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## Amber Alert Awareness Day

By Deron Rambo, Frankfort Fire & EMS and Christina Benassi, State ID&R Coordinator

January 13 commemorates the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day nine-year-old Amber Hagerman was abducted while riding her bicycle in front of her family’s home in Arlington, Texas, and found murdered two days later. In recognition of this day, Smart911 recommends parents do three things to keep their children safer:

- Determine a password with your children. If you ever need to send someone to pick them up or when an emergency happens, they can ask that person for the password to ensure it is safe to go with them.
- Be aware of how much information about your child is available. Do not add their names to backpacks or post information about them, including name, address or school on social media websites which can be viewed publicly.
- Create a free, private and secure Safety Profile for your household at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) which can include current photos and physical descriptions of your children. If a child goes missing and a family member calls 9-1-1, their Safety Profile will be displayed to

the dispatcher allowing them to share the child’s photo and description to responders in the field immediately.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the first three hours are the most critical when trying to locate a missing child. When a child is reported missing it can take an hour or more just to distribute a current photo to law enforcement officers in the field.

Introduced more than four years ago by Rave Mobile Safety, the trusted software partner for campus and public safety, Smart911 is active in 38 states and more than 1,000 communities. It has been credited with positively impacting emergency situations across the US, including the missing child case in Arkansas, and saving lives, such as a heart attack victim in Nashville and a house fire victim in Michigan. Smart911 is available in several counties across Kentucky. Please encourage all families to take advantage of the free service by signing up today at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com). It is very easy. As migrant advocates, assist your parents at a parent meeting or event, or even on a home visit.

## Goodbye, Thomas Hatton

By Michael Hay, Southeastern Regional Director

With mixed emotions, I want to announce that Thomas Hatton has decided to make a career move from our office to the Bluegrass Community Health Center – another Eastern Kentucky University program housed in Lexington that many of our migrant programs have worked over the years – where he will serve



as Special Populations & Outreach Coordinator.

Thomas has been a great asset to our regional office and to all of our districts across our SEKY MEP region. He is a great team member and always seeks to do what is best to meet the requirements of our program while serving the many

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students and families enrolled in our programs. He has been a great collaborator among our regional staff and has been a great resource on many levels within our programs.

In his own words: "I feel that I have grown as an individual and as a team member through the amazing opportunities that I was offered. The opportunity to help students remove their educational barriers has been one of the most fulfilling things I have ever done. Whether it was helping with Summer Camp, tutoring children or finding workers on farms in Kentucky counties, this job has been an incredible learning experience that has stretched me as a person and helped me grow in more ways than I can count. I feel blessed to work with people who truly care about our migrant families, children, and individuals."

Thomas' last day with our office was Friday, Jan. 30. He has already talked about the great opportunities he sees to expand his work with the migrant and immigrant communities of Lexington and central Kentucky and how he hopes to find opportunities for collaboration with the MEP.

Thomas has worked very hard to assist our children and families and has left his mark in many ways. While fulfilling a requirement for his Master of Public Administration program at the University of Kentucky, Thomas completed a 400-hour internship in our program where he researched and developed the publication, "Reach Your Dreams – A guide to help parents and students achieve their educational goals". This publication will be made available to MEP students and families across the region and shared across the state. Thank you, Thomas for your time and talent!

Please take this opportunity to join us in congratulating and wishing him success in all of his future endeavors.

Felicidades Thomas! May your star shine bright in this new position as it did at Migrant! Congratulations!

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Congratulations on your new opportunity. You are a talented young professional with an ever growing bright future. We truly appreciate the level of support and guidance you have provided the Fayette County Migrant Education Program. We look forward to working with you in your new role.

Michael D. Dailey  
Associate Director for Student Achievement and Support  
Federal, State and Magnet Programs  
Fayette County Public Schools

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Congrats! You sure will be missed. I leave you with this poem of encouragement by John C. Maxwell...as you set off as a Special Populations & Outreach Coordinator! I wish you the best in all you do and thankful to have known

you.....

The world needs leaders...

