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HRSA & EPA: Sharing Agency

- Past projects under IAG
 - Safe Drinking Water Demonstration Project for South Texas (2002-2005)
 - Project Clean Environment for Healthy Kids II (2002-2003)
- Current projects
 - Environmental Health E-group (start 2005)
 - (under development) Developing a environmental health training program evaluation methodology (start 2005)

Yellow Pages to E-group: the transition from physical referencing to electronic communication

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What is an E-group?

- An E-group is an **interactive website** where participants can read and post messages.
 - It is **not** a reference site; members can communicate directly.



Why do we want one?

- To exchange **environmental health information**, bidirectionally
 - So people with similar interests can **consume** and **provide** information
- Potential users:
 - Clinicians
 - Community health workers
 - Toxicologists
 - Epidemiologists
 - Others?



Desired Outcomes

- Improved clinical detection of environment-related diseases
- Disease recognition in populations
 - More rapid recognition of emergent diseases
 - Improved characterization of chronic diseases
- Knowledge-sharing between environmental health specialists
- Advice & support



How does it work?

- The E-group will be **linked** to the EHWG webpage.
- Participants either **register themselves**, or else receive an **invitation to register**. Participants arrange into **subgroups** within the E-group, e.g., clinicians, community members, etc.
- Messages are available:
 - **Online**
 - Via **e-mail**. Participants can receive the daily messages in a single e-mail package.

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From: Bobbi Ryder <ryder@ncfh.org>
Date: Thu Mar 2, 2000 4:58 pm
Subject: [migrant_health_research] Greetings

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to welcome you all to the recently expanded Migrant Health Research eGroup. Thank you for agreeing to participate in this dialog. I hope that it will be rewarding for all of us, and appreciate your interest in migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

This egroup has been established, by popular demand of a large group of individuals who have been participating in the research tracks at the stream forums for the past two years. Through those conferences we have identified a critical mass of individuals of all disciplines who are interested in fostering or conducting research on migrant health issues.

As you are all aware, the lack of solid research on farmworker issues contributes to our inability to positively impact on their health status. We all have plenty of anecdotal information, but it is not backed by the appropriate data and analysis. We hope that this dialog will help to foster significant research projects in this arena.

Hopefully, each of you has followed through on the ideas which were generated through your involvement at the stream forums in at least a minor way. In the immediate future, we will be posing several questions to the egroup to ask how this collective effort has helped you to focus research on farmworker issues. We will be sending you a few simple questions, asking what you have as a result of this national push for migrant health research. I hope that you will respond to those questions when you receive them.

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Operations & Maintenance

- Bilingual set-up (including invitations, if any).
- Subject lines translated into both English and Spanish.
- The National Center for Farmworker Health would maintain all messages and attachments within the E-group.



Next Steps...

- To be Determined
 - What purpose(s) should the E-group serve?
 - Who is the priority audience?
 - How can we measure the impact of this E-group:
 - on the participants?
 - on the people they serve?
- Project evaluation (* months after implementation):
 - Needs assessment questionnaire (~2)
 - User satisfaction evaluation (12)
 - Utility evaluation (12)