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The Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) Team welcomes all MSIX users to join the annual Cybersecurity and Account Management Webinar on **Tuesday, February 20, 2024, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** ET. In this webinar, the MSIX Team will highlight cybersecurity and privacy awareness topics in addition to reviewing MSIX account management.

[Register here now!](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar, including an "Add to Calendar" feature.

ALL MSIX users are highly encouraged to attend this Webinar. As always, we welcome any feedback. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the MSIX Help Desk via email at: [MSIXSupport@deloitte.com](mailto:MSIXSupport@deloitte.com) or telephone at: 1-866-878-9525. Help Desk hours are: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

## Fish Art Contest

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Fish Art Contest! With over 70,000 entries and counting, the Fish Art Contest is the BEST way to introduce youth to conservation and the joys of fishing. The Fish Art Contest uses art, science, and creative writing to foster connections to the outdoors and inspire the next generation of stewards.

[Contest Deadline is Feb 28, 2024](#)



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Here is the link to the 1.19.24 [Student Engagement SP PD.](#)

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## New Resources and Upcoming Trainings



We have a brand new video for you to use when working with Agribusinesses and Farms. This can help them know a bit more about MEP. [Click on the video above to access it.](#) Feel free to use it and share it how you would like.

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### New Monthly Webinar for February

#### How Local Recruiters Can Work with Agribusiness and Farms

February 6th, 2024

11 PST, 12 MST, 1 CST, 2 EST



This webinar will help local recruiters know how to plan, reach out, and work with farmers and agribusinesses. It will offer practical advice and specific strategies that can be helpful for any recruiter. Join us!

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The Recruiter Invitational will be September 11th and 12th in Virginia Beach, VA. Watch for information in February on how to get registered!



# BUILDING AN UNDERSTANDING OF SUMMER LEARNING'S VALUE

**Episode 4**

Wallace  
PODCAST

Lessons from the Lone Star State:  
**How Districts in Texas  
are Thinking About Summer  
Program Sustainability**

**Listen Now!**

**SPEAKERS**

<b>Charlotte Phillips</b> Senior Officer, The Wallace Foundation	<b>Bini Coleman</b> Founder and Chief Executive Officer, 212 Catalysts	<b>Kasie Roden</b> Director of PK-12 STEM and My Camp Program Manager, Grand Prairie Independent School District	<b>Lisa McNeill</b> Accelerated Learning Program Lead, The Varnett Public School
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**LISTEN NOW**

“As we enter our fourth year of programming, sustainability is so important to us,” says Kasie Roden, who leads summer learning programming for Texas’s Grand Prairie Independent School District.

“How do we make sure that everyone understands what this program brings to our students, our families, and our communities? How does it create a lasting impact?”

Roden is speaking in the fourth episode of Wallace’s podcast series [A Hot Time for Summer Learning](#). She joins Lisa McNeill, Varnett Public School’s Accelerated Learning Program Lead, as they share their on-the-ground experiences and the steps they took to ensure that their efforts and programs could last for years to come.

Roden and McNeill describe ways to engage communities in summer learning programs from conception to execution. What works? Bringing a variety of community perspectives early into the conversation, prioritizing student needs and interests, and, most importantly, having fun.

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# Rural Migration News

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Rural Migration News: Meat and Migrants

Americans ate an average 100 pounds of chicken as well as 60 pounds of beef and 50 pounds of pork in 2022. Irrigating land in the western states to produce soybeans for chickens and alfalfa for dairy cows often draws water from aquifers that are slow to replenish. California, Wisconsin, and Idaho are the three leading dairy states.

Dodge City in southwestern Kansas has 27,000 residents, two-thirds Hispanic, due to an influx of Latinos to work in the area's four meatpacking plants. The city commission has no Hispanic members because members are elected citywide rather than by district, prompting suits from some Latino residents who want district elections. [Continue reading...](#)

### About Migration Dialogue

Migration Dialogue provides timely, factual and nonpartisan information and analysis of international migration issues through five major activities: the newsletters Migration News and Rural Migration News, Changing Face and other Research & Seminars, and the Sloan West Coast Program on Science and Engineering Workers.

Contact us at [migrant@primal.ucdavis.edu](mailto:migrant@primal.ucdavis.edu).

