

Strategies • Opportunities • Services for Out-of-School Youth

SOSOSY







"Dropping out is quitting on yourself, it's quitting on your country, and it is not an option—not anymore. Not when our high school dropout rate has tripled in the past thirty years. Not when high school dropouts earn about half as much as college graduates. And not when Latino students are dropping out faster than just about anyone else. It is time for all of us, no matter what our backgrounds, to come together and solve this epidemic."

-President Obama

"I went back to school for a better future. At first I didn't want to go because it was hard with a baby. But then I thought about the baby, and I wanted to give her a better life so I went back. I wanted to quit so bad and I had to work and I had to fix dinner. But I had one teacher who put a lot of trust in me. I thank God I listened to the teacher who kept pushing me and pushing me."

-Recovered out-of-school youth

"When I started falling behind they helped me with the PASS program to get my credits. They got me in a program at the community college that will help me get my diploma from my high school, and I will get college credits so I'm not behind everyone else."

-Recovered out-of-school youth

Migrant Education Program requirements <u>mandate</u> that youth up to age 22 be served, including those not enrolled in school... OSY continue to be one of the fastest growing subgroups within the MEP as well as the one least served. Policies are urgently needed to extend opportunities to out-of-school migrant youth who wish to continue their education as well as to develop service delivery models for states to assist them in meeting the instructional and support services needs for those OSY who are here-to-work.

Improving educational access and connecting them to much needed support services for both groups of OSY migrant youth – the *here-to-work* youth and the *drop-out* -- will require the leadership of OME and the coordinated initiatives of state, local and school district educational agencies."

- Success in Secondary School and Access to Postsecondary Education for Migrant Students: A Policy Brief.

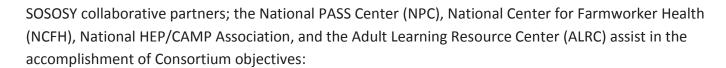
The Strategies Opportunities Services for Out-of-School Youth Consortium Incentive Grant includes the 20 states of Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont and Wisconsin. It also includes seven partner states of Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, Montana and Washington.

SOSOSY Consortium Goals

The goal of the *SOSOSY* consortium is to increase State and staff capability to provide services to OYS based on a review of research and best practices to improve the educational attainment of migratory out-of-school youth whose education is interrupted.

SOSOSY will accomplish this goal through a coordinated effort across Consortium States to ensure maximum adaptability to State and local needs and resources. SOSOSY will address the following objectives:

- Increase the capacity to deliver services
- Increase the number of OSY served
- Increase the number of OSY who demonstrate gains between pre and post assessments



"[The MEP] called around and found a program that would work for me. The program gives you options for when you can go (morning or afternoon). The program is everyday but it's easier than regular school. The program cares more than regular teachers do. They make sure you can get to class and have ways to get your work done."

-Recovered out-of-school youth



"[The tutor] asked me what I wanted to learn. I told him I want to learn sentences. He asks me every week what I want to learn and we do that the next week. We practice questions and answers about work and going to the store or just talking with people."

-English language learner

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Strategies, Opportunities, and Services for Out-of-School Youth (SOSOSY) OSY STUDENT PROFILE

