Statement of Purpose for Expert Work Groups (Handout)

|  |
| --- |
| MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT Expert Work Groups |

As part of its statutory requirement under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), [***State name***] is conducting a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) of its Migrant Education Program (MEP). The CNA will identify the unique educational needs of migratory children and youth to inform State planning to ensure that these children can succeed academically and meet State performance goals.

The work of the CNA is guided by a Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) whose first tasks included reviewing data, identifying areas of concern, collecting data to validate concerns, and identifying evidence-based solutions and strategies to propose for a migrant education Service Delivery Plan (SDP). Expert Work Groups play a critical role in informing the work of the NAC.

Expert Work Groups include technical experts who provide input on research and evidence- based strategies that support solutions which contribute to closing achievement gaps between migratory children and other students. The experts are those who have particular knowledge and experience in a MEP Goal Area or area of concern in which needs of migratory children and youth have been identified.

The purpose of Expert Work Groups is to examine the data surrounding a particular need and propose solutions and discuss implementation challenges and recommendations that will guide the development of the SDP.