#### READ MORE:

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| 1. Farm Labor in the 1930s         | 4. Big Six Produce Companies      | 8. New Zealand Agriculture and Labor                            |
| 2. Braceros: History, Compensation | 5. Lettuce Production and Trade   | 9. Naturalization Controversy                                   |
| 3. Kosovar Refugees                | 6. Africa: Zimbabwe, South Africa | 10. FAO: Ag employs 27% of world's workers, generates 4% of GDP |
|                                    | 7. Dust Bowl Migration            |   |

**Figure 4. Percentage Change in Number of H-2A Certified Positions, Fiscal Year 2023 Compared to Fiscal Year 2022**





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## Short Film Highlights

### Potential—and Pleasures—of Summer Learning

**Myth:** Summer looks the same for all children.

**Fact:** Young people from low-income families, who often have fewer learning opportunities, lose ground academically compared with their wealthier peers.

**Watch the documentary short**



Fortunately, the research is clear: high-quality summer programs can help to improve academics, boost attendance, and raise graduation rates. But what does it take to run a summer program that young people actually want to attend? Communities in Woodward, Oklahoma, and Akron, Ohio, are working to write a new narrative—one that makes summer a time for growth for all kids.

Our new [documentary short](#) tells the story of how the two school districts are shifting away from the remedial summer

school of the past and toward opportunities that blend academics and enrichment. The result? Programs that can benefit young people and be fun.

While the two communities could not be more different—Akron is a large Midwestern city, while Woodward spans across acres of the rural South—they face similar challenges when it comes to creating and providing access to summer programs. Yet both districts are prioritizing high-quality programming that features early planning, strong

community partnerships, and listening to what students and families want.

This video was created with guidance from [FHI 360](#), who through its [District Summer Learning Network](#) (DSLN), is helping education leaders across the country rediscover the power of summer learning. It was produced by [Universe Creative](#), an award-winning documentary production company that engages in storytelling for good.

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## CPS Title IC: Education of Migratory Children Program (MEP)

Welcome to the Crete MEP. The Migrant program in Crete has existed for almost 30 year! Through those years we have served many different familes and seen hundreds of success stories. In fact, there are several staff members here at the school (administrators, teachers, and classified staff) who benefited from the MEP as children and are now successful school staff and community members.



We are very proud of what we have accomplished over the years and look forward to serving Crete Public Schools and the Crete community for years to come.

### Our Staff



#### **Ryan Hinz, Director of Adult & Family Education**

Ryan has worked with the Migrant program for almost 15 years. During most of that time, Ryan worked as a service provider working with families in the Crete area and OSY. Now the program director, Ryan looks forward to continuing Crete's committment to our MEP kids and families through innovation and growth. In addition to the MEP, Ryan also oversees the Adult Education (ESL/GED), Family Literacy, Community Cafe, and McKinney-Vento Homeless programs.

## **Cheryl Feeken, MEP Coordinator & Data Specialist**

Cheryl has worked in the program for over 15 years, mostly as the local data specialist but also as a service provider. She believes very much in using data to drive program decisions and in providing as many educational and support services to our families as possible.



## **Michelle Lopez, MEP Recruiter & Service Provider**



Michelle Lopez has been with the MEP since August 2023. She has been learning her new role as our local MEP recruiter and service provider. Michelle has also been really excited to meet kids and families and works hard to identify needs and coordinate resources to help them succeed. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated staff person in Michelle and we anticipate great success with our recruiting and service efforts.

## **Petrona Garcia, Education Support Specialist**

Petrona just started her position with the MEP as our new local Education Support Specialist on January 10. In this role, Petrona will serve our MEP kids in the school buildings with educational support services in coordination with building teachers and administrators. She will also assist with support services to the families. We are excited to have Petrona join our team!



# Program Stats

## Child Counts

- Age 3-21 (total): 33
- PFS: 14
- Total served: 27
- Served W/ Support Services: 26

## Top Agricultural Qualifying Activities

1. Pork Cutting
2. Egg Sorting
3. Nursery Planting

# Support Services

## Nourishing Lives & Fostering Connections

Each week, we take pride in delivering approximately 10 boxes of essential food items to families facing the greatest needs. These deliveries go beyond providing nourishment; they serve as a vital link, helping us stay connected with our community and ensuring we are attuned to any changes or additional needs they may have. We are thrilled to celebrate over a decade of meaningful collaboration with Feeding America and the local United Church of Christ to provide these resources. In the past 10 years, our joint efforts have allowed us to make a positive impact on the lives of our community's most vulnerable members.

Our commitment doesn't stop there. In conjunction with dedicated organizations like Tower of Tampons, we extend our reach to collect and distribute crucial items such as personal care products, clothing, and household essentials. This holistic approach reflects our dedication to addressing

the diverse needs of our community members.