Date:	MEP Project Region:						COE# or MEP ID:						
Name:				□Male	□F€	emale	Age:						
Address/Camp: Phone:			0	ptiona	I: How	long is	youth pla	nning on	being in	the area	?		
Has access to transportation: □Yes □No	Last grade at (Check)	Last grade attended? (Check)			When? Where?								
English oral language proficiency See No	□ 2 nd grade/segu	ndo de primaria	□ 8 th grad	□ 7 th grade/primero de secundaria □ 8 th grade/segundo de secundaria									
Home language: □English □Spanish □Other:	□ 4" grade/cuarte □ 5 th grade/quinte	□ 3 rd grade/tercero de primaria □ 4 th grade/cuarto de primaria □ 5 th grade/quinto de primaria □ 6 th grade/sexto de primaria			9 th grade/tercero de secundaria 10 th grade/primer y segundo semestres de preparatoria (Bachillerato) 11th grade/tercer y cuarto semestres de preparatoria (Bachillerato) 12th grade/quinto y sexto semestres de preparatoria (Bachillerato)								
Health needs: □Medical □Vision □Other:	on □Dental □U	rgent	Advocacy Needs: □Legal □Childcare □Translation/Interpretation □Other:										
Youth lives: □With a crew □With friends outside of work □With his/her parents/family □With spouse & kids □With kids □Alone				Reason for leaving school: □Lacking credits □Needed to work □Missed State test □Other:									
Expressed interests in:			Availal	bility:	Check)							
□Learning English □Job training					Sun	М	Т	w	Th	F	Sat		
□GED □Earning a diploma			Morn	ning									
□Not sure □No interests			Afterno	oon									
□Other:			Even	ning									
At interview, youth received: □Educational materials □Support services □OSY welcome bag □Referral(s) (list in comments) □Other:	onal materials services clome bag (s) (list in comments)			Youth is a candidate for: □HS diploma □Health education □Life sk □Pre GED/GED □Job training □PASS □HEP □Career exploration □MP3 p □Adult Basic Education □ESL □CAMP □Other:						S player			
Comments:													

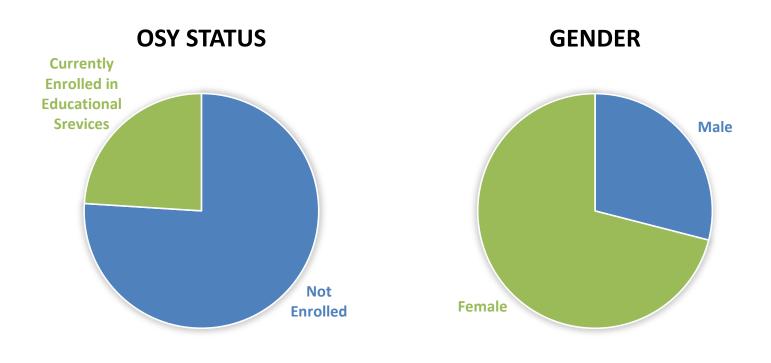
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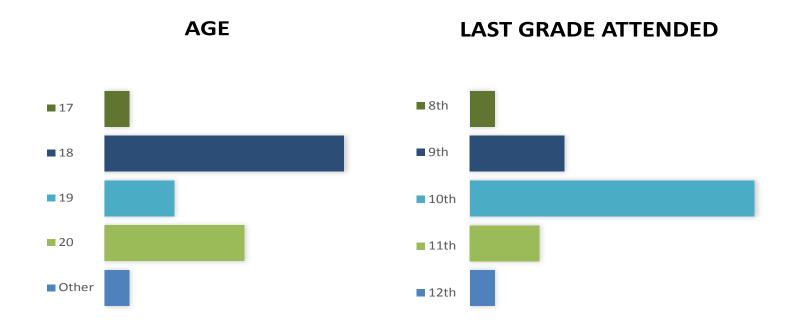
Strategies, Opportunities, and Services for OSY (SOSOSY) TRACKING FORM*

Date	Completed by	
Site	Phone	FAX

	Out-of-School Youth Name	Last Grade Attended		Received Instructional Service					Received Support Service				Gain of 20% Between Pre- and Post-Assessment?			
			Pre- GED	GED	H.S. Diploma	Life Skills/ ML	ESL	CGD	Other **	MAT	NUTR/ Health	T/I	TRSP	Other **	Yes	No
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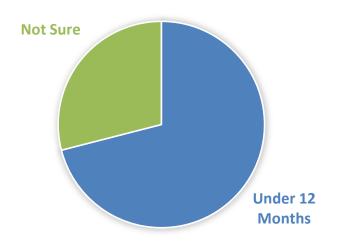
The following charts are based on the compilation of OSY data profile/surveys given to Wisconsin OSY. These OSY were asked detailed questions about their background, education goals and needs. This data provides a sample of what can be discovered through the use of the profile.

