Support for OSY: Basic Needs

The MEP must identify and provide services for OSY just as they do for any other migratory child. Once the needs of the OSY are identified, then the MEP should coordinate or provide supplemental services to meet the identified needs. MEP staff should build a supportive relationship, so the OSY feels comfortable to reach out for assistance and resources.

Supplemental services that address basic needs include:

Childcare

- Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center
- Motivation, Education, & Training, Inc. (MET, Inc.)

Health

- Free clinics, education on hydration, sunscreen, heat stroke
- Resources for prenatal care, immunizations, dental and vision screenings
- Migrant health centers

Food

- Food banks
- WIC
- SNAP food benefits
- Weekend food services

Clothing

- Closets through faith-based ministries
- Second-hand stores when culling inventory
- Clothing donations
- MET provides long-sleeve work shirts

Housing

- 211
- Salvation Army—provides emergency shelter, furniture or household items that may be needed