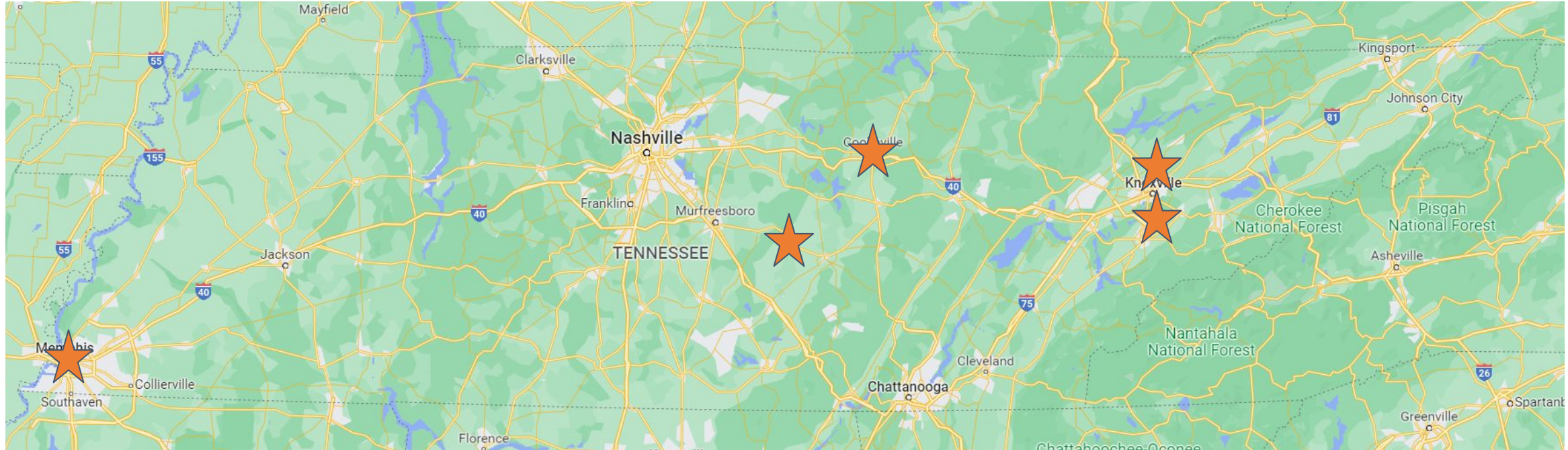




# TN MEP Eligibility Refresher

Arroyo Research Services  
Tennessee Migrant Education Program

# TN MEP ID&R Team



- Alejandrina Rodriguez - Knoxville
- Adelina Frias - McMinnville
- Egide Irambona - Knoxville
- Iris Montalvo - Memphis
- Veronica Rosales - Cookeville



# Outreach and Enrollment

- Identification and Recruitment is a loaded phrase
- Outreach and Enrollment better represents our process
- We conduct **outreach** to **enroll** migratory children



# Outreach and Enrollment





# Outreach and Enrollment





# Outreach and Enrollment

- Following up on OS
- Visiting farms, worksites, production plants etc.
- Collaborating with community organizations
- Getting out in the community!





# Outreach and Enrollment

- Following up on OS
- Visiting farms, worksites, production plants etc.
- Collaborating with community organizations
- Getting out in the community!





# Outreach and Enrollment

- Following up on OS
- Visiting farms, worksites, production plants etc.
- Collaborating with community organizations
- Getting out in the community!







# Who is eligible for the TN MEP?





**What makes somebody eligible for the Migrant Education Program?**

# Who is eligible for the Migrant Education Program?

The Migrant Education Program (MEP) is a federally funded program that provides support and resources to children who have moved with their families from one school district to another within the past three years in order to find temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture, fishing, or related industries.

To be eligible for the MEP, a child must meet the following criteria:

- The child must be under the age of 22.
- The child must have moved with a parent or guardian who is a migrant worker within the past three years.
- The child must have experienced educational disruption due to the move.
- The child must be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, or the family must meet income eligibility guidelines for the program.
- The child must be a U.S. citizen, a legal permanent resident, or a non-citizen with a work authorization.

In addition, the MEP also serves children who have been identified as homeless, and youth who are themselves migratory and have moved on their own in order to find temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture, fishing, or related industries.



