

# Farmworkers in North Carolina



# North Carolina's Farmworkers

- Demographics
- Living and Working Conditions
- Access to Health Care



# Demographics

There are approximately **86, 581** farmworkers working in the state (155,846 if include dependents)

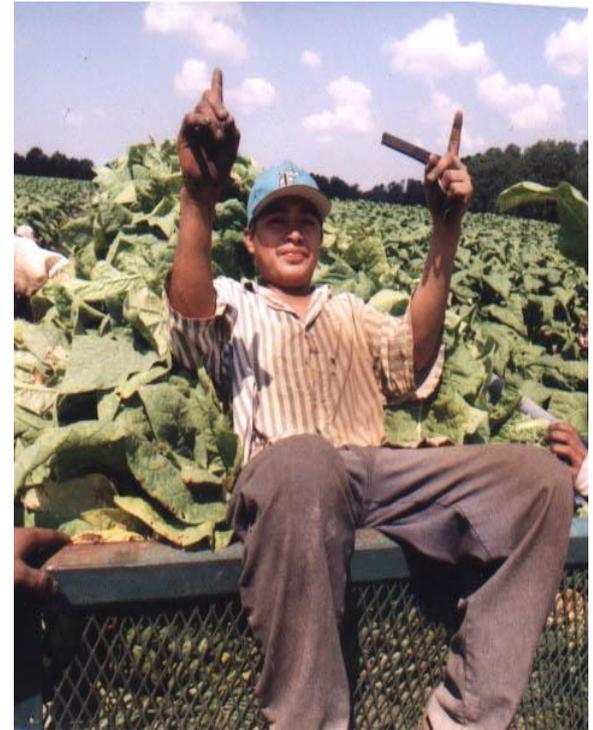
- 61,205 Migrant (9,895 of whom are H2A workers)
- 25,376 Seasonal

Employment Security Commission Estimate, 2009



# Demographics – A Snap Shot

- NCFHP served 11,133 farmworkers throughout NC in 2009
  - 94 % Latino
  - 68 % male
  - 90% needed interpretation services
  - 97% reported incomes at or below the federal poverty level (national average annual salary less than \$11,000 per year
  - 96% had no health insurance
  - Age
    - 12% under 18
    - 87% between 18 and 64
    - 1% age 65 and older



# Children in the Fields



# Living Conditions

- Farmworkers live in trailers, houses, barracks, shacks, and sometimes cars and tents
- Geographic and social isolation
- Substandard housing
  - Crowded
  - Structural problems
  - Lacking facilities and appliances
  - Vermin or rodent infestation











# Working Conditions

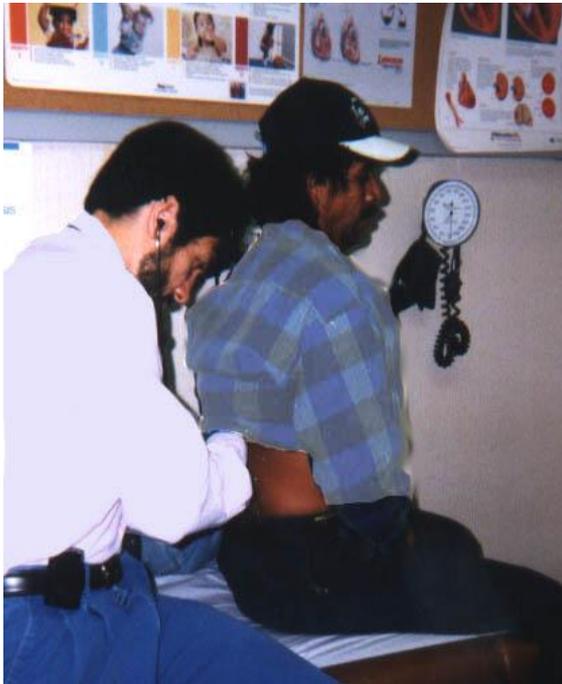
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- Occupational hazards
  - Pesticide exposure
  - Green Tobacco Sickness
  - Heat illness
  - Musculoskeletal strains and fractures
  - Dermatitis
  - Eye – Pterygium, trauma
  - Injuries
- Exposure to extreme heat and/or cold
- Long work hours, with few or no breaks
- Can experience lack of access to drinking water, bathroom facilities, hand washing facilities





# General Health Concerns



- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Oral Health
- Depression
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Sexually Transmitted Illnesses
- Tuberculosis

# Barriers to Care



- Language and cultural differences
- Unfamiliarity with services and health care system
- Lack of health insurance
- Lack of transportation
- Cost
- Limited or no access to phones
- Fear

