

FROM PARENTS: TO PARENTS

I would tell other parents to dedicate time every day to talk with their children and know how they are doing in school. Tell them they will always have our unconditional support.

My goal is to be able to support my daughters in the best way I can, so they can get ahead and not have to work as hard as I do.

***Note:** The “FROM PARENTS: TO PARENTS” comments in this handout were pulled from the chat box at the virtual Fall 2024 Statewide Parent Advisory Council meetings and from the 2024 applications for the Fruits of Labor Parent Leadership Award.



New York State Migrant Education Program

PARENT and FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Parents are important.

A trained recruiter interviews families to determine if their move to a new school district and agricultural work fit the criteria for the program. The Migrant Education Program (MEP) provides a variety of educational services to eligible families.



In addition, the MEP Program is required to provide parent** engagement support. This handout highlights the most important parts of the MEP Program’s statewide plan for supporting parent engagement.

****Note:** The word “PARENT” is intended to include a legal guardian or other person standing in the place of a parent (such as a grandparent or stepparent that the child lives with, or a person who is legally responsible for the child’s welfare).

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I want to thank my child's teacher for always being there, supporting and informing. That is very significant for us.

With the workshops that the program has given, I have learned to be a better father and to be able to help my children in school. I also meet other parents at these meetings.

I would like to attend the parent meetings, if they give me permission to leave work early.

Parents are the first teachers for their children.

Parents have many strengths and experiences they can use to be involved in their children's education. The MEP Program supports parents with additional information and resources.

Parents can ...



Ask their child's tutor for information.



Join parent meetings and family events.



Visit our website, starting with the Parent and Family Library.

<https://www.nysmigrant.org/resources/familylibrary>

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I like to participate and learn from the topics that are presented at the meetings. I like giving my opinion on the topics.

I was very timid and would never have thought of myself as a leader, but now I know that a leader is someone who learns and is able to pass on that knowledge to others.

The experience was enriching because we were able to share our experiences and interact with the Program Coordinators and with other parents.

Parents are the experts about what their children need to succeed.

Tutors from the Regional Program Centers ask parents for advice so you can work together as a team for your child's success. They ask questions such as

- *What is your child interested in?*
- *What does your child need help with?*



The MEP Program invites parents to be on the Parent Advisory Council* and asks them for their advice about how to improve the MEP Program. Asking questions such as

- *Do you have suggestions about how to make this program better for your child?*



***Note:** Each Regional Program Center in the MEP Program has a Parent Advisory Council, and there is also a Parent Advisory Council at the statewide level.

More Parent Resources on the New York State MEP Website

PICK A COUNTY AND FIND THE PROGRAM CENTER SERVING THE FAMILIES LIVING THERE

In New York State, the MEP Program has 8 Regional Program Centers. The MEP website has a map with each region highlighted in a different color. <https://www.nysmigrant.org/map>

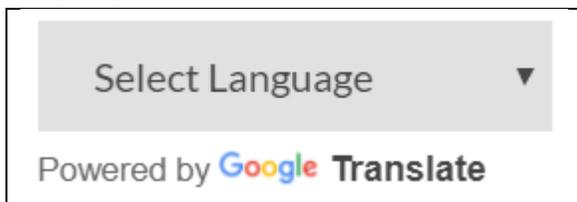


- Use the link or QR Code to go to the map on the website.
- Click on the county you are interested in.
- The website will take you to the contact information for the Program Center serving that county.



GOOGLE TRANSLATE IS AVAILABLE ON THE NEW YORK STATE MEP WEBSITE

The MEP Program's website is written mainly in English. It uses *Google Translate* to assist anyone who wants to read it in another language.



Google Translate is helpful, but it cannot translate everything on the website, and the MEP Program cannot guarantee the accuracy of every translation. Please check with your child's tutor if you have questions.

PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Use this link <https://www.nysmigrant.org/resources/familylibrary/parentsbillofrights> or QR Code to learn more about



- 1) Data privacy, security, and use of student data.
- 2) Programming for students learning English.
- 3) How to report a complaint about the MEP Program.

Note: This brochure was revised in consultation with the Statewide Parent Advisory Council in 2024-25.