Moreover, a couple of times each year, we also assemble packets of educational materials to give to our students. These packets, thoughtfully curated and delivered to every family, aim to empower and enrich lives



through knowledge. We believe that education is a powerful tool for positive change, and we are proud to contribute to the ongoing growth and development of our community.





## Crete Public Schools

Adult & Family Ed is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters



## EMPLOYEE SCHEDULING & SCHEDULING CREATION

During the webinar, our panelists will be answering your questions LIVE, in addition to a dedicated Q&A time at the end. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn more!

**January 24, 2024**  
**1:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) | 45-minutes**

[Registration Link](#)

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## Service Provider PD Opportunity

PD Opportunity for our MEP High/Middle School Service Providers, we present...

### Revamping Our Student Engagement Routine: Grades HS/MS

We will:

- 1 Reflect on previous techniques we have used.
- 2 Revise future strategies we can use to boost our Student Engagement within our Middle & High School MEP Students.
- 3 Reframe our future services with Student Engagement in mind.

Friday, Jan. 19th, 2024 @ 10:00-11:00AM  
via: ZOOM



### Young Migrant Workers

#### NBC News Documentary

By Laura Strickler, Julia Ainsely and  
Didi Martinez

#### Video Link:

[nbcnews.com/video/slaughterhouse-children-child-labor](https://www.nbcnews.com/video/slaughterhouse-children-child-labor)

#### Article that goes with it:

[nbcnews.com/news/us-news/slaughterhouse-children-documentary](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/slaughterhouse-children-documentary)



## U.S. Department of Education Spotlights the Migrant Education Program Video

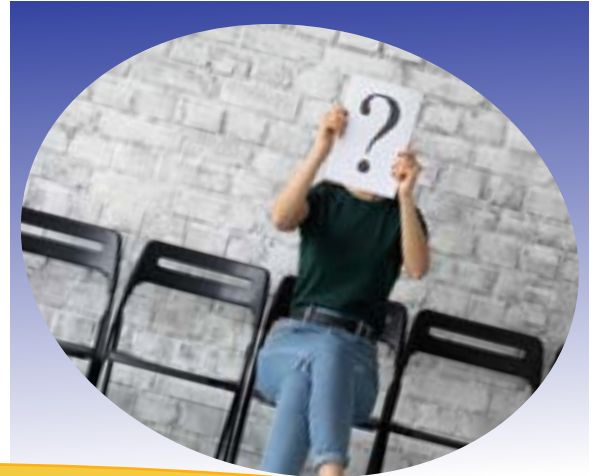
On December 18, 2023, the Department posted a short video on several of its communication channels highlighting the Migrant Education Program (MEP). MEP State Directors Michelle Williams (MI), Tomas Mejia (CO), Margarita Munoz (GA), and Carmen Medina (PA) shared their knowledge on the purpose of the program and the needs of migratory children and families in their States. **Please watch it here!**





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Grades K-12

### New Learning Videos Available!

Be the first one to discover the latest videos available on the platform.

Check out the latest videos

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## IDRC Supports Identification of Migrant Students Across the Country

As migratory farmworkers move to find work in agriculture we work to help find the students!

[Our resources](#) are designed to help streamline recruiter efforts to find the students and youth who are eligible for MEP. We have 32 member states who have additional resources through their participation in this Consortium Project.

We hope as Migrant Education Program staff are able to find the students in need of the program faster that more students will receive the high quality programming needed to help them overcome the gaps they have in their education.





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**January 17 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm CST**

**Intended Audience:** 18+ older, community leaders, loss survivors, caregivers, etc.

**Objectives:** At the end of this webinar, participants will be able to...

- Share information about AFSP's Healing Conversations
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## JOB POSTINGS

Behavioral Health Project Manager position with the IMEC community

<https://content.myconnectsuite.com/api/documents/f1ef8dfa117143929fe7fa93ab2dc40e.pdf>

Migrant Education Office Manager position with Colorado Department of Education

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/4324309-0/migrant-education-office-manager>

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## [Heartland College Assistance Migrant Program](#) (Heartland CAMP)!

We are currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 academic year – and serve both current and former MEP students at Metropolitan Community College (MCC) and Western Iowa Tech Community College (WIT). We are also currently conducting a search for our CAMP Site Coordinator at MCC in Omaha and hope to have good news to share on that front very soon. As always, thank you for your support and collaboration.

