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November/December 2007

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### November Trainings

- **November 8: Walking in the Shoes of a Migrant Worker**  
Time: 8:30 - 4:00 – Location: Pearsall, TX
- **November 14: Leadership Academy Tours (Our Lady of the Lake University & San Antonio College)**  
Time: 8:30 – 4:00 Location: ESC-20
- **November 27 - 29: Texas Migrant Education Conference**  
Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Antonio Downtown

#### December Trainings

- **December 6: Leadership Academy – Breakout Sessions**  
Time: 8:30 – 4:00 Location: ESC-20
- **December 7: MEP Directors Meeting**  
Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Location: ESC-20
- **December 12: New Generation System (NGS) Series Day 2**  
Time: 8:30 – 4:00 Location: ESC-20
- **December 14: NGS Series Day 2 - Uvalde**  
Time: 8:30 – 4:00 Location: Uvalde Technology Center

Register for sessions through ilearning at:  
<http://www.esc20.net/workshop>

### New Generation System (NGS)

#### *Deadlines Coming Up:*

For more information on deadlines, please refer to pages 5-7 of the *NGS Implementation Guidelines Required School District/ESC Activities*.

- Residency Verification for all

#### *Monthly District Reports*

- District Report, Unique Report, Priority for Services & Continuation of Services

#### *ESC-20 Reports\**

November: Priority for Service (PFS)

December: PFS & End of Eligibility Report

#### *NGS Information:*

- Each NGS site must keep a terminal site log for daily incoming data.
- \*NGS Specialist must never delete enrollment lines when a student has been misidentified as migrant. (\*Notify ESC-20)

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### Texas Migrant Conference

The Migrant Conference will be November 27 – 29 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located on the Riverwalk in San Antonio. For additional conference registration, please visit the conference webpage at [www.esc20.net](http://www.esc20.net)

With the Migrant Conference just around the corner it is time to ask for your assistance. This year's theme is *Planting Dreams, Growing Accomplishments: The Heart of Migrant Education*. We are asking each district to create 5 table decorations that reflect students' dreams, goals and/or accomplishments. This is a great time to show off the talents and aspirations of our migrant students. Deadline is November 9<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or at [veronica.alvarez@esc20.net](mailto:veronica.alvarez@esc20.net)



### Leadership Academy

The Leadership Academies have been a great success. Thank you for everyone who has volunteered to help chaperone and organize each event.

Our next scheduled Leadership Academy is **Wednesday, November 14, 2007**. We will be visiting Our Lady of the Lake University and San Antonio College.

On **Thursday, December 6, 2007** students will be able to attend a Leadership Academy at ESC-20. This Academy will consist of various break-out sessions geared to provide students with valuable information related to post-secondary education.

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### Certification

All eligibility reviewers and recruiters will be certified after passing the Annual Certification Test. Eligibility reviewers and recruiters who do not pass the test will not be able to review or sign COEs for the 2007-2008 school year until additional training or remediation is provided.

As a reminder, a recruiter ID is assigned to each eligibility reviewer and recruiter. Recruiters will continue with the same recruiter ID. The ESC will update certification for 07-08. New eligibility reviewers and recruiters will be assigned a recruiter ID by the ESC after completion of the trainings and passing the certification test.

Assigned recruiter IDs for recruiters must be inputted into NGS for each new enrollment line for 2007-2008.

### NGS

School districts in the past have submitted reports that consisted of Unique, District, Continuation of Services and Priority for Services (PFS) each month. As a team we have created a new process for reports. We will no longer request the above reports unless noted on the NGS calendar. NOTE: The NGS Data Specialist is still required to run reports that are required by the NGS Guidelines.

The NGS calendar provides deadlines for each month. In addition, the calendar lists the reports that ESC-20 requests each district to send to Veronica Alvarez. Reports need to be received by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Reports will be reviewed and technical assistance will be provided as needed.

In changing this process, we hope to better assist our districts.

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### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Should I join the Migrant Forum?**

Yes. The Migrant Forum is a venue where migrant staff can communicate and post information to share with one another. To become a member contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or at [veronica.alvarez@esc20.net](mailto:veronica.alvarez@esc20.net)

**2. A Family who qualifies for the MEP has four children. However, at the time of the interview, the recruiter determines that only three children are actually in residence. Does the recruiter include the missing child? The child moved with the family, but is currently living with a relative in another state.**

If only three children, out of the four children that made the qualifying move, are living in the household at the time of the interview, then the recruiter must only list those three children on the COE. The recruiter cannot include any children who are not living in the home. When, and if, the child who is currently living with a relative in another state, returns home, the mother should alert the recruiter so that he/she may do one of the following: a.) Add the child to the existing COE noting different information, such as (#22) residency date, (#23) from city/state/country. This information and any other comments clarifying this situation must be included in the comment section. b.) a new COE when the fourth child returns home, listing only the fourth child. This COE will contain the same qualifying information as the family's first COE, but different residency information. The recruiter should cross reference the two COEs in the comment section.

**3. The Rodriguez family in Lucky, TX starts picking strawberries. Lucky ISD recruits the family, listing the qualifying activity as picking strawberries. Two months later, the Rodriguez family arrives at their homebase district, Carmen ISD, where MEP staff request the COE from Lucky ISD, and the family is interviewed to validate the information. Through the interview process, however, the recruiter determines that the family did additional qualifying activities on this move to Lucky, TX. What should the recruiter do?**

The key to making good eligibility determinations is asking the proper questions to determine the reason(s) (i.e., intent) behind the move. If the worker states that the original intent of the move was to pick strawberries, there is no reason for the recruiter in Carmen ISD to change the qualifying activity on the COE. The recruiter from Carmen ISD is verifying the information that the recruiter from Lucky ISD obtained when the family first arrived there to engage in qualifying work. However, it is fine for the Carmen ISD recruiter to note in the comment section of the Carmen ISD COE that the worker did other qualifying activities at the time of the move and list them.

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For any questions, comments, or if you have information you would like to share in the monthly newsletter, please contact Veronica Alvarez at [veronica.alvarez@esc20.net](mailto:veronica.alvarez@esc20.net)

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