

Farmworker Services in NYS



“Wisdom is the power to
put our time and
knowledge to the
proper use.”

Thomas J. Watson

NYS has several agencies that offer a host of services for farmworkers:

- Education
- Migrant Head Start
- Health
- Legal
- Social Services
- Research

Keep In Mind...

- Every program has its own definition of who qualifies for their services.
- Never assume someone is eligible or not without inquiring.
- There might be some fees for the farmworker.

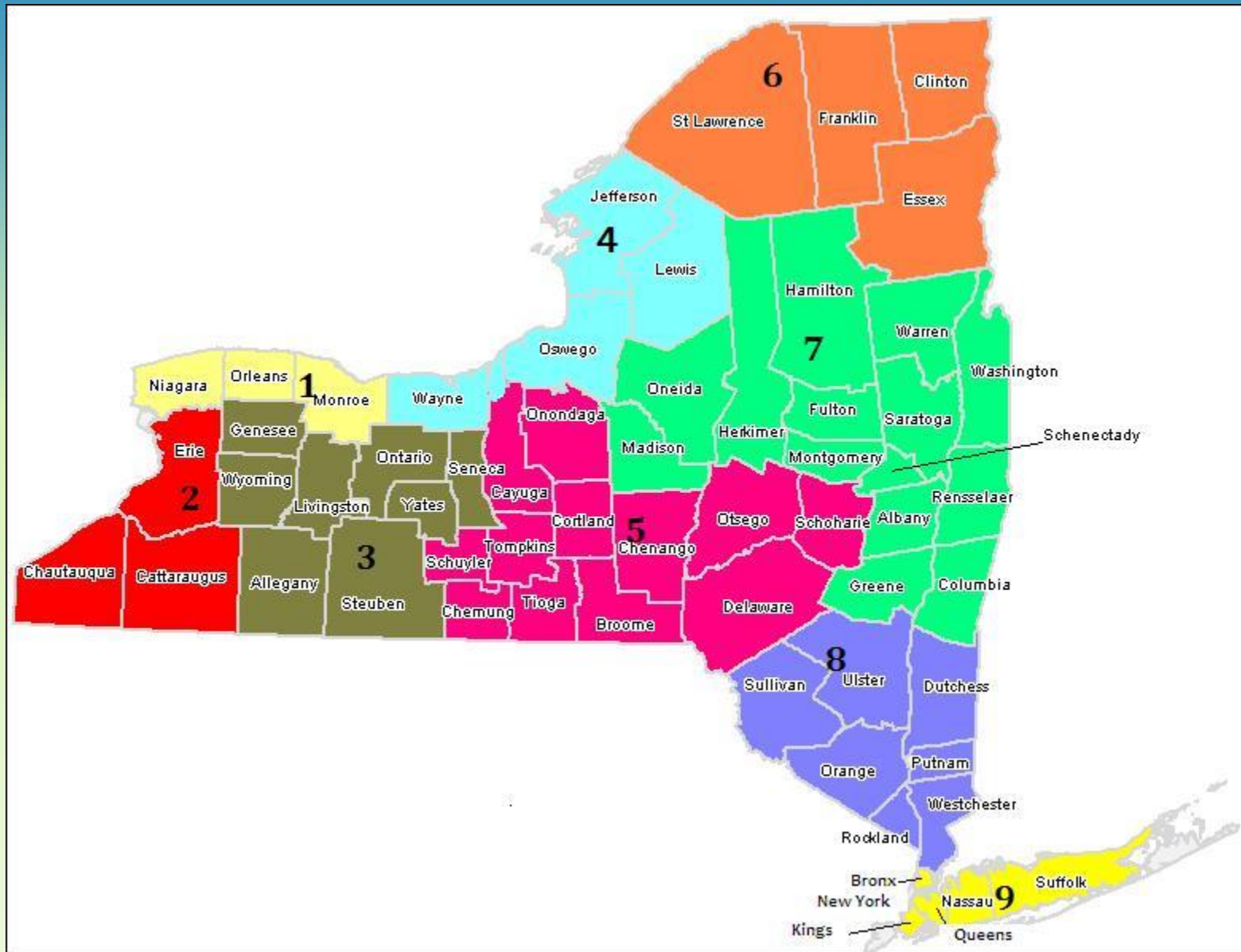
Migrant Education

The Migrant Education Program (MEP) is a federal Title I program that supports education of children of migrant workers. The monies are used to support programs that expand and improve services to address the special needs of migrant children. Such services include educational and support services for migrant youths, including instruction in reading, writing, mathematics content areas, and English as a second language. These services are offered during the summer and regular school year.

Eligibility for Migrant Ed:

- A migrant child is 3-21 years of age whose parent, guardian, spouse or him/herself is a migratory agricultural worker or fisher and who has moved within the past thirty-six months from one school district to another to enable the child, the child's guardian, spouse or a member of the child's immediate family to obtain temporary or seasonal employment in an agricultural or fishing activity as a principal means of livelihood.

Migrant Education Tutorial & Support Services Program



Agribusiness Child Development (ABCD)

Agri-Business Child Development (ABCD) is committed to providing the highest quality early childhood education and social services to farm worker and other eligible families across New York State. Children, 8 weeks old through school age, benefit from the culturally and linguistically diverse programming recognized nationally as a hallmark of Agri-Business Child Development.

Eligibility for ABCD's

Children and families may be eligible for ABCD services in the following categories:

Early Head Start

Head Start

Local Agricultural Workers

Migrant and Seasonal Head Start

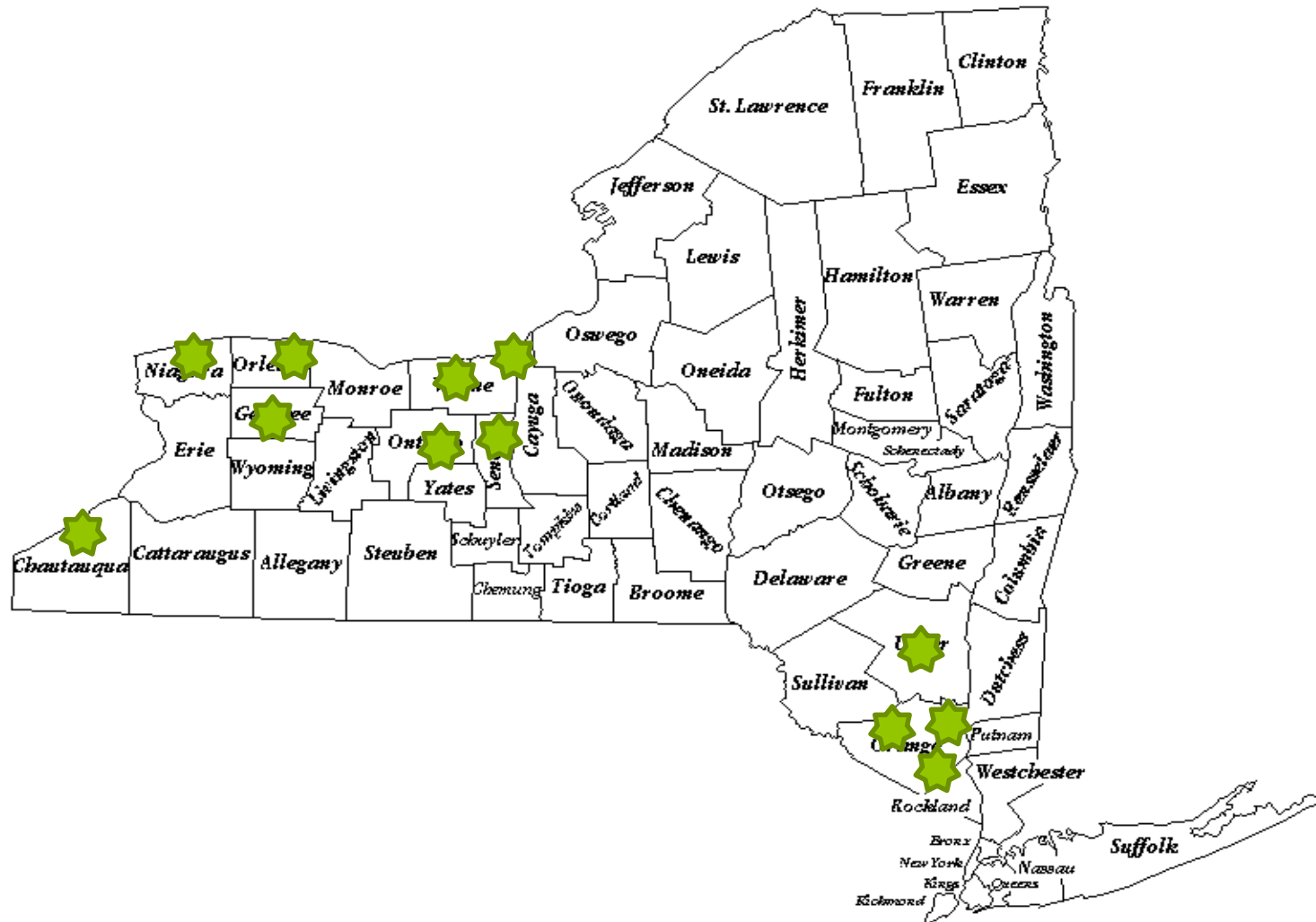
If all children in the service area who are eligible for one of the categories listed above are enrolled in a local ABCD center and open slots still remain, children from the following categories can be enrolled.