## 2024 NATIONAL MIGRANT EDUCATION CONFERENCE *Sunday, April 21 - Wednesday, April 24, 2024* *Portland Oregon*

### **NATIONAL MIGRANT EDUCATION CONFERENCE THEME SELECTED AND PLANNING MOVES FORWARD**

The 2024 National Conference in Portland, scheduled for April 21 to 24 is going to be a very exciting Conference filled with terrific workshops and motivating general sessions, as well as lively student entertainment and moving scholarship awards!

The beautiful bright green hills in one direction and the gorgeous views of snow-covered Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens in the other are a sight to behold! There are also so many excellent places to eat, it is hard to choose from the wide array of possibilities.

**The Planning Committee chose the following Conference Theme:**

**Migrant Education: Building Bridges and Inspiring Dreams**

**Educación migrante: Construyendo puentes e inspirando sueños**

The theme sets forth two of the goals of the Migrant Education Program. It also makes reference to the 12 bridges that span the Willamette River in the city. Portland is known as both the City of Roses and Bridge City.

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We have a new partner and we are excited to share some very helpful FREE instructional resources with all MEP states. IDRC has partnered with Farmworker Justice and the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start on a grant with AT&T and we would love to share with you about these new resources. Please join if you provide any instruction to migrant students, youth, or parents. We have some resources you are going to want to know about!

Register in advance for this webinar:

[us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6YV9nBoXRm6ZU-h9O6TVyw](http://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6YV9nBoXRm6ZU-h9O6TVyw)



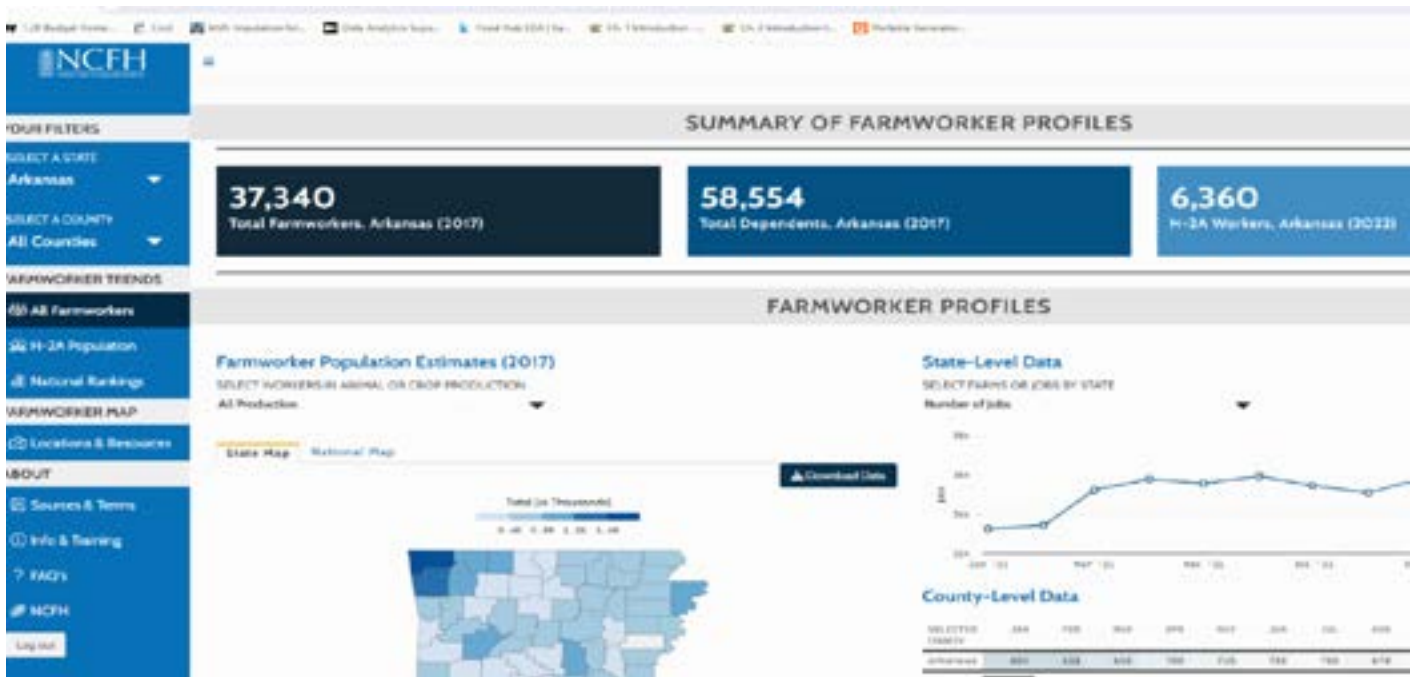


Wondering what IDRC Resources are available for your state?  
[Check out this map to find out.](#)

## GREAT RESOURCES TO HELP WITH IDR

We hope you have access to the NCFH Farmlabor Dashboard. It is a very helpful tool to use when you are trying to understand the Farmlabor population in your state.

