

# Alachua Multi-County Consortium, Migrant Education Program

Title I, Part C  
Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Clay, Dixie, Flagler, Gilchrist,  
Hamilton, Levy, St. Johns & Union

## Program Highlights:

4 English Language Learners students too part of an Intensive Summer English Immersion Program at Columbia County.

116 students take part in our elementary reading and math summer program.

86% of seniors graduated

## Important Points:

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## Migrant Education in 2018 - 2019

The Alachua Multi-County Consortium (AMCC) Migrant Education Program serves close to 1000 migrant farmworkers each year in 12 counties throughout the North Central Florida region.

The 2018-2019 school year promises to be filled with success as we will continue in our efforts to improve academic services to migrant students from PK to 12th grade, as well as out of school youth with a wide variety of resources.

With the addition of educational initiatives and collaborations with educational programs, our students will be better prepared to enter KG ready to learn, meet the challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma.

## Our Academic Results from 2017-2018

2017-18 was another year of hard work with good results. This was demonstrated by the academic gains of our students in all academic subjects. The FSA has been a challenge for many of our students, especially in reading where the gap between migrant and non-migrant students increased by 2%. However, our tutors worked tirelessly in helping students be prepared for this demanding assessment. In addition, AMCC implemented during this school year a program called Family Library. This initiative consists of giving books to the families with the idea of improving reading at home and increase parent involvement in the academic process.

In Math, the gap between both populations decreased by 2% as we proposed for 2017-18 academic year.

Upper level students took the EOC assessment with encouraging results.

The AMCC continues to provide an ACT prep-program to help our students increase their score. Six students attended the class in which a reading coach provided ACT strategies and skills for a higher score. This program focuses on students who have not completed their reading graduation requirements and were seeking a concordant score to help them graduate with a high school diploma. Adding to this, the AMCC also facilitated college visits to twelve 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who visited area colleges and explored the possibilities available to them beyond high school.

# A fun and very busy summer



Students learning at the Cade Museum



A picture speaks more than a 1,000 words



Migrant Students visiting the Museum of Natural History.

We had an intense and full schedule during the summer months at the AMCC, with all kind of activities and field trips to feed curious minds.

4 English Language Learners students took part of an Intensive Summer English Immersion Program at Columbia County.

12 elementary students attended a weeklong camp at the Museum of Natural History at U.F.

In Hamilton County, with the collaboration of Title I, 65 students participated in the "High Touch, High Tech" summer program, full of fun science activities as part of the summer program there. Parents were invited to participate during the closing day.

13 PK students who entered KG in 18-19 worked on a school readiness camp with amazing results, as 85% of attenders demonstrated to be "KG ready" per the assessment used. WELL DONE!!

116 elementary students took part in our reading/math summer programs held at various districts. 82% of them made gains in both subjects. Hard work pays off.

33 OSY received either English or life skills lessons during the summer. Tutors worked with our youth providing evening lessons at the motels where they stay or at the fields.



Students visit the Santa Fe Teaching Zoo!

*Students must have initiative; they should not be mere imitators. They must learn to think and act for themselves - and be free.*

*Cesar Chavez*

## Busy high school life

The migrant students in the AMCC continue to make strides towards improving their academic performance and graduating from high school.

During the 2017-18 school year, 12 eligible migrant students (86%) graduated with a high school diploma.

WE ARE ALL VERY, VERY PROUD!!

## Tutorial Success

**Reading improvement:** During the 2017-18 school year, the AMCC served 142 students with tutorials in reading. Students who participated had a 24% improvement in reading fluency.

**Math improvement:** 135 migrant students from KG-12 gr. received math tutorials, resulting in an 11% improvement in math skills, per the assessments utilized.

# Our Migrant Fairs

*The AMCC has worked diligently to support our out-of-school youth in many capacities. One very successful campaign is the "Migrant Health and Information Fairs." These fairs provide various services for the farm workers and their families. We are very successful in bringing community awareness to the needs of our migrant population. Another benefit is the communication, trust and support that are established amongst farm owner, crew leaders, farm workers and the AMCC. These events always create a fun, lively, day that results in the Identification and recruitment of many new migrant families and OSY. Coordination of the fairs, starts with collaboration between our office and many local organizations including student groups at University of Florida, professors, Health Dept. personnel, community centers, local schools, food banks, churches, clinics, and an out pour of volunteers. Laura Castanos, AMCC Academic Coordinator works hard to make it all happen. Services provided are dentistry, HIV testing and education; English classes, blood sugar and diabetes screenings; assistance with daycare; and, much more.*

*In Alachua County, fairs have been offered during peak blueberry season. These events are held in the fields early in the morning before the harvest and in the evening at motel parking lots, where most of the blueberry pickers stay. In the previous three years, the AMCC has been very fortunate to collaborate with the Santa Fe College Dentistry Department. Area dentists donate an evening in which OSY in the area received much needed dental care. We extend a big GRACIAS to these very generous dentists. We look forward to providing this service in coming years.*



*"Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students. What better books can there be than the book of humanity?"*

*Cesar Chavez*



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## **Our Motto and our goals**

The primary goal of the Alachua Multi-County Consortium, Migrant Education Program is to ensure that all migrant students reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment. The program is designed to address the unique needs of migratory children in preschool through grade twelve. The program provides supplemental instruction in basic skills to compensate for academic deficiencies inherent in a highly mobile population. Additionally, the program provides support services such as health, social, nutrition, and other services necessary to enable eligible migratory children to participate effectively in academic programs.

## **Who We Are**

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