




Washington State Migrant Education Program  
**Migrant Student Data and Recruitment Office**  
*"Touching the Lives of Migrant Families"*

April 12, 2010

TO: Title I Migrant Education Federal Programs Directors

FROM:  Lionel G. Campos, MSDR Director

RE: 2010 Statewide MSDR Conference

The **Statewide MSDR Conference is scheduled for August 12-13, 2010, at the Yakima Convention Center, Yakima.** The theme of the conference is **"Building Great Futures Together"**.

The Migrant Student Data and Recruitment (MSDR) office, working in collaboration with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Washington State Migrant Education Program Regional offices will offer the following four training/workshop strands as described below:

**Strand 1 – Federal Programs Directors, Records Clerks and Home Visitors:**

During the workshops, Federal Programs Directors (FPDs) will be provided with training that continues to build effective programs for migrant students and their families. Records Clerk (RC) participants will learn about the newest MSIS enhancements and current, up to date reports. A review of the collection and reporting of migrant student data will also take place. Home Visitor (HV) staff will focus on eligibility requirements and active identification and recruitment practices of migrant students.

**Strand 2 – Advocates/Migrant Graduation Specialists:**

**This training strand is required of all newly funded Advocates or Migrant Graduation Specialists.** Advocates and Migrant Graduation Specialists (MGSs) will participate in workshops designed to enhance their ability to serve migrant students in a focused model to help migrant students reach their full potential.

**Strand 3 – Paraeducators – Aspire Training:**

OSPI is sponsoring Aspire Training for non-home visitor or records clerk paraeducator staff who wish to strengthen their skills in providing effective instructional support in the classroom. The focus of this two-day workshop will be to learn several practical and flexible strategies that help ESL migrant students learn academic content and build their English language.

**Strand 4 – Migrant Parent Forum (Thursday, August 12, 2010 Only):**

OSPI is also hosting a migrant parent forum. Participating migrant parents have an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the Title I, Part C, Migrant Education Program state goals and requirements, in turn, the program will expand its knowledge about what is important to migrant parents in regards to their child's education as gleaned through their perspectives and experiences.

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Joining in this collaborative spirit, the keynote speakers for our conference will be Lisa Ramirez, Director of the Office of Migrant Education and Helen Malagon, Interim Director, Washington State Migrant Education Program. This conference offers a range of educational opportunities, provides the time to explore, network, and discover the tools that will work best for you in order to ***Build Great Futures Together***. Building great futures for the migrant students we serve and for those of us working within the Migrant Education Program.

The conference is also a time to acknowledge a federal programs director, records clerk and home visitor for his/her dedication to the education of migrant children and their efforts in advocating for migrant families. Awards in these categories and MEP staff that have served for more than five years and are leaving the migrant program will also be presented during the closing luncheon. We urge you to nominate an outstanding FPD, RC, and HV by filling out the enclosed nomination form.

A conference flyer is also enclosed that provides a tentative schedule to give you an overview of the conference and a list of nearby hotels to assist you with your plans to attend.

There is no registration fee; however, you are required to register. Registration is only available online through the MSDR website: **[www.msdr.org](http://www.msdr.org)**. You may also find the latest conference updates and highlights there.

Should you have any questions regarding the Statewide MSDR Conference, please do not hesitate to contact MSDR at 800-274-6084.

We hope you make plans to join us.

Enclosures

cc: Records Clerk / Home Visitor