

Bienvenidos Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board



GLBHC Humble Beginning



Great Lakes Bay Health Centers began as a small migrant health clinic in 1968 when Saginaw County Health Department received a grant to provide health care to migrant farm workers.

GLBHC Migrant Services Goal

Migrant services goal is to provide services to as many migrant agricultural workers in the counties we serve. We believe this population deserves to be acknowledged and recognized as a special population for choosing Michigan as their migratory state.

RAIN/SHINE/SNOW WE WILL BE THERE.....



The migrant travel team is dedicated staff that is willing to give up their MI summer evenings, to work late hours two days a week. The team visits over sixty-five migrant camps in a six month period. We thank our home sites and employee families for allowing us to “Change Lives Because We Care”.



80-90's Migrant stream



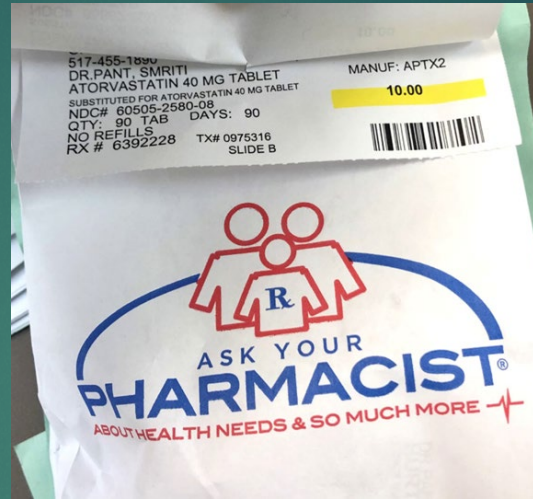
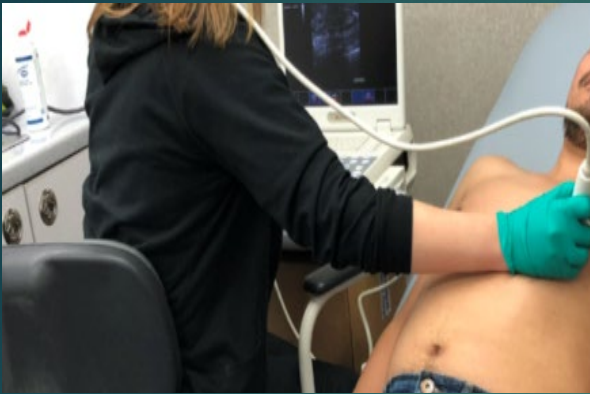
- ▶ Migrant Stream in 2021
- ▶ 70% H2A & 30% Families



The average time patients get seen at camps is between 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm once they complete their work day. Season starts April and ends last week in October.



SERVICES WE PROVIDE



- ▶ MAMMOGRAMS, X-RAYS, OB/GYN U/S and optical appointments.
- ▶ ACUTE CARE, LABORATORY, RAPID DIABETIC AND CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS, COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS and TELEHEALTH VISITS.
- ▶ Pharmacy



Last year the team expanded services to the West side of the state and was very well accepted. Growing and adapting to the new migrant stream(H2A) has been challenging, but not impossible.



Once in the field it's not easy for patients to trust you on the first visit. It takes patience and humbleness, but if you get the first patient to cooperate with you the rest will follow(sometimes).



The majority of MI agricultural workers don't speak English(Haitian-Creole/Spanish).



Counties Served by GLBHC Migrant Services

- 18 counties received medical and dental services
- 2019: Expansion of service to Western Michigan




The power of social media allowed us to reach more than 1500 patients in 2021



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GLBHC-Migrant Program goal is to provide services to agricultural worker in the coun



The future of migrant health depends on Federally Qualified Health Centers adaptation to the new migrant stream. If we continue going to the patient and not expecting the patient to come to the health centers, Michigan will remain attractive to workers for many years to come.



Muchas Gracias/Thank You MLH board for your time and efforts in improving migrant housing. GLBHC is pleased to join forces in keeping MI attractive to our future migrant agricultural population by delivering medical/dental services to their door.



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