

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FIELD INSTRUCTION (WIFI) No. 05-11

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TO: Labor Exchange Administrators (LEAs)
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Directors
Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL) and WIA Staff

SUBJECT: Migrant & Seasonal Farmworker (MSFW) Identification and Data Collection through the Maryland Workforce Exchange Virtual One Stop (MWE-VOS) and ETA 5148 Services to Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Report

REFERENCES: 20 CFR Part 653.109, Data Collection and Services/Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Indicators of Compliance (MIC) Report

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Federal regulations require all State Workforce Agencies (SWA) to provide Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFWs) with services that are qualitatively equivalent and quantitatively proportionate to the services provided to non-MSFWs. This information is gathered through the Maryland Workforce Exchange Virtual One Stop (MWE-VOS) and reported by the Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers Indicators of Compliance. This information is then provided in the report "ETA 5148 Services to Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers," which is submitted quarterly to the United States Department of Labor (USDOL). Federal regulations require timely submission of these quarterly reports.

The identification of a participant who qualifies as an MSFW is defined in 20 CFR Part 500 Reg. 651 as one of the following:

Seasonal Farmworker - a person who during the preceding 12 months worked at least an aggregate of 25 or more days or parts of days in which some work was performed in farmwork, earned at least half of his/her earned income from farmwork, and was not employed in farmwork year-round by the same employer.

Migrant Farmworker - a seasonal farmworker who had to travel to do the farmwork so that he/she was unable to return to his/her permanent residence within the same date.

Food Processing Farmworker - a person who during the preceding 12 months has worked at least an aggregate of 25 or more days or parts of days in which some work was performed in food processing, (as classified in the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) definitions 3116, 311421, 311941 and 311411 for food processing establishments), earned at least half of his/her earned income from processing work and was not employed in food processing year-round by the same employer, provided that the food processing required travel such that the worker was unable to return to his/her permanent residence in the same day.

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As the MWE-VOS system picks up all and any participants who self-identify as MSFW for federal reporting purposes, this can cause the State to appear to be out of compliance with the regulations.

**ACTION TO
BE TAKEN:**

To verify MSFWs are properly recorded in MWE-VOS and comply with the regulations, the local areas must conduct appropriate searches in MWE-VOS. There are a couple of ways a search can be conducted for three (3) MSFW types. The first is by selecting "Detail Reports," "Registered Individuals," and "List". The second is to search by selecting "Manage Individuals," "Assist Individuals," "More Search Options," "Assigned LWIA/One Stop," "Additional Characteristics" and "Activity/Service Criteria."

It is advisable to select one MSFW type at a time. This will create a list of names of persons, including those who have self-identified as MSFWs. Self-identified enrollees must be verified as to whether they meet the definition of an MSFW. Enrollees who meet the definition must be made program eligible for the generic MSFW program, contacted, and offered appropriate services. Staff-assisted services must be recorded and attached to the generic program application. A crosswalk chart of appropriate services that are captured in the Migrant Indicators of Compliance Report accompanies this WIFI.

The enrollees who do not meet the definition must have their enrollment information modified by staff under "General Information," under "Personal Profile," and at the "Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Information" section.

Local areas must review MSFW enrollments which currently can be found in MWE-VOS. This review should include PY2010 enrollments. Regular searches should be conducted, on a weekly basis during peak season especially, to insure that verified MSFWs are offered staff-assisted services in a timely manner.

ETA 5148 Services to Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers is the required federal reporting form on which Labor Exchanger Administrators report local services to the State Monitor Advocate. The State Monitor Advocate reviews and consolidates local reports into a state report which is submitted the USDOL Regional Monitor Advocate. Labor Exchange Administrators are required to submit their complete ETA 5148 local report to the State Monitor Advocate by the tenth (10th) day after the last day of the reporting quarter.

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Attachment

Migrant Indicators of Compliance	Service Code	Service Title	ServiceLevelCD	VOS Code
1. Referral to Jobs	004	Self Referral to a Job	SYSTEM_GENERATED_SERVICES	500
	041	Referral to Employment	STAFF_ASSISTED	006
2. Staff Assisted Services	020	Job Search Activity	STAFF_ASSISTED	161
	021	Job Search Workshop	STAFF_ASSISTED	132
	024	Job Order Search With Local OfficeContact	STAFF_ASSISTED	133
	029	Referral to WIA Services	STAFF_ASSISTED	211
	032	Referral to Federal Training	STAFF_ASSISTED_CORE_SIG_INVOLVEMENT	208
	036	Job Search and Placement Assistance, including Career Counseling and Guidance	STAFF_ASSISTED	125
	041	Referral to Employment Group Counseling or	STAFF_ASSISTED	006
	049	Guidance (WP)	STAFF_ASSISTED	150
	050	Individual Counseling, Guidance and Career Planning (WP)	STAFF_ASSISTED	151
		Completed TAP	STAFF_ASSISTED	111
	236	Veteran Workforce Investment Program	INTENSIVE	227
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	272	Referral to Apprenticeship and Training Opportunities	STAFF_ASSISTED	206
	273	Employment Eligibility Verification	STAFF_ASSISTED	147
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296	Development	STAFF_ASSISTED	172
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297	federal probationer	STAFF_ASSISTED	174
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298	Security	Training	329
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290	(MESP)	Training	317
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	and/or Received Case		
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	Allowance		
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028	Referral to Support Services		185
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030	Rehabilitation		136
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4. Career Guidance	036	Job Search and Placement Assistance, including Career Counseling and Guidance	STAFF_ASSISTED	125
	049	Group Counseling or Guidance (WP)	STAFF_ASSISTED	150
	050	Individual Counseling, Guidance and Career Planning (WP)	STAFF_ASSISTED	151
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