



## Rural Opportunities, Inc. - NEW JERSEY

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*The vision of Rural Opportunities, Inc., and East Coast Migrant Head Start Project has been similar from the very beginning of their relationship. Cooperatively, both agencies have been working to provide the best services for farmworkers and their children. Integration of the Migrant Head Start program with other services operated by the Rural Opportunities, Inc. for farmworkers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania have added significant resources for farmworkers and their families.*

The New Jersey Migrant Head Start program had its beginnings on June 4, 1987 in the basement of a church in which forty-six migrant farmworker children were served. Knowing that the best facility for a Migrant Head Start Center is one that is permanently dedicated to the needs of migrant children, Rural Opportunities, Inc., secured a facility in Bridgetown, New Jersey in 1990. The generous support of the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project made it possible to do the required renovations. New Horizons Child Enrichment Center is licensed for 115 migrant children. In 1992 ROI identified the need for Head Start Services for migrant children in Atlantic County. Rural Opportunities, Inc., with the assistance of East Coast, expanded their child care services to include Atlantic and Gloucester counties in 1992. In 1993 the Rural Opportunities, Inc., (New Jersey) Migrant Head Start Program served 232 children.