child needs and how to meet those needs.

These are some of the services that are available to help your child:

HELP WITH SUBJECTS AT SCHOOL

If your child has difficulty with math, reading, writing or other subjects, a migrant advocate will work on behalf of your child to see that he or she gets extra help:

- in extended school tutoring after the regular school day is over;
- in summer migrant education classes or home tutoring; and
- during the school day.

HELP WITH PHYSICAL NEEDS

If your child needs medical or dental care, eyeglasses, clothing or free lunches, a migrant advocate will help get these for you. The advocate will help you get to the local Family Resource Center or Youth Services Center which deals with such problems. The advocate can help with transportation and other special needs.

HELP WITH FEELINGS

If your child sometimes is frightened by trying to make new friends, doesn't feel comfortable at a new school, or seems not to like himself or herself, there is help. The advocate can help make teachers aware of these feelings and get counseling or other help for your child.

HELP FOR THE FUTURE

Many migrant parents say they would like for their child to have a better life than they have had. They are afraid their child will be trapped into low-wage jobs after high school and not have a stable home. If you are worried about such things, you can talk to the migrant advocate about them. The advocate understands and knows where to go to get the kind of help they need. Advocates can assist by:

- taking you to the local technology center to see the high-tech training offered to high school students;