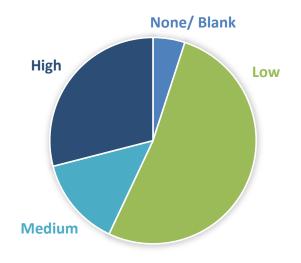




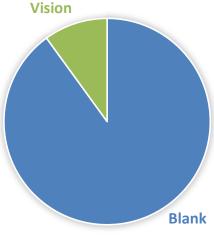
ESTIMATED TIME YOUTH IS PLANNING TO SPEND IN AREA

SELF-REPORTED ENGLISH ORAL PROFICIENCY





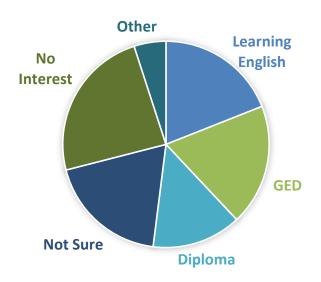
HEALTH NEEDS



HOME LANGUAGE

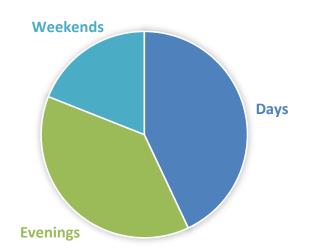
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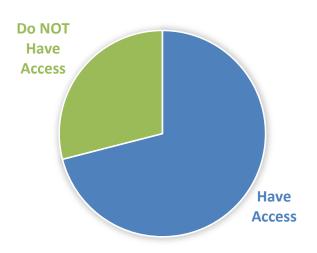
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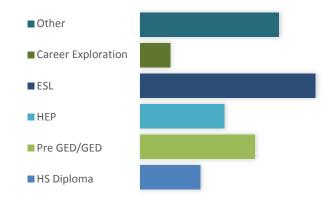
AVAILABILITY OF OSY

ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION

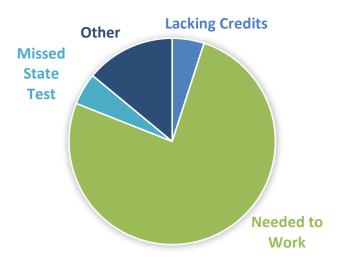




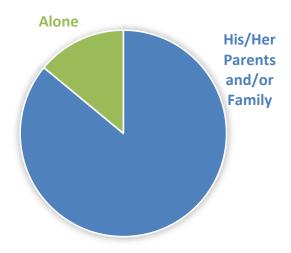
OSY IS A CANDIDATE FOR



REASON FOR LEAVING SCHOOL



HOUSING: YOUTH LIVES WITH





Reporting Period: Please provide your state OSY profile data for the period of 9/1/11 to 8/31/12.

State	TST Representative/Reporter	Phone Number	E-mail Address	Data Reported as
	Myrna M. Toney	608 266-2690	Myrna.toney@dpi.wi.gov	□ XAggregate
WI				□ Snapshot

Please provide the following data in aggregate numbers for your state's OSY population based upon the OSY profiles collected in your state.

