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### North Carolina Farmworker Health Program

2023 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2023 and current as of 06/30/2023 unless otherwise indicated)

# Grant Facts\*

Total federal (HRSA) available grant funding

Jobs (full-time and parttime) supported in local communities

**11,033**<sup>†</sup>

Patients served

Average annual contribution by ORH per patient

# **Performance** /leasures



66%

Patients with well controlled diabetes, as evidenced by A1c levels ≤ 9



**52%** 

Patients with well controlled hypertension, as evidenced by blood pressure levels < 140/90



70%

Patients screened for obesity through Body Mass Index (BMI) testing and follow up plan if abnormal



84%

Patients screened for tobacco cessation and treatment

Did You Know? Agriculture is a \$100-billion-a-year industry in North Carolina, and is dependent on a healthy workforce. Farm labor ranks as one of the top three most dangerous occupations in the United States. Farmworker populations are traditionally underserved because of barriers to care, including transportation, language, cost and geographic isolation. Since 1993, the North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP) has worked to advance the health and well-being of agricultural workers and their families by providing technical assistance, leveraging resources and facilitating shared learning with a statewide network or partners. NCFHP is primarily federally funded, and is administered by the Office of Rural Health (ORH).

#### **Program Achievements:**

NCFHP contracts eight service delivery sites and has six additional grant supported partners. In CY 2023 NCFHP served 11,033 men, women, and children from farmworker families. In 2023 NCFHP outreach workers reached 5,556 farmworkers with pesticide safety education and 7,067 farmworkers with heat illness education.

#### **Return On Investment and Economic Impact** Source: IMPLAN\*

**FWH Expenditures** 

\$4,481,447



Created Economic Impact

\$3,875,509



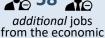
**Total Impact** 

\$8,356,956

Generates



impact





\$304,419 Generated in

state and local taxes which goes back into the local and state economy \$3.399.960



In employee compensation impacted from the grant

Each FWH grant dollar has a total economic impact



\*Economic impact is estimated to be much greater because improved health outcomes can lead to fewer missed work days, reduced health care costs, and reduced premature morbidity and mortality. Some expenses such as out of state purchases, overhead, and rollover payments are not captured for ROI and economic impact.

# **Agricultural Worker Digital Equity Initiative**

The Agricultural Worker Digital Equity Initiative (AWDEI) was launched in 2023 by the North Carolina Farmworker Health Program with research partners from East Carolina University and North Carolina State University. The purpose of AWDEI is to transform agricultural workers' access to affordable, reliable high-speed broadband internet by implementing a community-led structural intervention. Specifically, this project is aiming to enhance telehealth models and reduce health inequities.

### 2023 Overview



Hotspot distribution partners



Farmworkers with internet access



Hotspots distributed



6

Mobile clinics and outreach vehicles with mobile routers



Migrant housing internet hubs installed/maintained





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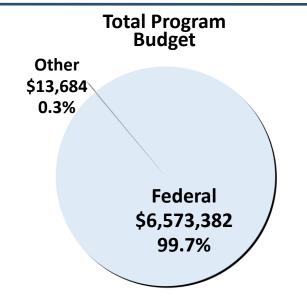
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**14**Agencies Funded

Program Reach
65
Total Counties Covered

Rural Counties Covered

