

# Support Resources for Farmers and Farmworkers

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## ONLINE TOOLS

**AgHelp** <https://www.agriculture.com/farm-management/business-planning/start-up-spotlight-aghelp>  
a [new] mobile platform that centralizes all of the resources a [farmer or farm] worker may need.

**Aunt Bertha** <https://www.auntbertha.com> lists free and reduced-cost direct social services and makes it easy to connect to them. From parents struggling with rising rent in big cities to family members caring for aging parents in rural locations, to school teachers and Fortune 500 healthcare employees dealing with overwhelming caseloads for their students and patients, our platform makes it easy for people to get the help they need all day, every day.

## BUSINESS COUNSELING

**Mid-Hudson Small Business Development Center**, <http://www.nyssbdc.org/centers/centers.aspx?centid=94>  
SUNY Ulster Kingston Center Room 107  
94 Mary's Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401  
p: 845-802-9156  
f: 845-331-0371

## CHILD CARE

**NYS Government programs** <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/programs/childdev.html>  
(Many other centers in Upstate NY included on web site)

**ABCD at New Paltz**, <http://www.abcdny.org/>

355 Route 32 North, P.O. Box 312, New Paltz, NY 12561. (845) 255-7571. The New York State Agri-Business Child Development Program (ABCD) has provided services to children of migrant farmworkers and other income-eligible agricultural workers across the state since 1946. The program serves between 1,400 and 1,700 children per year in 11 licensed and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredited childcare centers.

**Family of Woodstock (and Ulster County)** <http://www.familyofwoodstockinc.org/>

Provides support services for childcare, children, families, youth and adolescents, shelter & food security, domestic violence, disaster recovery in Woodstock, Kingston, New Paltz, and other Ulster County municipalities. Short video:

## HEALTHCARE

**Community/Migrant Health Centers** ([www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov](http://www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov)) Information generated will include a health center's website address, phone numbers and a map of where they are located. Community/Migrant Health Centers provide access to quality, affordable health care services so that workers have the ability to access preventive medicine and other healthcare services to ensure that they are healthy and able to provide the agricultural community with a stable and vibrant workforce.

**NYS Government services:** [www.health.ny.gov](http://www.health.ny.gov)

**Archcare.org**

<https://www.archcare.org/.../mobile-health-center-serve-hudson-valley-farmworkers-n...>

The 33-foot Mobile Health Center is bringing health care services to agricultural workers and others in need of care in the Hudson Valley.

### **Migrant Health Services**

[www.orangecountygov.com/474/Migrant-Health-Services](http://www.orangecountygov.com/474/Migrant-Health-Services)

A collaborative service offered by the County Health Department and the Hudson Valley Migrant Health Program of the Hudson River Community Health Center that provides outreach and education to migrant farmworkers in Orange County to reduce their risk of contracting or spreading communicable diseases and to improve occupational health and safety. The primary objectives of this program are to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, HIV, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and to reduce injury and substance abuse among migrant farmworkers. 845-568-5237

## **EDUCATION**

**Ulster Literacy Association** <http://ulsterliteracy.org/> Offers one-to-one free tutoring in basic reading, writing skills, and the English language for more than 35 years. Many students are immigrants learning English as a new language.

**Mid-Hudson Migrant Education Program at SUNY New Paltz** <https://www.newpaltz.edu/meop/background-information.html> Sponsored by the School of Education, the State University of New York at New Paltz, the Mid-Hudson METS supports the educational needs of migrant-eligible farmworkers and their children in Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties.

## **OTHER STATE AND REGIONAL RESOURCES**

**New York Farm Bureau** <https://www.nyfb.org/about> Mission is "To Serve and Strengthen Agriculture." A nongovernmental, volunteer organization financed and controlled by member families for the purpose of solving economic and public policy issues challenging the agricultural industry.

**Hudson Valley Farm Hub** <https://hvfarmhub.org/> One of 200 Food Hubs nationwide, actively studying, researching, reporting on and sharing best practices for farms, farmers, and farmworkers in food production systems.

**Rural Migrant Ministry** <https://ruralmigrantministry.org/> A statewide, nonprofit organization, RMM stands proudly with the rural and migrant communities throughout New York, acting to overcome the prejudices and poverty that degrade and debilitate people within rural New York by building communities that celebrate diversity, achieve true mutuality and fight for dignity and opportunity to all.

**Catholic Charities Community Services**, Archdiocese of New York (CCCS) <https://catholiccharities-dutchesscounty.org/about/our-affiliates/> Provides a comprehensive range of professional human services in the New York City boroughs of Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island and in the lower Hudson Valley counties of Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, and Sullivan. They assist more than 80,000 individuals each year without regard to race, ethnicity or religion. Major service areas are case management, information and referral, emergency food services, employment training and placement, homelessness prevention, immigration, and refugee services, parish support, thrift store, blind services, deaf apostolate, residential services for the mentally challenged, youth recreational and spiritual services.

### **NYS Department of Labor**

[Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs](#)

Helps workers from other countries use the many programs and services of the Department of Labor. Also assists migrant and seasonal farmworkers as well as agricultural employers.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ARTICLES

**Albany Times Union article:** <https://www.timesunion.com/tuplus-business/article/Eighty-years-after-Jim-Crow-NY-farm-workers-11178770.php>

**Bard College Migrant Labor Project** The *Hudson Valley Farmworker Report* (2007)  
<https://www.adelphi.edu/pdfs/farmworker.report.pdf>

**Cornell Cooperative Extension** <https://articles.extension.org/pages/9960/migrant-farm-workers:-our-nations-invisible-population>