Who use their influence at the right times for the right reasons;

Who take a little greater share of the blame and a little smaller share of the credit;

Who lead themselves successfully before attempting to lead others;

Who continue to search for the best answer, not the familiar one;

Who add value to the people and organization they lead;

Who work for the benefit of others and not for personal gain;

Who handle themselves with their heads and handle others with their hearts;

Who know the way, go the way, and show the way.

Who inspire and motivate rather than intimidate and manipulate;

Who live with people to know their problems and live with God in order to solve them;

Who realize that their dispositions are more important than their positions;

Who mold opinions instead of following opinion polls;

Who understand that an institution is the reflection of their character;

Who never place themselves above others except in carrying responsibility;

Who will be as honest in small things as in great things;

Who discipline themselves so they not be disciplined by others;

Who encounter setbacks and turn them into comebacks;

Who follow a moral compass that points in the right direction regardless of the trends.

Tabitha Collins  
Migrant Advocate / Recruiter  
Somerset Independent Schools

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Thomas! I had no idea when I just talked to you on the phone! Congrats! You are a brilliant guy with such a good heart! May God bless you as you bless others on your new adventure!

Linda Smith, Lincoln County Recruiter

# Migrant Network Coalition Scholarship for Immigrant Youth: “Achieving Dreams” Scholarship

By: Julie Lovely, MNC member

Since 1994, the Migrant Network Coalition (MNC) has been in existence as a broad based coalition of public and private organizations and individuals networking to meet the needs of our diverse immigrant and migrant communities in the state of Kentucky.

MNC strives to improve services for immigrants and refugees by providing community education, raising awareness about barriers to equal community partnerships and sharing information with service providers and with the community at-large. One important focus of the MNC is our youth. The Achieving Dreams Scholarship Program was created to help immigrant and refugee youth access and succeed in higher education. Since 2007 more than \$20,000 has been awarded to immigrant and refugee youth attending college in Kentucky. The scholarships are funded through MNC fundraising initiatives, membership dues and private donations. It is our honor and pleasure to offer our students this opportunity.

## Scholarship Criteria / Eligibility

- 3.0 GPA / GED 460 or higher
- Senior in or Graduate of Kentucky High School / GED recipient
- Must be accepted or enrolled in a 2 or 4 year college
- All immigrants or minority students encouraged to apply
- Financial Need

The 2015 application is found through a link on the homepage at [www.mnclex.org](http://www.mnclex.org).

## Migrant Legal Action Program is on Facebook

By Michael Hay, Southeastern Regional Coordinator

Migrant friends and colleagues: Help spread the word! Roger Rosenthal and the Migrant Legal Action Program based in Washington, DC, have a great Facebook page where they upload articles and presentations and pertinent information that matter to our migrant kids and their families.

- For more than forty years, the Migrant Legal Action Program (MLAP) has provided legal representation and a national voice for migrant and seasonal farmworkers, the poorest group of working people in the United States.
- MLAP works to enforce rights and to improve public policies affecting farmworkers’ working and housing conditions, education, health, nutrition, and general

welfare. The program works with an extensive network of local service providers.

Follow this link and “Like” their page today! They will appreciate the exposure and the opportunity to disseminate information and you will benefit from all that is being shared.

<https://www.facebook.com/MigrantLegalActionProgram>

Their website, <http://www.mlapp.org/>, is a great resource as well. Follow this link and then ‘bookmark’ their site for future reference. We are looking forward to having Roger Rosenthal return to our KYMEP 2015 Fall Academy. He always shares new information and how it affects our children and families right here in Kentucky!

## MSIX update

By Celeste Rodriguez, MEP Program Contact in D.C.

The U.S. Department of Education continues to add new functionality and improve usability of [MSIX](#) to support the enrollment, placement, and credit accrual of migrant students. Below is a summary of recent enhancements to MSIX:

- Reports and Student Record Views
  - Updated Student Info Reports to provide the same drill down options as the missed enrollment report
  - Set default parameters for the Missed Enrollment Report
  - Display and use most current Qualifying Arrival Date in searches and reports
  - Update the Consolidated Record View and print output to display the description of the proficiency level when Assessment interpretation is “Other”
- Add a new column for Grade Level to Course History and Assessment Report student drill down list
- Enhance Student Record Views to display Grade-to-Date only when a grade is provided
- Functionality and Process Improvements
  - Carbon copy sender on MSIX Student Move Notifications
  - Provide advance notice of password expiration (15 days and 3 days)
  - Update Worklist assignment process to be by district or region if available and by State if not available
- Definitions and Documentation
  - Add links to MDE list, State’s Assistance Specifications, Interface File Formats, Web Services, and other materials to the Technical Resource Materials page

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The MSIX Help Desk is available to support you from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday except federal Holidays. In addition, the MSIX Help Desk may be contacted through email at [MSIXSupport@deloitte.com](mailto:MSIXSupport@deloitte.com). We welcome your feedback to help make MSIX more useful for

the migrant education community.