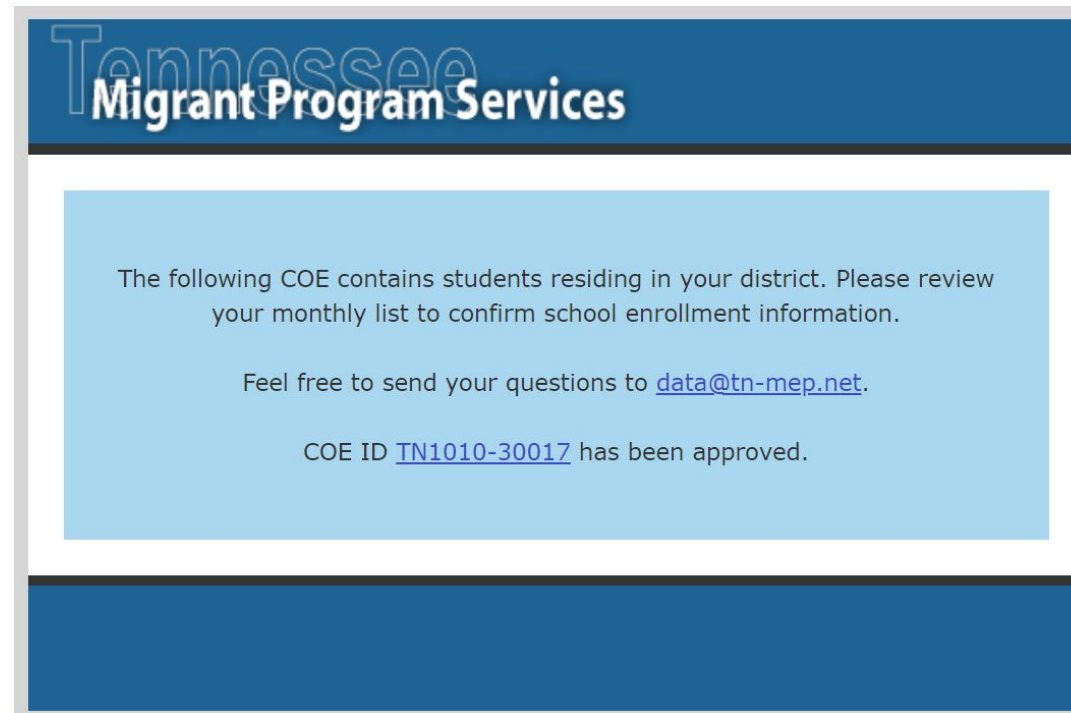
# Who is eligible?

- Each migratory student must have a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) signed by Tennessee Department of Education to receive services
- If the Outreach and Enrollment team completes a COE for a child, they are eligible for the TN MEP



# Who is eligible?

If a COE is completed for a migratory child in your county/district, you will receive this email automatically from [tn.msedd.com](http://tn.msedd.com)





# Who is eligible?

For more information about how to view the COE on [tn.msedd.com](http://tn.msedd.com), [watch this video from our website](#)





# Who is eligible?

## MEP Eligibility Checklist

- Migratory Qualifying Worker
- Migratory Child
- Qualifying Arrival Date

# Migratory Qualifying Worker

An individual who made a Qualifying Move and, soon after the move, engaged in new Qualifying Work.





# Migratory Qualifying Worker

An individual who made a Qualifying Move and, soon after the move, engaged in new Qualifying Work.

Does the “individual” meet the definition of “**Migratory Qualifying Worker**”?

## QUALIFYING MOVE FOR MIGRATORY QUALIFYING WORKER

- Due to economic necessity; AND
- From one residence to another residence; AND
- From one district to another; AND
- Took place in the preceding 36 months

## QUALIFYING WORK FOR MIGRATORY QUALIFYING WORKER

- engaged in new temporary or seasonal employment or personal subsistence in agriculture soon after the move (within 60 days);

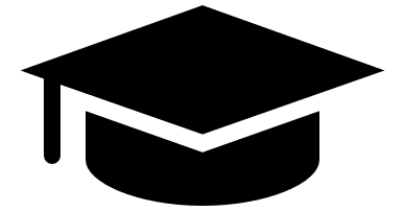
### AND

- The new qualifying work is seasonal or temporary; AND
- The new qualifying work is agricultural or fishing



# Migratory Child (MC)?

1. younger than 22 years of age;
2. entitled to a free and public education under State law;
3. Made a Qualifying Move as, with, to join or precede a Migratory Qualifying Worker



**Qualifying  
Move**

**As,  
with,  
to join or  
precede**

**Migratory  
Qualifying  
Worker**





# Migratory Child (MC)?

A child that is younger than 22 years of age and is entitled to a free and public education under State law, and made a qualifying move as, with to join or precede a migratory qualifying worker

Do(es) the “child(ren)” meet the definition of a “**Migratory Child**”?