[Access information here.](#)



## IDRC MEMBER STATES FARMWORKER NUMBERS SOURCE: POWER BI

IDRC also has a [Farmlabor Map.](#)

Available for Member states here. This is just a county map listing of the total number of farmworkers listed from the Ag Census in the area.



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will be held in September 2024. Watch your inbox this month to learn more about it. We will announce the location and the date in a few weeks! This year we will have 300 spots available!

[Access all of our upcoming events here.](#)

COMING SOON

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## **Albert Lee Wright, Jr. Memorial Migrant Scholarship Application Now Available**

***To be received in DC no later than  
Friday, March 1, 2024***

NASDME is delighted to announce that the [application materials](#) for the 2024 Albert Lee Wright, Jr. Memorial Migrant Scholarship are now available.

The requirements for the scholarship are listed in the materials, but include current or recent eligibility for the Title I, Part C Migrant Education Program and graduation from high school in 2024. Criteria for selection will include a focus on the student's mobility.

Applications are DUE at the Washington, DC address listed in the materials on or before Friday, March 1, 2024. NASDME will not accept faxed or emailed applications. Further, no applications received after Friday, March 1 will be considered. Receipt is the key, not postmark.

We ask that you distribute this notice far and wide in your migrant education program. Program directors, guidance counselors, teachers and others are great folks to get the word to students. Further, we have found that students given support and assistance with the application often are the most competitive.

The scholarship(s) will be at least \$3,000 and will be formally presented at the National Migrant Education Conference in Portland, Oregon April 21 to 24.

[More Information & Application](#)



