

TOOL 1-5 NEBRASKA MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM SAMPLE FOCUS GROUP INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (OPTIONAL)

Sample Staff Focus Group Questions

- What do you feel are the greatest educational needs of migrant students that you serve? What evidence or data do you have to support your conclusions?
- What are the greatest support services needs of the students you serve? What evidence or data do you have to support your conclusions?
- What needs have you found that migrant children and youth have that prevent them from graduating from high school?
- What professional development do you need to help you better carry out your MEP duties?
- With what agencies or organizations does the MEP need to coordinate/collaborate to provide better services to the migrant children and youth you serve?

Sample Parent Focus Group Questions

- What do you feel are the greatest educational needs of your children?
PROBE: educational needs such as reading, math, learning English.
- What are the greatest support services needs of your children?
- *PROBE: support services needs such as transportation, translating/interpreting, counseling, referrals to community agencies.*
- What needs have you found that your children have that prevent them from graduating from high school?
PROBE: graduation needs such as learning about scholarships, counseling about options after high school, visiting college/junior college campuses, understanding about credit accrual and graduation requirements.
- What parent development/training needs do you have to help you to help your children be successful in school?
PROBE: training topics such as helping with homework, strategies for reading with your child, strategies for doing math together as a family, parent involvement in school.
- What community agencies or organizations would be helpful for the migrant program to coordinate/collaborate with to provide better services to migrant families?
PROBE: health clinics, banks, faith-based organizations, .

Sample Student Focus Group Questions

- What do you feel are your greatest educational needs? Why?
PROBE: Tutoring or homework help in reading, math, other subject areas
- What do you feel are the greatest needs you have for support services?
PROBE: Transportation from tutoring or after school activities; tuition or fees to participate in specific school activities; medical, dental, health services; school materials or books
- Can you think of anything that could help you be more successful in school?
- Is there anything that you can think that the migrant program could assist with that would assist you to graduate from high school?