For additional questions concerning this MSIX update, please contact the Patricia Meyertholen, MSIX Project Manager, through email at [patricia.meyertholen@ed.gov](mailto:patricia.meyertholen@ed.gov) or at (202) 260-1394.

## An adventure in Nicholas County

By Tom Hanley, ESCORT

I shot these pictures on a recent visit to Carlisle, KY. It was the first time I stood in front of one of these barns when it was full of tobacco. It took hours and hours to fill this barn. In the spring tending to the seedlings, then the summer, weeding, topping and in

the fall cutting, and lastly in the early winter stripping, baling and hauling to market. It is hot some days and cold others; and it will be the same thing next year.

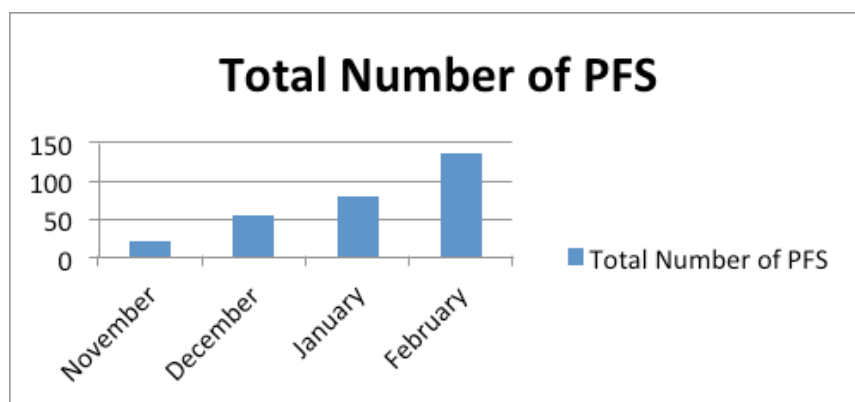
In every season migrant staff is there, signing up families, serving the stu-

dents, holding hands with the parents and hanging with the OSY. Kentucky is a special state, just like its migrants and the migrant education staff. Barns full of tobacco and children and youth full of ideas for the future. Congratulations on a beautiful harvest.



## Priority for Service (PFS) numbers are increasing statewide

By Christina Benassi, State ID&R Coordinator



The chart above shows a steady increase of Priority for Service (PFS) numbers each month. Currently we have 4.5% of the migrant population identified as PFS. We also have 43 counties that have priority for service students.

PFS reports are tabulated on the first week of each month. Migrant staff has done a fantastic job uploading documents into the web app to assist this process. By providing easier access to uploading PFS documentation does allow for the increase in the PFS numbers.

Please remember to continue to upload PFS documentation to the web app. Also, remember to check the cut scores to ensure the student is below grade level according to the assessment. If the child is not below grade level, then do not mark the needs assessment. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Benassi.

Thank you for all of your hard work serving these priority students.

# Updates with the Web App

By Christina Benassi, ID&R Coordinator

A few updates with MIS2000 have occurred. Rebecca White, the Northeastern Regional clerk, below shares some changes with the withdrawal (wd) form procedures.

