



ID&R News

April 2021



Coming Up

Training Opportunities:

NASDME Conference

This year, the 2021 NASDME Conference will be virtual. It will take place May 3—6, 2021. For more information, click on this link: <https://www.nasdme.org/>

ID&R New Recruiter Training

May 12, 2021 8:30 am-3:00pm

Registration:

<https://bit.ly/3wHcyRj>

OMSIS/ID&R/MSIX Monthly Webinar

May 20, 2021 10:00 am

[ID&R Website & Re-sources – Check it Out!](#)

Recruitment Support

Training and consultation is provided throughout the year. Always know the MESC is ready for provide assistance whether you have a question or need clarification. For help, contact:

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Have an ID&R eligibility question? Click here to ask us – Coming Soon!

Scenario

Question: How should a recruiter determine what families mean by moving to take vacation, and when a family mentions “vacation”, how should one proceed?

There are times when families move from one residence to another residence but mention “vacation” during the interview with the recruiter. This situation comes up during the winter months and when families end up in another state or Mexico. OME recognizes cultural and language differences in how people describe the reason for their trips and moves from a residence. Families leave the community they live in and return to work. As noted by the OME, “It is only in rare circumstances that a family who moves (a) to visit family for the holiday season, (b) for vacation while the children are out of school, or (c) for other personal reasons (i.e., to visit a sick relative, etc....) would qualify for the MEP”. **Therefore, it is important that a recruiter ask additional questions and probe if there was a reason for the move.** It could be the worker lost his/her job, the crop ended, family had no income, and left the area, sometimes Mexico, to live cheaper. Also, some employers encourage workers to “take a break”. The recruiter should base their decision that the worker intends to change where they live for a period of time. The more time that the worker is laid off, the less likely the family simply went to Mexico and another state just to visit. Upon the family or worker’s return, worker needs to re-apply or go back (it does not matter if it is the same employer) and ask for work. Or, the worker needs to search and engage in new qualifying work. If the recruiter determines that worker engaged in new qualifying work and the children moved with, precede, or joined the worker, then a new QAD is established. Otherwise, the children will either qualify on a previous qualifying move, or not qualify at all. A guaranteed or promised job upon their return is considered a “non-eligible” move. (D3, D-4 – Chapter II: Child Eligibility, Non-Regulatory Guidance – March 2017). However, keep asking questions even if a job is guaranteed. Many times, employers will say a job is guaranteed but workers will not have a job upon return. Employers want to be assured they will have plenty of workers too. Keep on probing but avoid intrusive questions. It is important that the recruiter ask additional questions about the move. As always,

2nd Quarter COE Highlights

During the 2nd Quarter of the program year which are the months of January, February, and March, regional programs submitted COEs. Here are some highlights:

- **Region 20:** Completed 114 COEs with 97% accuracy.
- **Region 27:** Completed 84 COEs with 97% accuracy.
- **Region 3:** Completed 63 COEs with 98% accuracy.
- **Region 10:** Completed 61 COEs with 97% accuracy.

If you region did not make this list, keep recruiting. Remember, recruitment numbers are important but also accuracy is too. Families will begin moving in greater numbers. Work with agencies, local schools, employers, and other critical partners in order to find eligible families.

On-line Assessment

The March On-line Assessment results are in and as a statewide program, 70 staff members took the assessment. The statewide average score reported was 18.5. Almost, a 90% average. Great job team!!!!

