



COALITION OF FLORIDA FARMWORKER ORGANIZATIONS, Inc

# CSBG/T&TA



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Participating Community

## Special points of interest:

- FACA Annual Conference
- Governor's Hurricane Conference
- NCLR
- Migrant Service Providers
- 2010 Census
- Linda J. Grisham

## COFFO's Director Report

The Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations has been contracting with the Department of Community Affairs on a project that will assist Community Action Agencies with high farmworker concentrations outreach farmworkers.

The contract requires that COFFO establish a CSBG Farmworker Advisory Council and select eight Community Action Agencies for participation and develop six newsletters.

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to advise COFFO in identifying technical assistance needs and the developing of training activities. It will consist of no more than 15 members and one-third will be representatives of the CAAs receiving technical assistance, one-third representative of government agencies familiar with farmworker services and familiarity with farm labor issues and one-third members at large that serve and/or have an interest in farmworker issues. The Advisory Council will meet twice during the term of the contract

The selection of the eight CAAs is based on the high concentration of farmworkers in the counties they serve, based on the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Enumeration Profiles Study. Selection of the CAAs is approved by the Department of Community Affairs and participation is voluntarily.

The newsletters will be produced electronically and disseminated to the

Florida CAAs and posted on COFFO's website, [www.coffo.org](http://www.coffo.org).

This issue is dedicated to introducing the members of the Advisory Council, the CAAs selected and information relative to the program. Future newsletters will contain articles received from the Advisory Council members and issues relative to farmworkers and agriculture.



## Advisory Council

### CAAs

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## Participating Community Action Agencies

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## FACA 29TH Annual Training Conference

MAY 12 – 15, 2009  
PGA NATIONAL RESORT & SPA  
400 Avenue of the Champions  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL



## 2009 Governor's Hurricane Conference

May 10-15, 2009

Theme Preparing Rural and Immigrant Communities for Hurricanes & Tropical Storms

<http://www.flghc.org/program.html>

# NCLR

NATION COUNCIL OF LA RAZA

## 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

July 25-28

McCormick Place West

Chicago, Illinois

<http://www.nclr.org/section/events/conference/>



## Migrant Service Providers Meeting

Meetings are held at the COFFO conference room

778 West Palm Drive Florida City , 33034

Every third Wednesday of the month at 2P.M.

<http://coffo.org>



## Full Committee Meeting

### 2010 Census Statewide Complete Count Committee

Thursday, May 14th, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Valencia Community College's Criminal Justice Institute

8600 Valencia College Lane

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>



## Congratulations to Mrs. Linda J. Grisham

on her new position as Director of Adult Migrant Program and Services Section at the State Office.