*I just wanted to inform you about some changes in the wd procedure. When you mark M,B or O under Supplemental or Supportive Services you must make sure that you have entered a corresponding service on the web app. For example: If you helped with school registration be sure to enter it as a service on the web app and mark advising services when you wd them. Please do not send in a wd form until you have made sure that your services match your wd form. I have attached two files that I believe will be helpful. Those that are highlighted are only needed for your logs; they are not recorded as “other support services.”*

CODE	SP TEXT	READING INSTRUCTION	MATH INSTRUCTION	OTHER INSTRUCTION	CREDIT ACCRUAL	ADVISING SERVICE	REFERRAL SERVICE	OTHER SUPPORT SERVICE
2.1	SUPPORT GUIDANCE					X		
2.2	SOCIAL WORK OUTREACH OR ADVOCACY					X		
2.3	HEALTH, DENTAL AND EYE CARE							X
2.4	TRANSPORTATION							X
3.1	READING, LANGUAGE ARTS	X						
3.2	ENGLISH FOR LEP CHILDREN (ESL)			X				
3.3	MATHEMATICS		X					
3.4	SCIENCE			X				
3.5	SOCIAL STUDIES			X				
3.6	VOCATIONAL/ CAREER/LIFE SKILLS							X
3.8	INTERPRETING							
3.9	REFERRALS						X	
4.0	MATH CREDIT ACCRUAL				X			
4.1	READING, LANGUAGE ARTS CREDIT ACCRUAL				X			
4.2	SCIENCE CREDIT ACCRUAL				X			
4.3	SOCIAL STUDIES CREDIT ACCRUAL				X			
4.4	COLLEGE VISITS							X
4.5	MIGRANT EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS							X
4.6	GED							X
4.7	EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS							X
5.1	OSY MINI-LESSONS							X
5.2	BOOK DISTRIBUTION, PROVIDING FOOD AND/OR CLOTHING							X
5.3	SCHOOL-BASED MEETINGS							X
5.4	FUN FIELD TRIPS							
5.5	PAC MEETINGS							
5.6	PARENT TEACHER CONTACT (HOME VISITS/CONFERENCES)					X		
5.7	SCHOOL REGISTRATION					X		
5.8	SUMMER CAMPS (NON-MIGRANT)						X	
5.9	PROVIDING SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO STUDENTS							X
6.0	COMPUTER SKILLS				X			
6.1	PRESCHOOL READINESS SKILLS				X			
7.0	COMPLETED A COE/BIP							
7.1	COMPLETED VERIFICATION SIGNATURE							
8.0	ABSENT/UNAVAILABLE							

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Secondly, Marcy Bolt, MEDD contact, has added the comments to the Student Service Report, which can be found on the web app. Now when you receive a student from another district, you can pull this report to see what services this student received.

Finally, you can now add lists to the web app. You can

create a list of all the students in a certain family, a certain farm, or a certain school which will allow for easier access in entering services. You can now enter the same service for several students at the same time.

As always, if you have any web app questions, please contact Christina Benassi.

## Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Renewal Calculator

By Pavel Romero, Harrison County Recruiter/Advocate

The links below are for a DACA Renewal Calculator. Staff can use this calculator with their students to see when they need to renew their DACA. It is advised to renew 120 to 150 days before it expires. It is very helpful tool to have for students and parents with questions.

<https://nilc.org/dacarenewalcalculator.html>

[http://www.bgdailynews.com/news/city-schools-assist-migrant-refugee-families/article\\_b97b2cfa-2a25-5114-b7d7-3c64f9b10026.html](http://www.bgdailynews.com/news/city-schools-assist-migrant-refugee-families/article_b97b2cfa-2a25-5114-b7d7-3c64f9b10026.html)



### Adam Blair, Washington County Advocate/Recruiter, has a new son!

The migrant family welcomes Brookson Kade Blair, born Feb. 24.

## WCHS students to attend national migrant conference in Seattle

By: Carolyn Sholar

Webster County High School students, Jose Martinez and Olga Valentin, as well as Sherrill Tanner, Migrant Coordinator, and Ali Frailey, ESL Instructional Assistant, will attend the National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education (NASDME) Conference in Seattle, Washington, March 21- 26. The students spoke at the 2014 KYMEP Fall Academy and were invited to speak at the national conference.

The national conference focuses on parents, students and

educators learning methods and skills to teach the migrant student. Jose and Olga will present leadership activities for the summer Western Kentucky Leadership Institute (Migrant Leadership Camp). The students plan to link via the internet to Webster County classrooms to share some of their Seattle experiences.

The group will have the opportunity to see some of the Seattle sights, including Pike Place Fish Market, the Space Needle and Chinatown.



Olga Valentin



Jose Martinez