

Farmworker Jobs & Education Program

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The Farmworker Jobs and Education Program:

Formerly known as The Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers Program, this program changed its name in order to more accurately reflect its goals. Historically, farm workers have been underpaid and overworked under extremely difficult conditions, but this program has positively affected their lives. The program may assist to find employment and training services to farm workers and their dependents who suffer chronic seasonal unemployment in Palm Beach County.

The program is run by The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Community Services Department. The Farmworker Jobs & Education Program, WIA Title I, Section 167 is directly funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. The designate grantee in The State of Florida is the Florida Department of Education.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the PBC Farmworker Program is to assist Farmworkers and their dependents to obtain the education and supportive services they need to enter or advance in the workforce.



The Program may help participants in the following areas:

- 1- To overcome whatever obstacles stand in their way to getting and keeping their jobs.
- 2- To refer and enroll them in **vocational trainings** and provide job placement upon completion of training.
- 3- If they need to improve their reading and math skills, we refer them to **remedial education**.
- 4- If they need to learn English to be able to put their skills to work, we refer them to **ESOL** classes.
- 5- We may also assist participants to obtain a **GED or High School Diploma**, if they did not complete high school.

Who is Eligible?

To enroll in the Farmworker Program participants must meet the following criteria's, established by the U.S. Department of Labor:

- 1- Be U.S. Citizen or eligible Non-Citizen.
- 2 - Males born after December 31, 1959, and who are between the ages of 18-26 must be registered with Selective Service.
- 3 - Received public assistance or whose family income is less than 70% of the Lower Living Standard Income Level.
- 4 – Received at least 50% of his/her total earned income from farmwork or was employed at least 50% of his/her total work time in farmwork.
- 5 – Been employed at least 25 days in farmwork or earned at least \$800.00 a year in farmwork. Farmwork must be on a seasonal basis; this is, without constant year-round salary.