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Newsletter

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North Carolina Focus on Increasing Education, Leadership, & Dignity



Immigrant Heritage Month

Across each generation, wave after wave of immigrants has enriched our Nation and made us better, stronger, innovative, and prosperous. National Immigrant Heritage Month and recognizing the countles ways immigrants have enriched American society, economy, and culture.

READ MORE





"Diversity and inclusion make our diplomatic team stronger, smarter, more creative, more innovative. We're operating in a diverse world, and America's diversity is a source of strength that few countries can match."

ANTONY J. BLINKEN SECRETARY OF STATE



Children as young as 12 can work unlimited hours outside school in agriculture. Byron Pitts reports on the "Migrant Stream" and the families who are part of it and whose children work alongside them in the fields for minimum wage.

Below is a link to an interview in 2011. Not much has changed.

World Day Against Child Labor ~~~

JUNE 12 IS WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOR.

Join us in raising awareness on World Day Against Child Labour as we shed light on the global issue of child labor and its devastating effects on children's lives. NC FIELD aims to educate, engage, and inspire action toward ending child labor.

We explore the root causes, consequences, and potential solutions to this pressing problem through powerful stories, expert interviews, and compelling visuals. Together, let's unite for a world free from child labor.



MUST WATCH

EQUITABLE ACCESS

Maternal Health



OUR WORK

Sembrando Salud

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Maternal Health

Are you pregnant or do you plan to be?

We have prenatal and postpartum support

Services

- Free pregnancy tests
- · Prenatal vitamins
- · Support in scheduling prenatal appointments
- Case management
- Pregnancy and prenatal education
- · Medicaid education for all women and children
- · Social determinant support and other services



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Our office is located at 636 Whitfield Rd. Mount Olive, NC 28365 Sunday 9-2pm and Monday 2-6pm

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Farmworker women face many challenges when it comes to maternal health. Community health workers (CHWs) are often the bridge to equitable access, especially with regard to healthcare navigation and social determinants resources like transportation, material support, language, and cultural differences. High-risk maternal health navigation is particularly challenging in North Carolina, and often requires advocacy on behalf of expectant mothers.



TAKE ACTION!

1.We have Cash App!

2. Donate new and gently used baby items ťo organizations that serve expecting mothers.



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FELICIDADES

Milagros is an extraordinary young lady treasured by the NC FIELD team. We are so grateful to have been part of her 15th (Quinceanera) celebration!



EL FUTURO ES NUESTRO -IT'S OUR FUTURE

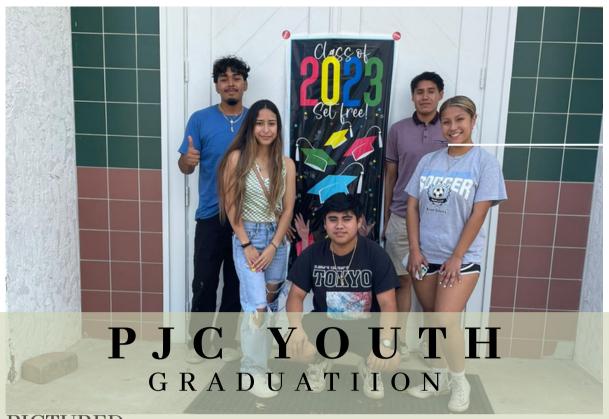


"I want a transparent and inclusive union, one that values every member, and one in which we all know where we are headed and why!"

-Leticia Zavala

El Futuro Es Nuestro (It's Our Future or EFEN) is a group of farmworkers formed to transform the farmworker union FLOC into an organization once again led by its members and represents and protects workers. As part of their vision, EFEN is a world where farmworkers' human rights are honored, and can work with dignity, fairness, and selfdetermination. Check out the fantastic work that Leticia Zavala is spearheading in the community!





PICTURED:

Congrations!

Graduation is an exciting time. It marks both an ending and a beginning, representing warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future. Poder Juvenil Campesino (PJC) is excited to have five graduates this year. Each graduate has chosen to continue their studies in distinct areas, and some even have opted to serve our country. Wherever life takes them, we know they will take the skills they have learned as a PJC youth and apply them as they move forward. NC FIELD now challenges them to learn, grow and come back to serve the community that watched them grow.

Get to know US

Moctezuma Uríarte Ayala



Community Health Worker



Moctezuma is a former Poder
Juvenil Campesino youth group
member who has joined NC FIELD
staff as a CHW. Moctezuma
graduated high school this year and
plans to study science at Lenoir
Community College (LCC).
Afterward, he plans to continue his
studies in environmental science at
a university. Moctezuma recently
received a scholarship from LCC
and was recognized as a varsity
soccer and wrestling team captain.

When asked what he thought about his employment at NC FIELD, he responded that we continuously impact families and farmworkers who need it. "We have the chance to support and empower people facing challenges with resources, information, and assistance to improve their well-being," says Moctezuma.



SOWING HEALTH BY NC FIELD



WHAT

- ACA Education/Information
- FFWR Referrals S600 Support



WHEN

July 9 from 8am until 2pm



WHERE

Brightleaf Flea Market (La pulga de Smithfield) 2320 S Brightleaf Blvd, Smithfield, NC 27577

SEE YOU THERE!



















NC CONGRESS OF LATINO ORGANIZATIONS & HISPANIC **FEDERATION**

NC FIELD staff joined the conversation with Hispanic Federation, NC Congress of Latino Organizations, and other allies around the topic of US immigration and the need for immigration reform. We are grateful to learn more about the current policies around immigration and gain a deeper understanding of the political framework shaping the immigration system as we head into the 2024 election year.













Yesenia Cuello- Executive Director of NC FIELD Guest speaker at NFG's 2023 National Convening!

"Understanding the Corporate Move toward Gig Workers! Co-conspiring to Organize more Money for Worker's Power."

North Carolina farmworkers face many challenges in the gig economy is one of the largest and longest forms of the gig economy. Labor law exemption equals exploitation and unsafe conditions.

Cuello pointed out that with gig work, there is a lack of accountability and, therefore, no obligation to be liable. It exacerbates much of the exploitation we see today. Farmworkers are vulnerable to financial and health hardships because they don't have access to the same benefits as other workers. This lack of security can also lead to a scarcity mindset. Additionally, the job's physical demands and exposure to dangerous chemicals can risk workers' health and safety. It's concerning to see these issues persist in the gig economy.

NFG's 2023 National Convening!





Leveraging Grassroots Capacity

KBR Trust Foundation, Colorado Health Foundation, PIF (Protecting Immigrant Families), and NC FIELD had the opportunity to speak on leveraging grassroots capacity at the 2023 GIH Annual Conference on Health Philanthropy in Minneapolis.

NC Filed is grateful for these fantastic foundations focused on strategic investments in grassroots organizations to build capacity and support engagement in policy initiatives. Building connective tissue between place-based organizations, advocacy groups, and policymakers is a critical part of systems change efforts that also comes with challenges.

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.

ACA and Medicaid referrals

NCF being part of the Navigator Consortium) - also "Medicaid Expansion, a thank-you to all involved, and a reminder that more work is needed.

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. Like & Follow! Donate on NCFIELD.ORG. Volunteer at events



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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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