It is important to note that should a need arise for a slot in one of the categories listed above, a child or children from the following categories will be required to relinquish their slot:

DSS Referral

Community

NYS Agribusiness Child Development Centers Migrant Head Start



Migrant Health Services

The Migrant Health Center program provides support to health centers to deliver comprehensive, high quality, culturally-competent preventive and primary health services to migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families with a particular focus on the occupational health and safety needs of this population.

Eligibility for Migrant Health Services

HRSA (Feds) Definition of Agriculture:

Farming in All of Its Branches Including:

- A) Cultivation and tilling of the soil.
- B) Production, cultivation, growing & harvesting of any commodity grown on, in or as adjunct to or part of a commodity grown in or on the land.
- C) Any practice including:
 - Preparation & processing for market.
 - P&P for delivery or storage, to market, to carriers for transportation to market.

Farm Work Descriptions & Exclusions:

Includes:

- Most fruits & vegetables
- Grains, Hops, tobacco, cotton
- Nursery and greenhouse stock
- Packing houses and processing plants on or next to farms
- Tree planting

Excludes:

- Fisheries and Livestock
- Poultry and Meat processing
- Canneries or processing plants operating off the farm

Who are Agricultural Farm Workers?

Agricultural (Farm) Worker is an individual and their dependants:

- Whose principal employment is in agriculture (at least 51% of income derived from agricultural employment)
- Who has been so employed within 24 months or before retirement or disability.

Migrant & Seasonal Farmworkers

Migrant:

- Established a temporary abode (home) for the purposes of such employment.

