

Newsletter

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North Carolina Focus on Increasing Education, Leadership, & Dignity



World Day for International Justice - July 17

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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EQUITABLE ACCESS

Digital Equity Access



The NC Department of Health and Human Services has launched the Digital Inclusion and Equity for Farmworkers initiative to bridge the digital divide in North Carolina. This initiative focuses on establishing infrastructure that provides access and digital literacy to underserved populations. The digital divide affects people across all generations, industries, and communities, whether rural or urban. Among them, migrant and seasonal farmworkers are particularly vulnerable to this disparity as they face significant challenges in accessing digital resources and services. The absence of internet connectivity makes it challenging for these workers to communicate with healthcare providers, access outreach services, or stay in touch with family and friends. The lack of internet access in many migrant housing standards leaves farmworkers in rural areas without reliable connectivity. However, NC FIELD's partnership with NC DHHS to provide hot spots for farm workers is a positive step towards addressing this issue.

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MATERNAL HEALTH



NC FIELD prioritizes improving maternal health in rural areas of North Carolina due to inadequate healthcare access. Research indicates that low income can hinder maternal health outcomes due to structural barriers. Two studies conducted in 2020 in the US and South Korea found that non-medical factors such as age, rural living, cesarean section, and underlying health conditions increased the risk of postpartum death among pregnant individuals with lower incomes. Expanding postpartum care, particularly mental health care is crucial in providing comprehensive care for pregnant people.

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LCC GRADUATION



Celebration!

Centro Educativo Latino, Continuing Education & Lenior Community College Graduation took place on June 24, with 302 graduates, of which 288 were Latinos. At this event, Yesenia Cuello, Executive Director of NC FIELD, was present to celebrate with the class of 2023 and welcome them into the workforce.





Services

- 1 Health Marketplace/ACA Information
- 2 Application Assistance for Affordable prescription Drugs
- 3 Drug and Alcohol Counseling
- 4 Relief for farmworkers affected by COVID-19

**And much more!
Stop by and visit us**

Health Marketplace & Medicaid

NC FIELD is at Brightleaf Flea Market located at 2320 S Brightleaf Blvd, Smithfield, NC 27577, every Sunday from 9-2 PM. We are Located from where the entrance is, directly down the central corridor, in the 4th position before reaching the end.

Get to know US



AMY ELKINS

Sembrando Salud
Coordinator &
Community Health
Worker

Amy's connection with the community she serves stems from her upbringing. At the young age of 14, she started working in the fields and eventually ended up in the blueberry fields of Bladen County.

Growing up, Amy was heavily influenced by her mother, who instilled in her the values of giving back, speaking up, and fighting for what's right. Another influential figure in Amy's life is Mrs. Janeth Tapia, who leads with her heart and is fiercely protective of the community. Janeth taught Amy to listen, think before acting, and care for her team. Amy attributes her success to these strong women who have dedicated their lives to serving the community in their unique ways.

Although not originally from the Farmworker community, Amy was raised in it and considers it her own. The community welcomed her into their homes, taught her valuable skills, and provided her with a sense of belonging. For Amy, her work is driven by a desire to touch, improve, elevate, educate, train, and empower lives in the community and bring them one step closer to equality and self-advocacy.

Stay up to date

UPDATES

COVID-19 Rapid Tests

Free Covid Rapid Testing on
Sundays 9 am-2 pm at Maria Reina
in Mount Olive, NC

Free Clinic Services

Sembrando Salud & Campbell
University Community Care Clinic
averages 20 new patients monthly.

**Farm and Food Workers Relief
Program (FFWR)**- NC FIELD has an
active the referral/application
process. Feel free to reach out to
Angel Gaona- Food and Farm Relief
coordinator for any questions at
(252) 470-3950

How you can help!

Follow us on social media.

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Donate on [NCFIELD.ORG](https://ncfield.org).

Volunteer at events



Thank You

Dear NC FIELD Supporters, Thank you for supporting NC FIELD and farmworkers everywhere. We hope you will enjoy some updates on the amazing work that we have been doing thanks to supporters like you!

Yesenia Cuello
Executive Director

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