



Rural Opportunities, Inc. - PENNSYLVANIA

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.

In 1990, Rural Opportunities, working closely with the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, began developing a program to provide child development services to farmworker families in the south central orchard country of Pennsylvania and the mushroom areas of Southeastern Pennsylvania. In 1991 ROI began operations in Adams, Franklin and Chester Counties. ROI provided services to approximately 150 migrant children and their families. In 1992, a determination of significant need for expansion of child development resulted in a second site being added in Adams County. A permanent center is being constructed by Hal Kaplan of Kaplan School Supplies. During the current year ROI (Pennsylvania) will serve approximately two hundred three migrant children.

In 1994 Rural Opportunities, with the help of the East Coast Program Development Staff, located a new area of need in Lackawanna County in Northeast Pennsylvania. It is very exciting to be involved with the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project because of the enduring support and guidance they provide.
