



Housing Locator Resource for Outreach Workers

There are times when farmworkers will reach out to you for help in locating housing. They may be in need of housing due to several reasons; such as they arrived to Michigan and housing wasn't available, they found employment without housing, or they need to leave their current housing situation. There can be many different reasons.

The following are tips to help farmworkers in locating housing:

- Refer to the MDARD Migrant Labor Housing Camp List for employers who offer licensed housing. For the most recent list, contact MDARD Migrant Labor Housing at 517-284-5771.
- Connect them with the Labor Economic Opportunity's Agricultural Employment Liaisons <https://www.mitalent.org/agricultural-worker-services>.
- Call 2-1-1 or go online at www.mi211.org to search for Housing.
- Go to AgHelp to find resources for farmworkers at www.aghelpusa.com.
- DHHS Migrant Program can assist in housing search and determining eligibility for emergency housing assistance www.michigan.gov/helpformigrants. To find the nearest local office, call 269-615-6308.
- H-2A Job List is a good reference as all employers who apply for H-2A must provide housing during the employment period. Visit <https://farmworkerlaw.org/h-2a-program>.
- Check Craig's List at www.craigslist.org, specify city/state, click on Housing – apts/housing link.
- Check local newspaper classifieds.

Things to take with you on outreach include flyers and brochures about your programs, the Agency Resource Guide from your local Migrant Resource Council, the Right to Access flyer, Agency Referral List, Resources for Farmworkers, the Interagency Referral Form, COVID-19 Information, and the Workplace Sexual Harassment and Assault Referral Form.

Note: Outreach workers have a right to enter camps and visit workers where they live. Growers are not allowed to prevent visitors to the camps even if they are on their property. The Right to Access flyer validates your right to visit the workers. Practice CDC COVID-19 guidelines for safety, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus for more information.

Note: If you become aware of a zoning issue where a city or township is trying to prevent construction of migrant labor housing, or if new construction of a migrant labor camp is built for single workers and not families, refer the individual to file a complaint to the MI Department of Civil Rights for potential housing discrimination including but not limited to national-origin or gender. Report to MDCR at (800) 482-3604 or MDCR-INFO@michigan.gov.