# How Will You Grow? Setting Goals with OSY

## INSTRUCTORS GUIDE

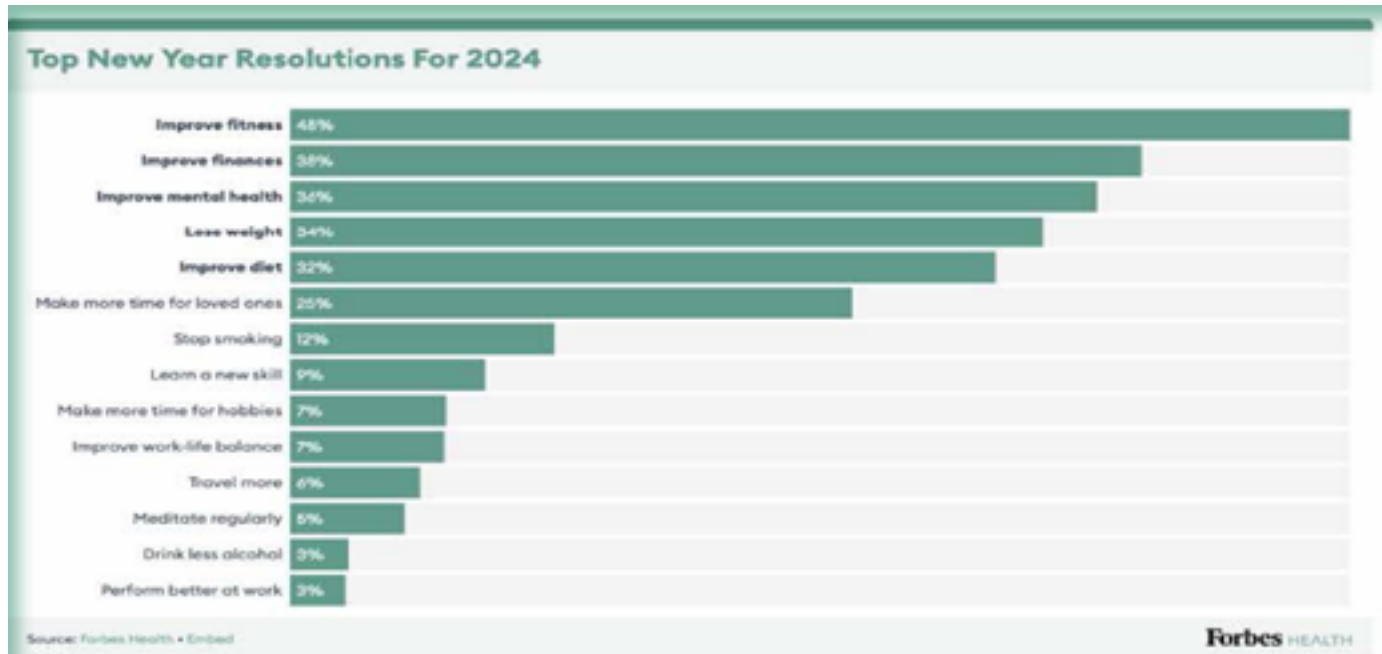


January is a great time to correlate the idea of making resolutions with the [Goal Setting materials](#) created by iSOSY.

Take a look at the many activities available in the publication [How Will You Grow: Setting Goals with OSY - Instructors Guide](#). Note that there is a handy Activity Index on page IV.

These activities make it easy and fun to talk to your students about what their dreams are and what steps they can take - big and small - to achieve them.

The custom of making New Year's resolutions has been around for more than 4,000 years! [Click HERE](#) to discover the origins of this tradition and see the chart below for a look at the most popular resolutions for 2024.



January is traditionally one of the coldest months of the year and often brings with it some potentially dangerous snow and ice.

It is important to know and understand what the weather forecaster is talking about so that you are prepared for potential winter weather hazards.

[Click HERE](#) to explore a list explaining winter weather terms to help you and your students be more aware



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## JOB POSTING

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/4324309-0/migrant-education-office-manager>

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**Happy Holidays!**

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*Portland Oregon*

### NATIONAL MIGRANT EDUCATION CONFERENCE THEME SELECTED AND PLANNING MOVES FORWARD

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Dear MEP Colleagues,

2023 is in the books and a new year is before us. A lot has happened in the past twelve months – some expected, but most not as it was my first year in this role. There were quite a few surprises! As I reflect on last year, I believe each of these experiences helped me, and our program, get better.

Life is like that. Change is constant. While I crave consistency and stability, I have come to embrace changes as opportunities to grow and innovate, personally and professionally. The same applies to our program. Ultimately, we all do better when we accept and adapt to new situations. We figure out the best way forward and proceed with optimism that we are improving.

While I am certain the unexpected will occur, here are some things I know will happen in 2024:

- We will soon hire a new State Identification and Recruitment Coordinator and will post the State Services Coordinator position by the end of the month.
- We will reallocate funds returned from the 2022-23 grant to projects to enable more services and professional development for the rest of this year.
- There will be a Student and Family Virtual Conference this Spring, with scholarships awarded.
- We will sponsor three leadership camps for middle and high school students across the state this Summer.
- Our commitment and support of Nebraska's migratory children and families will remain as strong as ever.

Thank you for your great work in making the Nebraska Title IC-Migrant Education Program a success!

Wishing you and your family a very Happy New Year!

Fondest Regards,  
Benjamin





# COLORADO

## Department of Education

### Resources for Supporting Children and Families' Transitions to Kindergarten - New Spanish-Language

In 2021, the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (then-Office of Early Childhood) partnered with the National P-3 Center and the Colorado Department of Education to develop briefs exploring practices that contribute to successful transitions to kindergarten for children and families. These resources provide strategies for early care and education programs and elementary schools in Colorado to implement and support smooth transitions to kindergarten.

We are now excited to share the Spanish-language versions of the following briefs:

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This tool developed by the National P-3 Center provides a timeline and checklist of activities for early care and education programs and elementary schools to support transitions.

This work is responsive to Colorado Shines Brighter strategies 1.3.1 Transitions Toolkit and 1.3.2 Transitions Roadmap.

NUEVOS RECURSOS EN ESPAÑOL para apoyar a niños y familias en su transición al kindergarten.

En 2021, el Departamento de la Primera Infancia de Colorado (anteriormente la Oficina de la Primera Infancia) se asoció con el National P-3 Center y el Departamento de Educación de Colorado para desarrollar recursos en los que se estudien prácticas que contribuyan a que las transiciones al kindergarten sean exitosas para los niños y las familias. Estos recursos ofrecen estrategias para que los programas de cuidado y educación infantil y las escuelas primarias en Colorado implementen y fomenten transiciones fluidas al kindergarten.

Nos complace compartir las versiones en español de los siguientes documentos:

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