### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you out of school? Do you need a high school diploma?

### Think about HEP!

HEP stands for the High School Equivalency Program. HEP helps migrant youth to prepare for the high school equivalency certificate (GED – general educational development). HEP also helps students to think about careers, more training or to find jobs. You can choose from more than fifty HEPs nationwide. A HEP class may last 8 to 12 weeks. At some HEPs, you can live on campus while you study. Some

HEPs offer classes for students who want to live at home and go back and forth each day to study.

Some programs have classes in both English and Spanish.

## What will HEP provide?

- classes to prepare for the GED tests
- tutoring
- · books and materials
- · career counseling
- · help with job placement
- help with enrolling in a post-secondary school

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# Who is eligible?

You may be if you:

- can show that you are an agricultural worker or a dependent of one with at least 75 days in migrant or seasonal farmwork in the past 24 months, or have been eligible for or taken part in a migrant education program or in a Work Force Investment Act 167 program
- are 16 years of age or older (Some sites require that students be at least 17.)
  - are not currently enrolled in an elementary or secondary school
    - have not earned a high school diploma
    - are interested in serious study

You may also need to pass a pre-test.

For more information on current HEP programs, go to the U.S. Department of Education web site:

www.ed.gov

and search for

Directory of HEP and CAMP Grantees