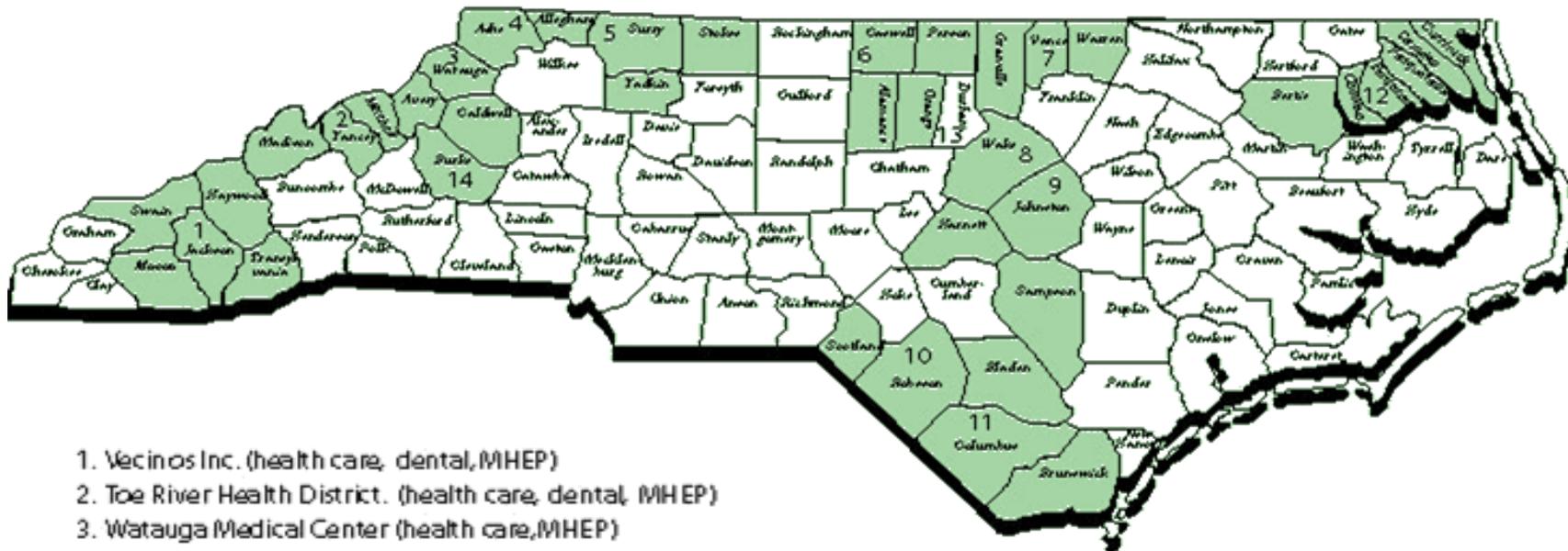
# NCFHP Enabling Services Model

Program specializes in addressing barriers to care by utilizing an enabling services “outreach” model

## **Outreach workers**

- Identify farmworkers
- Share clinic information
- Conduct health assessments
- Provide health education
- Provide case management
- Link farmworker families with medical, dental, specialty and/or and social need services
- Provide medical assessments and services (if clinical personnel)

# 2010-2011 NCFHP Health Care Contracts



1. Vecinos Inc. (health care, dental, MHEP)
2. Toe River Health District. (health care, dental, MHEP)
3. Watauga Medical Center (health care, MHEP)
4. Ashe Memorial Hospital (health care, MHEP)
5. Surry Co. Health and Nutrition Center (health care, MHEP)
6. Piedmont Health Services (health care, dental, MHEP)
7. Rural Health Group (healthcare, dental, MHEP)
8. Wake Co. Human Services (health care, dental, MHEP)
9. NC Farmworkers Project (health care, MHEP)
10. Robeson Health Care Corp. (health care, dental, MHEP)
11. Columbus Co. CHC (health care, MHEP)
12. Albemarle Hospital Association (healthcare, MHEP)
13. Student Action with Farm workers (alternative applicant)
14. Good Samaritan Clinic (special initiative, healthcare)

