



# REACTS

## Records Exchange Advice, Communication, and Technical Support Newsletter

### MSIX Success Story in Indiana

In Indiana, the use of the Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) system prevented a child from having to repeat sixth grade. A family, having just arrived in Indiana from Texas, was interviewed by a Migrant Education Program (MEP) recruiter. During the interview, the family expressed concern about whether one of the children had passed sixth grade since he had done well in some classes but had failed others. The recruiter made a note of this on the student's Certificate of Eligibility (COE). When the Indiana COE reviewer read the note, she immediately used the MSIX email notification feature to contact the student's prior school in Texas to ask if the child had been promoted to the next grade.

The Texas school contact replied that the child had passed to seventh grade after having successfully completed reading and math courses in summer school. The message also included the student's standardized test score along with an explanation that this standardized test was not needed by the student to successfully complete the sixth grade.

The Indiana Migrant Program would have enrolled the child in the sixth grade but, due to the timely exchange of information via MSIX, the child was correctly placed in the seventh grade.

*Indiana MSIX Success Story submitted by Doris Waters, migrant education specialist for the Indiana Department of Education.*



### Quick Links

#### REACTS Website

<http://reactsmsix.ed.gov>

#### MSIX Website

<http://msix.ed.gov>

#### Office of Migrant Education Website

<http://www.ed.gov/oese/ome/>

### How to Contribute to REACTS

Do you have a MSIX story to share?  
We would love to hear from you.

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## MSIX Success Story in Texas

The Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) makes work easier for Lucy Esther Gonzalez, a Migrant Education Program (MEP) recruiter at the Weslaco Independent School District in Texas. Ms. Gonzalez uses MSIX in her recruitment efforts to locate families and as a pre-interview tool.

Recently, Ms. Gonzalez used MSIX to find a migrant family that resides in Weslaco. She expected them to return home to Weslaco after migrating, but had not seen them in the area in a while. Surprised that they had not enrolled their child in school yet, Ms. Gonzalez looked for the child in MSIX. After finding that the student had enrolled in MSIX in another state, she contacted the parents to ask when they planned to return to Weslaco. Ms. Gonzalez scheduled a visit with the family after their expected return, to discuss services for their child, based on the information that she had found in MSIX.



In addition, Ms. Gonzalez uses MSIX as a pre-interview tool. She was able to fill in gaps of information on the children of a family that she recruited some months ago. When Ms. Gonzalez interviewed the parents, they did not mention one of their prior moves, or the fact that one of their children remained behind during that move. However, the information in MSIX provided a more complete history of the children, including information on the child left behind. Ms. Gonzalez said that this additional information enabled her to contact the state to inform MEP staff that the child was still there. This notification ensured that the child was recruited and served.

*Texas MSIX Success Story submitted by Lucy Esther Gonzalez, a Migrant Education Program (MEP) recruiter at the Weslaco Independent School District in Texas*

## Future Newsletters

You are on the Office of Migrant Education distribution list to receive this newsletter on a quarterly basis.

We would love to hear your MSIX stories, challenges, and advice, and include these in future issues.

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