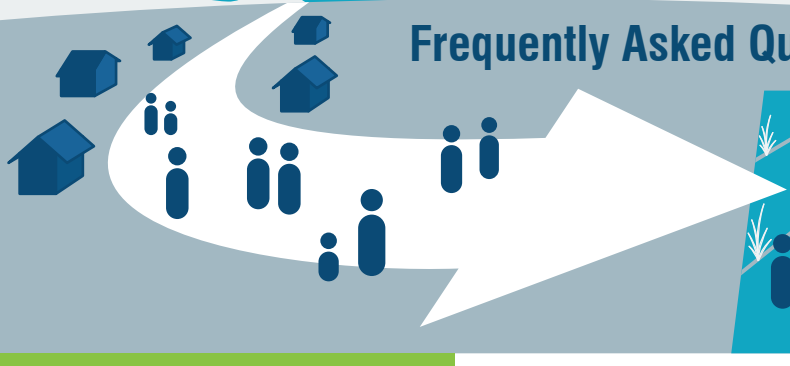
MIGRANT FAMILY HOUSING CENTERS

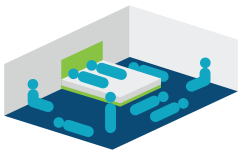
Frequently Asked Questions



What is Migrant Farm Labor Housing?

Each year, agricultural workers and their families migrate from their homes to agricultural areas for seasonal employment.

Because of the large number of families coming to these areas for such a short period of time, and the lack of quality housing available, the State of California and the Department of Labor developed the **Office of Migrant Services (OMS)**. The OMS was established in 1965, to provide Migrant farmworker families with **safe, decent and affordable** seasonal rental housing and support services during the peak growing and harvest season, usually April to November. Before 1965, families would live in...



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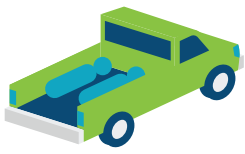

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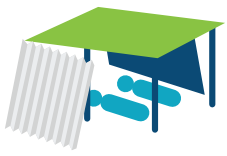

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To serve the housing needs of seasonal farm working families living in California, the OMS works with local housing authorities and counties to provide migrant centers located throughout California.

How Do I Qualify?

50%
OF INCOME MUST BE FROM AGRICULTURAL WORK
(type of work changes from center to center)

MUST LIVE OUTSIDE A 50-MILE RADIUS FROM THE CENTER WHERE YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AT LEAST
3 MONTHS

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
(immigration status, minimum or maximum income requirements and paperwork needed)
MAY VARY WITH EACH CENTER

Contact your nearest center for more information

When is Housing Available?

AVAILABLE DURING THE PEAK GROWING AND HARVEST SEASON, TYPICALLY **APRIL** THROUGH **NOVEMBER**

How Long?

FAMILIES MAY RENT THE UNITS FOR A **6** MONTH PERIOD (**180 DAYS**)

These periods can be extended based on the individual center's needs

How Much is Rent?

$11.50 – $12.50
PER DAY
(varies based on number of bedrooms and condition)

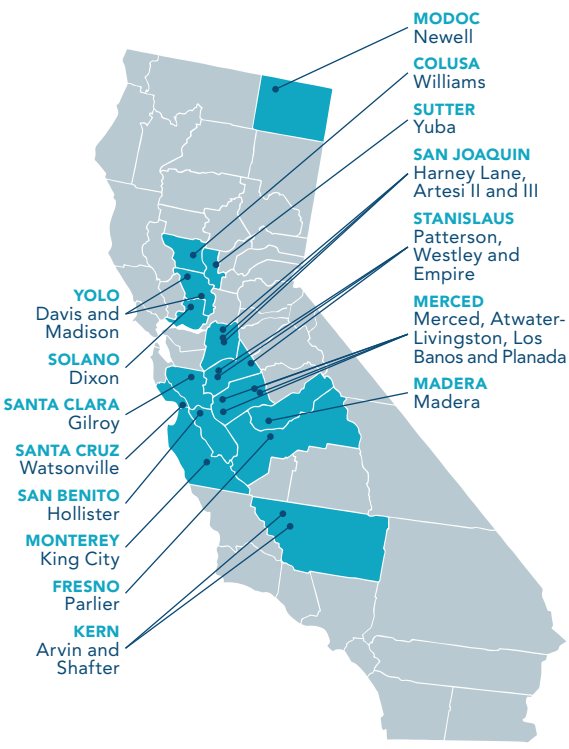
Unit Details

- 600–850 SQ. FT
- 2–4 BEDROOMS

ONLY FAMILIES QUALIFY

- LIVING ROOM
- DINING AREA
- KITCHEN
- FULL BATHROOM

Locations



Other Services Centers May Provide

- LAUNDRY CENTERS
- DAY CARE (AGES 2-5)
- MEDICAL AND NUTRITIONAL SERVICES
- SUMMER SCHOOL (AGES 6-15)
- PLAYGROUNDS, BASEBALL DIAMONDS, SOCCER FIELDS, BASKETBALL COURTS
- TUTORING & AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
- COUNSELING AND OTHER REFERRAL SERVICES

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For More Information:

Contact **Jaime Ochoa**, Community Representative for the California Department of Housing and Community Development, at **916.327.0942** Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.