## AGE

- The child is younger than 22 years of age

## SCHOOL COMPLETION

- The child is eligible for a free public education under State law

## QUALIFYING MOVE FOR CHILD

- Due to economic necessity; AND
- From one residence to another residence; AND
- From one district to another; AND
- Took place in the preceding 36 months

# Qualifying Arrival Date (QAD):

The date that both the Migratory Child and the Migratory Qualifying Worker complete their qualifying moves together.

The child must have moved as, with, to join or precede the Migratory Qualifying Worker. This date begins the child's 36 months of eligibility in the Migrant Education Program



# Qualifying Arrival Date – (QAD)

If the child and the Migratory Qualifying Worker (MQW) moved together,

the **QAD** is the day they both arrive.



If the child moved to precede the MQW,

the **QAD** is the day the worker arrives.



If the MQW moved before the child, ...

the **QAD** is the day the child arrives.



# Qualifying Arrival Date (QAD):

The date that both the Migratory Child and the Migratory Qualifying Worker complete their qualifying moves together.

**Qualifying Arrival Date (QAD): Both Child and Worker must make a “Qualifying Move.”**

- The child moved: (check one)
  - as** a Migratory Qualifying Worker (MQW),
  - with**, a Migratory Qualifying Worker (MQW), or
  - to join** a parent/guardian or spouse who is the Migratory Qualifying Worker (MQW).



# Who is eligible?

- Our Eligibility Checklist:
  - Migratory Qualifying Worker – An individual who made a qualifying move and engaged in Qualifying Work Soon After the Move
  - Migratory Child - A child under 22 years old, eligible for free public education, and made a Qualifying Move as, with to join or precede a Migratory Qualifying Worker
  - Qualifying Arrival Date - The last time the Migratory Child and the Migratory Qualifying Worker



# Who is eligible?

## MEP Eligibility Checklist

- Migratory Qualifying Worker
- Migratory Child
- Qualifying Arrival Date





# MEP Eligibility in the COE

## SECTION III. QUALIFYING MOVES & WORK:

1. The child(ren) listed on this form moved due to economic necessity from a residence in \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to a residence in \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

2. The child(ren) moved (complete both a. and b.):

- a.  as the worker, OR  with the worker, OR  to join or precede the worker.
- b. The worker, \_\_\_\_\_ is  the child or the child's  parent/guardian  spouse.
  - i. (Complete if "to join or precede" is checked in #2a.) The child(ren) moved on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The worker moved on \_\_\_\_\_. (provide comment)

3. The Qualifying Arrival Date was \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The worker moved due to economic necessity on \_\_\_\_\_ from a residence in \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to a residence in \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ and:

- a.  engaged in new qualifying work soon after the move (provide comment if worker engaged more than 60 days after the move), OR
- b.  actively sought new qualifying work AND has a recent history of moves for qualifying work (provide comment)

5. The qualifying work,\* \_\_\_\_\_ was (make a selection in both a. and b.):

- a.  seasonal OR  temporary employment
- b.  agricultural OR  fishing work

\*If applicable, check:  
 personal subsistence (provide comment)

6. (Complete if "temporary" is checked in #5a) The work was determined to be temporary employment based on:

- a.  worker's statement (provide comment), OR
- b.  employer's statement (provide comment), OR
- c.  State documentation for \_\_\_\_\_.

Migratory  
Child

Migratory  
Qualifying  
Worker



# Special Eligibility Cases

- Personal Subsistence

In order to determine if a migratory child is eligible based on “personal subsistence”, the recruiter must ascertain whether the worker and the worker’s family “as a matter of economic necessity, consume, as a substantial portion of their food intake, the crops, dairy products, or livestock they produce or the fish they catch.”



# Eligibility Case Studies





# Eligibility Case Studies

- Let's use our Eligibility Checklist to determine MEP eligibility in these case studies
  - Migratory Qualifying Worker – An individual who made a qualifying move and engaged in Qualifying Work Soon After the Move
  - Migratory Child - A child under 22 years old, eligible for free public education, and made a Qualifying Move as, with to join or precede a Migratory Qualifying Worker
  - Qualifying Arrival Date - The last time the Migratory Child and the Migratory Qualifying Worker



# Eligibility Scenario

Maria and her child (8 years old) moved from Florida to Spring City, TN. Soon after the move, Maria began planting peppers at a local farm.

Is there a Migratory Qualifying Worker?

Is there a Migratory Child?

Is there a Qualifying Arrival Date? If so, what is the QAD?



# Eligibility Scenario

Josue (12 years old) lives with his father in Chattanooga, TN. His father moves from Chattanooga to Pikeville to pick tomatoes in July 2022. Josue moves to live with his grandmother in Knoxville because there is no other place for him to stay.