Number of Out of School Youth	Gender	Age 0 16 years	Last Grade Attended	
	6 Male	1 17 years	2 nd grade	1_ 8 th grade
5 Recovery	15Female	10 18 years	3rd grade	4_ 9 th grade
16 Here-to-		3_ 19 years	4 th grade	12_10 th grade
Work		6 20 years	5 th grade	3_11 th grade
VVOIK				
		1_Other (Please list)	6 th grade 7 th grade	1_12 th grade
Estimated time sper	nt by youth in the	Self-reported English Oral Pro	Comments:	
		6 High		
15 Under 12 mg	onths	3 Medium		
0 Permanent		11 Low		
6 Not sure		1_ None		
Home Language: Pl		Health Needs		Comments:
numbers of OSY spe		0 Madical		
Spanish, and other	ianguages.	_0 Medical		
		_2 Vision		
6 English		0 Dental		
15Spanish		0 Urgent		
0_Other (Please	e list)	0 Other (Please list)		
OSY Expressed Inter	rest in:	Availability of OSY		Comments:
4_ Learning Engl	lish	_9 Days		
0Job Training		8 Evenings		
4_ GED		4 Weekends		
3_ Earning a dipl	oma	0_ Other (Please list)		
4 Not sure		` ` '		
5 No interests				
1_ Other (Please	list)			
Access to Transport	ation	Reasons for Leaving School		Comments:
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	f OSY who have 6	1_ Lacking credits		
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	of OSY who do	1_Missed state test		
not have access to	o transportation	3_ Other (Please list		
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		To get married		
Housing: The number	er of USY who live	List the number of OSY who a	re candidates for:	Comments:
with:		0 110 45-1		
		2 HS diploma		
0 A crew		4 Pre GED/GED		
0_ Friends outsid		3 HEP		
18 His/her parer	nts/family	Adult Basic Education		
His/her spouse		6_ ESL		
Children		CAMP		
3 Alone		Health Education		
		Job Training		
		1_ Career Exploration		
		Life Skills		
		PASS		
		MP3 Players	-4	
		5 Other (Please list) not in	iterestea- work must	
		be a priority		

Instructional Materials on SOSOSY Website

The following materials have been collected, reviewed and submitted by the SOSOSY Technical Support Team (TST) to share as resources through the SOSOSY Website.

SOSOSY Education Resource Rubric

The Educational Resource rubric outlines the SOSOSY curriculum and other resources in a user-friendly format that is organized by the following descriptors:

- Intended audience
- English language assessment
- Areas of focus
- Type of material
- Language (English/Spanish/both)
- Cost/ Reproduction

SOSOSY New Mini Lessons (11/29/12)

• Legal Rights Mini-Lessons

A series of three mini-lessons intended/designed/provided to increase the knowledge of migrant farmworkers regarding basic legal rights in the United States. The mini-lessons are similar in design and format to the mini-health lessons, including a student lesson plan, teacher lesson plan, practice dialogues, new vocabulary, student activity, pre and post assessment, and student handouts. The legal lessons were developed by the Illinois Migrant Council and the Illinois Migrant Legal Assistance Program. Lessons address:

- My Basic Rights
- Right to Be Paid

Housing Rights

• Parenting Mini-Lessons

Parenting mini-lessons is intended/designed/provided to increase the knowledge of those who are about to be parents or who are parents regarding the responsibilities of starting and nurturing a family. The mini-lessons are similar in design and format to the mini-health lessons. The parent lessons were developed primarily by the Washington Migrant Education Program in conjunction with the National PASS Center. Topics include such issues as pre-natal care, child safety, keeping your child healthy, etc. The lessons address:

Taking Care of Yourself During Pregnancy

• A Healthy House Mini-Lessons

The healthy house mini-lessons are intended/designed/provided to increase the awareness and knowledge of those maintaining a household regarding cleanliness. The mini-lessons follow the same format as the legal and parenting lessons. The lessons were developed by the National Center for Farmworker Health in collaboration with the Geneseo Migrant Center. Lessons address:

- Insect and Rodent Control: Keeping Them Out
- The Refrigerator and Your Health

• Vermont Mini Lessons (8/22/2011)

- Form Filling Assessment Worksheet
- SOSOSY Basic Calendar Skills
- SOSOSY Filling Out a Form
- SOSOSY Giving Directions
- SOSOSY Leaving a Voicemail
- SOSOSY Map Lessons

For Your Health/ Para Tu Salud

Developed collaboratively by the National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH) and the BOCES Geneseo Migrant Center, is a series of bilingual mini-lessons designed to increase the health knowledge of OSY through information about prevalent health issues. The materials consist of bilingual instructional packets that include teaching plans, an introductory lesson, guided practice, useful vocabulary, practice dialogues, and pre/post tests. The mini-lessons' non-sequential format lends itself to the limited time and intermittent attendance of the students.

