



Virginia Council of Churches — VIRGINIA

The Council began a ministry with migrant farmworkers in 1948 on the Eastern Shore, and in later years in other areas of the state. The Virginia Council of Churches became a delegate agency of the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project in 1974.

Several church and public school facilities were used to serve children in Northampton and Accomack counties. A site was purchased and the first unit of the Parksely Center completed in 1980. A third classroom and enlarged office addition was completed in 1984, and a fourth classroom added in 1991.

In 1983 a site was purchased in Northampton County at Cheriton and the first unit of the present center completed in 1984. Also on the Eastern Shore, the Bloxom Center began operations in 1988 in the Bloxom Primary School.

The program has financial support under a grant from the state of Virginia and from the Child Care and Development Block Grant; East Coast provides technical support and guidance.

From 1977 through 1979, a Migrant Head Start Center was set up in church facilities in Winchester.

In 1981, a home-care program served six infants while care was purchased for another nine children at a nursery school.

Since 1982, the Opequon Presbyterian Church has offered the use of its church facilities for the Migrant Head Start Program.

The Covessville Center was established in the Cove Presbyterian Church in 1988 and has continued to date. The Center is funded by East Coast and a state grant in partnership with Migrant Education.