# Health Services Targeting MSFWs

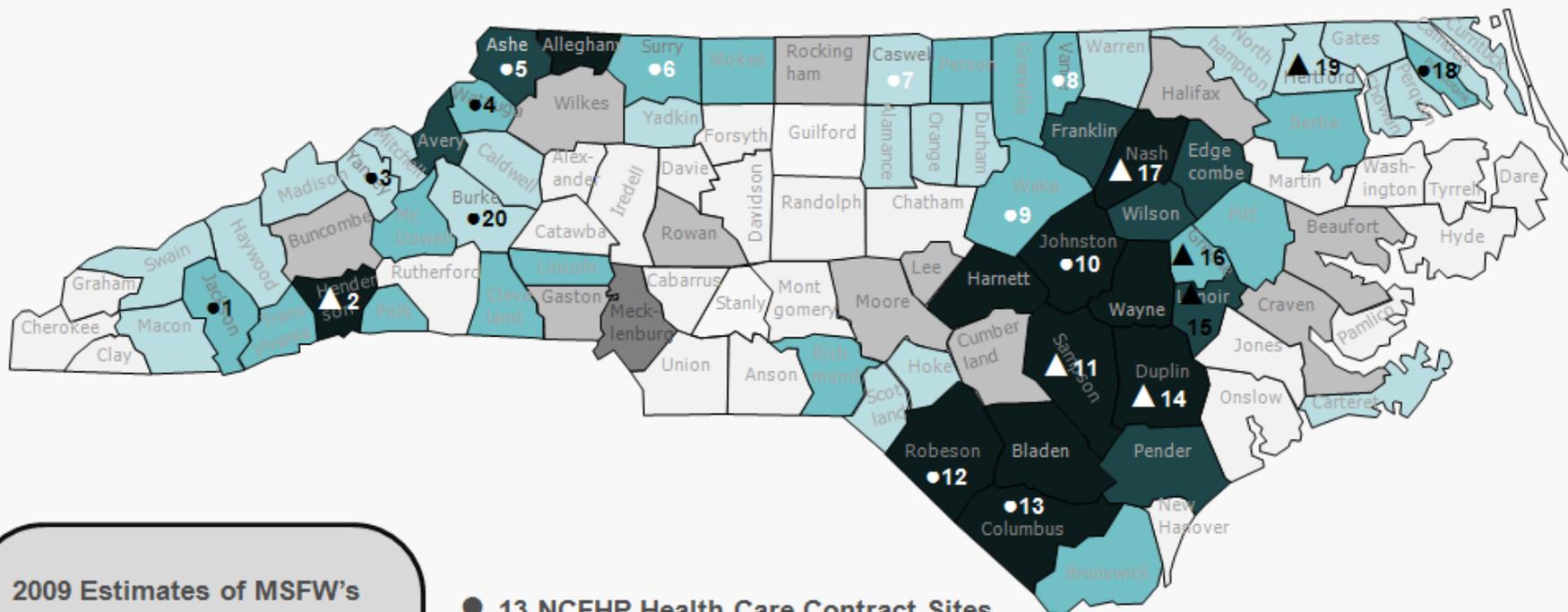
- 8 FQHCs receive 330g funding to serve migrant and seasonal farmworkers in NC
  - Blue Ridge Health Services
  - Carolina Family Health Centers, Inc.
  - CommWell Health (formerly Tri-County Community Health Council)
  - Goshen Medical Center
  - Greene County Health Care
  - Kinston County Community Health Care
  - NC Farmworker Health Program within Office of Rural Health and Community Care
  - Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center

# Reach

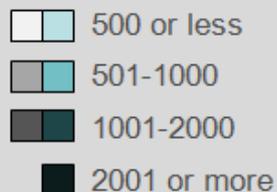
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- In 2009, FQHCs in NC (including NCFHP) saw 54,400 farmworkers, which is 35% of the estimated number of farmworkers and their dependents in NC and about 15% of all FQHC patients.

# Targeted Farmworker Health Services in North Carolina



## 2009 Estimates of MSFW's



Light Blue Targeted Services  
White Un-targeted Services

61 targeted counties

## ● 13 NCFHP Health Care Contract Sites

1. Vecinos Inc. (Jackson)
3. Toe River Health District (Yancey)
4. Watauga Medical Center (Watauga)
5. Ashe Memorial Hospital (Ashe)
6. Surry County Health & Nutrition (Surry)
7. Piedmont Health Services (Caswell)
8. Rural Health Group (Vance)
9. Wake Co. Human Services (Wake)
10. NC Farmworkers Project (Johnston)
12. Robeson Health Care Corp. (Robeson)
13. Columbus County Community Health Ctr. (Columbus)
18. Albemarle Hospital Foundation (Pasquotank)
20. Good Samaritan Clinic (Burke)

## ▲ 7 Migrant Health Center/ CHC

2. Blue Ridge Health Services (Henderson)
11. CommWell Health (Sampson)
14. Goshen Medical Center (Duplin)
15. Kinston County Health Center (Lenoir)
16. Greene County Health Care, Inc. (Greene)
17. Carolina Family Health Center, Inc (Nash)
19. Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center (Hertford)

# Questions?





# North Carolina Farmworker Health Program

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