- A Visit to the Doctor
- A Healthy Mouth
- Let us Learn about HIV/AIDS
- Can I Get Sick from the Heat?
- Protect Your Back While Working
- What Do I Do if I Get an Insect Bite

- Wash Your Hands and Get Rid of Germs
- Nicotine and Your Health
- What is an STD?
- The Basics of Birth Control Methods
- What You Need to Know About Pesticides

The Finanza Toolbox

The Finanza Toolbox is designed to increase the financial knowledge of migrant farmworkers through introduction to eight financial education topics and useful money management practices. Developed for use with children, teens, out-of-school youth and adults, Finanza provides an instructional package that includes bilingual lesson topics, teaching plans, student surveys, and practice activities. The mini-lesson, non-sequential format is particularly adaptable for instructional needs when time is limited or attendance is intermittent. As a product supported by a grant from the New York State Banking Department, these materials are not copyrighted, and can be reproduced without permission.

English for Living and Working

- English for Working and Living Curriculum Workbook, Vermont
- Teachers Guide for English Working and Living Vermont
- Problem Posing ESL for Migrant Farm Workers in Vermont

Addresses the need for ESL materials that are directly relevant to farmworkers' life experiences and day-to-day problems. The dialogues use problem-posing ESL strategies adapted from The Pedagogy of the Oppressed by the Brazilian adult educator, Paulo Freire. Each dialogue in this booklet is a code, a realistic and relevant representation of the context and content within which students experience problems and face challenges. This booklet is not copyrighted and can be reproduced without permission.

- The Migrant ESL Resource Booklet, developed by the University of Michigan English Language Institute, is intended to be a bilingual resource for teachers and tutors of English as a second language to migrant farmworkers in the USA. The lesson plans were selected from among the institute's most successful topics and activities; it is not a student book per se, but many pages can be used directly with students. This booklet is not copyrighted and can be reproduced without permission.
- *English in Minutes*, was created by the Tennessee Opportunity Programs (TOPS) to help Spanish speakers learn English. There are five books in the series. They are based on complete conversations of survival English. They contain the phrase in Spanish, English and the phonetics for Spanish speakers to pronounce the phrase correctly. Each book has an accompanying audio CD. These materials are copyrighted and must be purchased.
- **2008 ELL Lesson Plans**, developed by the Tennessee Migrant Education Program (MEP). This manual contains a series of lesson plans targeting the needs, interests and language proficiency of beginning-level adult English Language Learners (ELLs). Within these user-friendly lesson plans, ESL teachers are directed to various on-line resources supporting Life Skills topics such as understanding directions, reading maps, exercise and diet, emergency information, a visit to WalMart, getting a job, etc. These materials are not copyrighted and can be reproduced without permission.
- Living in America is designed to the needs, interests and language proficiency of beginning-level adult English Language Learners (ELLs). The curriculum, consisting of thirty (30) instructional packets, was primarily for migrant farmworkers, but addresses the needs of all ELLs who have limited literacy and oral skills. The curriculum provides the framework for successful learning, with concise, easy-to-follow directions and a selection of topics that are relevant to the situations and tasks encountered by newly arrived adults. Civic-based lessons, paired with life skills lessons, provide learners with an awareness of the principles and laws that are part of life in the United States. The curriculum developers coined the term "social civics" to account for situations where a particular behavior is inappropriate, but not illegal. The two-lesson packets are non-sequential with each lesson providing approximately 12-180 minutes of instruction. The four to six hours of instruction per packet may be divided flexibly to meet the learner's needs and time requirements. This curriculum is copyrighted and must be purchased.