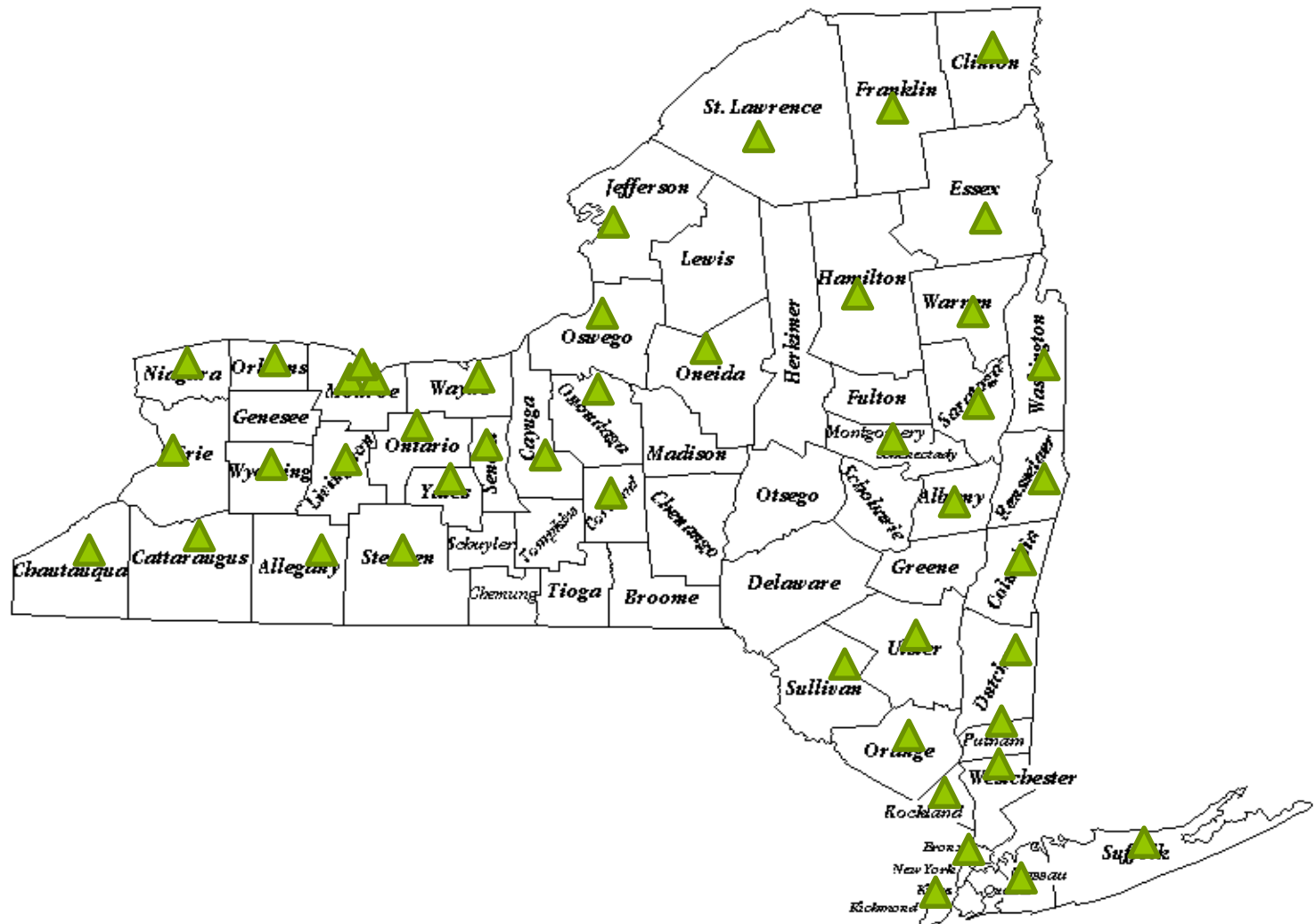
Seasonal:

- Is not migratory and does not need to establish a temporary abode for purposes of such employment.

What is an FQHC?

Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) include all organizations receiving grants under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS). FQHCs qualify for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, as well as other benefits. FQHCs must serve an underserved area or population, offer a sliding fee scale, provide comprehensive services, have an ongoing quality assurance program, and have a governing board of directors.

FQHC's in New York



How To Find an FQHC Near You

2 Great Websites You Should Visit...

- Community Health Care Association of NYS

www.chcanys.org

- Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA)

www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov

Other Agencies... to name a few...

- Worker Justice Center of NY
- Cornell Farmworker Program
- Rural & Migrant Ministries
- NYS Rural Health Networks
- Victims Resource Center
- Catholic Charities
- County Public Health Departments
- WIC
- NYS Occupational Health Centers
- Pathstone
- Farmworker Coalition Groups
- Cornell Cooperative Extension

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