

# COMMUNITY GROUPS SERVING AGRICULTURAL WORKERS & THEIR FAMILIES



**HELP New Mexico, Inc.** empowers positive action through sustainable social services. It assists with personal protective equipment, child care assistance, dependent care assistance, needs-related payments, such as utilities; emergency financial assistance, work clothing, transportation assistance, housing assistance, such as rental assistance; AND under non-emergency circumstances, employment education and training assistance, English language and literacy instruction, pesticide and worker safety training, and school dropout prevention and recovery activities.

Contact: 505-265-3717



**New Mexico State University's College Assistance Migrant Program** recruits, retains and graduates farmworker students from NMSU. Due to federal funding, it can only serve U.S. citizens or permanent residents. As part of its services to farmworker students, NMSU CAMP provides scholarship assistance, book stipends and other individual student aid to entering university freshmen students until their graduation (when state funding is available).

Contact: 575-646-3889 or [camp@nmsu.edu](mailto:camp@nmsu.edu)



**Centro Legal Campesino – New Mexico Legal Aid** provides free civil legal services to agricultural workers throughout the south and southeast of New Mexico. NMLA case priorities include wage theft, workers' compensation, employment discrimination and harassment, workplace health and safety violations, civil rights abuses, and immigration relief for survivors of violence and human trafficking.

Contact: Ismael Camacho at (575) 541-3826, [ismaelc@nmlegalaid.org](mailto:ismaelc@nmlegalaid.org)



**Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid – Farmworker Law** focuses on the impact of employment law matters on agricultural workers. Its attorneys represent farmworkers for free and seek to enforce farmworker rights to promised wages, safe employer-provided transportation and housing, and safe worksites and working conditions, including protections related to pesticide exposure, heat sickness, and field sanitation.

Contact: 915-544-3789.



**Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation** is a regional housing and community development corporation that helps improve the quality of life and economic conditions of low-income families. Services include a Homeownership Center, Home Rehabilitation, Lending, and Counseling and Education. TDS enables home ownership with client services, i.e., pre-qualification for loans, credit counseling; and home rehabilitation for low-income families to rehabilitate their homes available in Dona Ana, Otero, Hidalgo, Luna and Eddy counties; lending includes down payment assistance programs with counseling and education in financial and credit counseling. **For information, call 575.541.0477.**

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**New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty** is dedicated to advancing economic and social justice through education, advocacy, and litigation. NMCLP can answer questions about your rights at work, provide legal assistance on a workers' rights issue, and help individuals experiencing problems accessing government assistance.

**Contacts: Felipe Guevara or Stephanie Welch , 505-255-2840**



**Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico's** legal services team provides legal representation on immigration-related matters for free or at reduced cost. Its community organizers work directly with the community, identifying and addressing wage and safety issues affecting farmworkers and increasing representation of migrants and farmworkers in their local government.

Contact: Kyle Reinert at [kr@catholiccharitiesdlc.org](mailto:kr@catholiccharitiesdlc.org)

**Las Cruces office, 575-527-0500**

**Roswell office, 575-622-1636.**



**High School Equivalency Program (HEP), University of Texas at El Paso** is an academic program designed to meet the special needs of migrant and seasonal farm workers in pursuit of the High School Equivalency certificate. HEP provides: classroom instruction, room and board, bi-weekly allowance, tokens for public transportation, school supplies, tutoring, career planning, assistance for placement in universities, colleges, junior colleges, vocational institutions, military services, other post-secondary activities or career positions.

**Contact: 915-747-5567**



**La Semilla Food Center** is a hybrid organization of hands-on, land-based projects and systems changing policy advocacy rooted in the Chihuahuan Desert ecosystem and collective leadership. Based in Anthony, NM, it works for a vibrant food system that prioritizes community and environmental health based on the premise that healthy, fresh, and culturally appropriate food is a basic human right. Food is a positive link between personal, community, and environmental health, and our shared responsibility to advocate for living wages and safety for everyone in the food system.

**Contact: [v@lasemillafoodcenter.org](mailto:v@lasemillafoodcenter.org)**



**Colonias Development Council (CDC)** CDC's original work began with farmworkers, but has expanded to include other immigrant communities in the southern part of New Mexico and West Texas. The Integrated Services for Immigrant Families (ISIF), provides legal immigration services, citizenship preparation classes, and has a Promotora de Apoyo Familiar program. CDC is located in Las Cruces and has two satellite offices—one in Hatch and one in Anthony, New Mexico.

**Contact: 915-544-3789.**