Math

- *Math on the Move (MOM)*, developed by the Geneseo Migrant Center, is a series of Pre-GED math lessons geared to out-of-school youth (adult oriented). MOM consists of 24 lessons, in either English or Spanish, which are designed to be used as stand-alone segments to address a particular skill area, although each builds upon assumed knowledge addressed in prior lessons. These materials are not copyrighted, and can be reproduced without permission.
- Math for Living: Ten stand-alone lessons in English and Spanish are designed to improve financial literacy and life skills with examples, practice problems, and vocabulary relating to work, smart shopping, and budgets, as well as information on obtaining the resources for college. Created for use in the MASTERS (Mathematics Achievement and Success Through Engagement in Resources for Migrant Students) Consortium Incentive Grant project, the lessons are non-sequential and written at a middle school reading level. Activities reinforce basic math skills while teaching practical concepts that apply to both everyday life and successful careers.

Reading

• Reading on the Move is a series of stand-alone lessons, written at a 3rd – 5th grade reading level, geared toward out-of-school youth (adult oriented) to introduce or strengthen basic reading skills. Activities throughout the lessons emphasize proven, research-based, teaching strategies, including active student involvement, consideration of the student's background, establishment of a relationship between the author and the student, linkage of reading and writing skills, and presentation of vocabulary in context. Also included in the lessons are basic study skills and practice using reference materials. An assessment, which may be used to measure student mastery of the content, is provided for each lesson.

Other

- *Bilingual Tip Sheets*, also developed by the Geneseo Migrant Center, is a new series of fifty (50) bilingual Clip Sheets developed around the following topical areas: Careers, Opportunities, Health, Looking for a Job and Survival Skills. These Clip Sheets were developed with Out-of-School Youth in mind. These materials are not copyrighted, and can be reproduced without permission.
- **Looking for a Job Sheets** is a series of bilingual sheets designed to assist a youth in obtaining and keeping a job. Included are vital basics such as: approaches to job-hunting and employers, filling out applications, identifying work qualities/skills, interviewing skills, contacting references, writing a resume, and keeping a job.
- *Taming the TV Monster* is a workshop/lesson designed to provide migrant farmworker parents, guardians, and other caregivers with the information necessary to determine how much television viewing and what kind of television programming is appropriate for their children, to understand the pros and cons of children watching television, and to learn how to monitor and manage television viewing in their home.

Technology Resources

- **SOSOSY Audio Index**, An index has been prepared that lists the audio enhancements with their corresponding written material. The audio index contains the following breakdown by topic of the lessons included in the following publications:
 - Ingles de sobrevivencia (Survival English 1)
 - Ingles de sobrevivencia (Survival English 2)
 - Guía Bilíngue Inglés-Español, Libro 1 (Bilingual English-Spanish Guide, Book 1)
 - Guía Bilíngue Inglés-Español, Libro 2 (Bilingual English-Spanish Guide, Book 2)
 - Español/Inglés Nivel 1 (Spanish/English Level 1)
 - Español/Inglés Nivel 2 (Spanish/English Level 2)
- Youth Video Project: Digital media is an essential communication tool for today's YouTube generation. Digital media can enhance the learning process, engage the uninterested student and encourage students to write, perform, edit, and apply their visual creativity to the development of a video with a meaningful message. A demonstration video plus "How To" video have been developed to provide a brief introduction to basic cinematic techniques by an experienced videographer to assist students to plan, record, and edit their own short film. These video productions were prepared by the Illinois Migrant Council.

- **MP3 Audio Files Information**, MP3 audio files, for use on computers and MP3 Players and created for secondary-aged migrant out-of-school youth (OSY) by consortium member states, are accessible through the SOSOSY website.
 - The Living in America audio enhancements have been developed by SOSOSY's collaborative partner, the Adult Learning Resource Center (ALRC). The audio files are 10 to 15-minute supplements for each identified *Living in America* (LIA) Unit, divided into Lessons A and B. The supplements will be appropriate for both the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS) Levels 2 and 3 (Low Beginning and High Beginning ESL). The following MP3 audio files accompany the *Living in America* curriculum series and are available through the *SOSOSY* website:
 - Using Money
 - o Going to the Store
 - Navigating the Community
 - Understanding Families
 - Using the Phone
 - **For Your Health** was developed as a supplement to A Visit to the Doctor, part of *the For Your Health* curriculum series. The lesson activities move from simple repetition of key words and phrases to more linguistically and cognitively challenging tasks such as listening for key words and new information within authentic conversations.

