

# Engaging Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers in Healthcare Research



Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund

# Funding and Project Dates

This project was awarded to the University of Kansas Center for Research OBO the University of Kansas (KU). Cheryl Holmes with the **KU School of Social Welfare** is the Project Lead. Michelle Levy with the KU School of Social Welfare is the Co-Project Lead. **Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund** is the Community Co-Lead.

It is funded through a **Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute** (PCORI) Engagement Award Initiative (4430-KUCR).

## Project dates

March 1, 2017 through December 15, 2018.

# About the Funder

The **Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute** (PCORI) is an independent, nonprofit organization authorized by Congress in 2010.

Its mission is to fund research that will provide **patients, their caregivers, and clinicians** with the evidence-based information needed to make better-informed healthcare decisions.

PCORI is committed to continually seeking input from a broad range of stakeholders to guide its work.

For more information, see [www.pcori.org](http://www.pcori.org).

# Project Overview

## PURPOSE

To increase knowledge about the **health outcomes** that are important to **migrant and seasonal farmworkers**, particularly those in the Midwest Stream, and **how to better engage them** as they access and receive healthcare.

## INCLUSION

We will achieve this purpose by **directly engaging farmworkers in the project process** along with other key stakeholders.

# The KU Team



**Cheryl Holmes**, MPA (Lead/PI) – Ms. Holmes’ background focuses on frontier and rural health and community as well as stakeholder engagement, particularly with populations experiencing disparities. Research interests include community based participatory research, capacity building, and cross-systems collaboration.



**Michelle Levy**, MA (Co-Lead/Co-PI) – Ms. Levy’s experience is with behavioral health, child welfare, and health services. Research interests include recruitment, retention and work force development, integrated health, and cross-systems collaboration.



**Susana Mariscal**, PhD (Researcher, Cultural Expert) – Dr. Mariscal’s focus is on prevention of family violence and the promotion of resilience. Research interests include engagement of the Latino community, adult mental health, and child welfare. Dr. Mariscal is a Fulbright scholar from Bolivia and is a native Spanish speaker.

# Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund

MFAF, a nonprofit organization serving migrant and seasonal farmworkers, is the community co-lead. Its staff brings a strong working relationship serving and supporting farmworkers and their families, addressing a myriad of issues including healthcare access.



**Suzanne Gladney**, J.D., MFAF's Founder and Executive Director, specializes in immigration law and advises community agencies serving immigrants. She is a fluent Spanish speaker and a frequent speaker on immigration and migrant farmworker issues.



**Elizabeth Reid** serves as Program Director. She is a fluent Spanish speaker, with degrees in Spanish and Psychology. She spent two years serving in Belize City, Belize with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps – International Program.



**Kaylee Dolen**, also a fluent Spanish-speaker, serves as MFAF's Healthcare Case Manager. She has worked and interned for several nonprofits. She has a MA in International Studies.

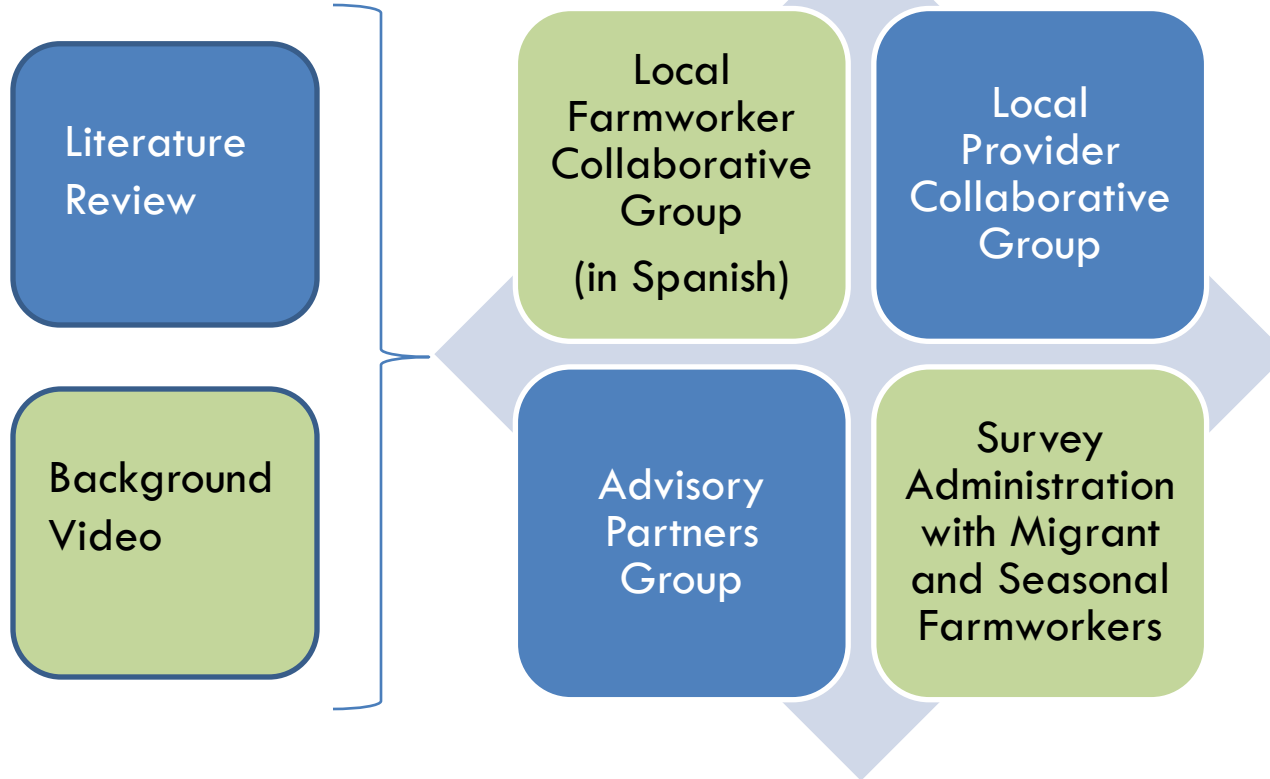
# Our Key Partners

Together, KU and MFAF will guide the work with the support of key partners including the following organizations.

- Farmworker Justice
- Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri
- Juntos Center for Advancing Latino Health
- Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program
- Lafayette County Health Department
- Migrant Clinicians Network
- MHP Salud
- National Center for Farmworker Health
- REACH Healthcare Foundation
- Rodgers Health
- Treetop Productions
- Univ. of KS Center for Migration Research
- Univ. of KS Center for the Study of Injustice

# Methods

## Supporting Information





# Key Deliverables

Literature Review

Background  
Video

Farmworker  
Survey Instrument  
& Results

Research  
Agenda

Final Summary  
Report

# For More Information

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