

An aerial photograph of a vast agricultural landscape. A long, straight concrete canal runs diagonally across the frame, leading to a large, curved pipe structure. The surrounding fields are lush green, and the sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds from a sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon.

AIFC Board of Directors

Mission: To best meet and serve the needs of the farmworker population

History

The Arizona Interagency Farmworkers Coalition (AIFC), a non-profit, community-based service organization, was founded in 1991. The Coalition formed in response to a need to coordinate fragmented services from multi-disciplinary agencies and organizations. AIFC was originally housed and coordinated through the Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers in efforts to support Migrant Health Centers. Today, AIFC is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

AIFC has two central purposes today:

1. Provide scholarships to children in Arizona agricultural worker families to assist with college.
2. Organize a yearly educational conference for all entities providing services to Arizona agricultural workers.

Participation

Individuals representing various agencies participate in AIFC. These agencies represent a variety of segments of services to the agricultural worker population, such as:

- Agricultural agencies, groups, and employers
- Employment and training programs
- Farm labor advocates
- Community Health Centers and agencies
- Housing programs
- Labor enforcement agencies
- Legal aid advocates
- Migrant educational programs
- University agricultural programs
- Other local, state, and federal government agencies and private individuals

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