Academic and Career Readiness Skills (ACReS), April 2013, was developed and translated by the National PASS Center & graphically enhanced and edited by Fort Scott Community College (FSCC). ACReS was created to engage migrant youth in an academic course for developing or improving both the critical thinking and life skills that will allow them to be successful in a formal educational environment or advance in their careers. There are six units with lessons that are written at a fourth grade reading level with consideration given to nonnative English speakers.

- Unit 1: Read, Write, Now (Basic Literacy)
- Unit 2: Two Plus You (Basic Math Review)
- Unit 3: Reading for Fun and Understanding
- Unit 4: Financial Literacy
- Unit 5: Life Skills
- Unit 6: Degrees Open Doors to Success

I used to think, "Why do I need a high school diploma? I live with my husband and we can just work, and I don't need high school." Then the [migrant tutor] helped me understand that if I get my high school degree, then even if I'm not married I could get a nice job. You can find a better job with a diploma than without.

-Recovered out-of-school youth



Instructional Services Offered

Adult Basic Education Study Program	High School Equivalency Program (HEP)
Balanced Literacy	Home Visits
Basic Math	Human Rights Watch Education Program
Basic Literacy	iPods/instruction-cognate book with CD
Bilingual GED classes	iPods/MP3 ESL
Career awareness instruction	Language Arts
College Preparation	Leadership Development
Computer literacy/instruction	Lessons that specifically target needs,
	such as domestic violence
Consumer and citizenship instruction	Life Skills Lessons
Counseling for re-enrollment in school	Living in America Curriculum
Creating high school graduation plans	Math Instruction
Credit accrual and recovery	Mini-lessons on hygiene and health
English Immersion	Mini-lessons on legal rights
Enrollment in Alternative Ed courses	Organic Farming Classes
E-Plaza	Out-of-State TAKS Testing
ESL	Portable Assisted Study Program (PASS)
Evening secondary classes	Photography/documentary projects
Exploration of job opportunities	Reading Instruction
Face-to-face Instructional Materials	READY (Resources in Education and
	Development for Youth
Family Literacy	Resume Writing
Field Trips	Science Instruction
Financial Literacy	Social Studies Instruction
GED classes/tutoring and Pre-GED	Summer School
Goal Setting	Tutoring
GRASP	Vocational/Career Education
Health and nutrition Education	Youth Advisory Council Development

Supportive Services Offered

Adolescent activities	Nutrition
Access to local clinics	OSY Summer Bags/sessions
Advocacy	Parent Education
Books	Parent Involvement
Clothing	Poison Prevention
Counseling for re-enrollment in school	PT Assessment
Dictionary development (Tzeltal/	Preparation of support letters
Spanish/English)	
Family support	Referrals to legal aid
Guidance/Counseling	Referrals to educational (GED/EDL)
	programs in sending states
Health, dental and eye care	Referrals to health providers and food
	banks
Health fairs; health packets	Safety booklet focusing on health
	choices/driving while intoxicated
Home visit/outreach	School Supplies
Homeless services	Social work, outreach or advocacy
Immigration/legal issues	Translation
Interpretation	Transportation
Leadership	Welcome Kits
Legal aid information	Work Experience
Life Skills	WOW/GAIN
Material assistance, clothing, equipment	
and furniture	
Health fairs; health packets Home visit/outreach Homeless services Immigration/legal issues Interpretation Leadership Legal aid information Life Skills Material assistance, clothing, equipment	Referrals to health providers and food banks Safety booklet focusing on health choices/driving while intoxicated School Supplies Social work, outreach or advocacy Translation Transportation Welcome Kits Work Experience



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