July '22

July '22

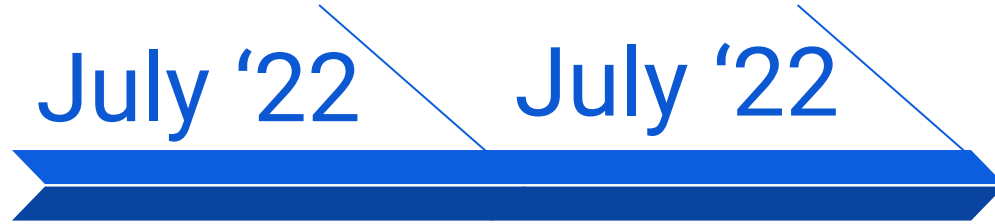
Dad moved from  
Chattanooga, TN to  
Pikeville, TN and picks  
tomatoes

Josue moved from  
Chattanooga to  
Knoxville to live with  
his grandmother



# Eligibility Scenario

July '22      July '22



Dad moved from  
Chattanooga, TN to  
Pikeville, TN and picks  
tomatoes

Josue moved from  
Chattanooga to  
Knoxville to live with  
his grandmother

Is there a Migratory Qualifying Worker?

Is there a Migratory Child?

Is there a Qualifying Arrival Date? If so, what is the QAD?



# Eligibility Scenario

Josue (12 years old) lives with his father in Chattanooga, TN. His father moves from Chattanooga to Pikeville to pick tomatoes in July 2022. Josue moves to live with his grandmother in Knoxville because there is no other place for him to stay.

In August 2022, the father moves back to Chattanooga and Josue moves back to Chattanooga to live with him.

July '22

July '22

Aug '22

Dad moved from Chattanooga, TN to Pikeville, TN and picks tomatoes

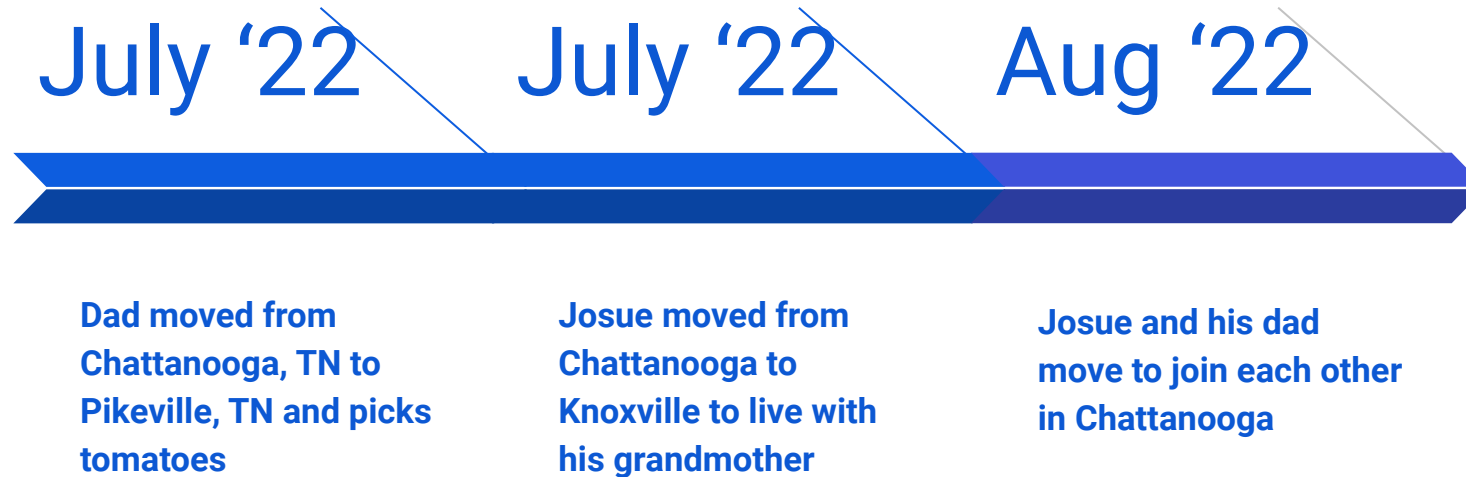
Josue moved from Chattanooga to Knoxville to live with his grandmother

Josue and his dad move to join each other in Chattanooga





# Eligibility Scenario



Is there a Migratory Qualifying Worker?

Is there a Migratory Child?

Is there a Qualifying Arrival Date? If so, what is the QAD?



# Eligibility Scenario

Malenga and her 10 year old daughter moved from Florida to Knoxville in October 2022 for work at a chicken processing plant. Malenga indicated she will be hanging the chickens on the processing line. She also stated the work will last for 6 months but she plans on living in Knoxville permanently.

Is there a Migratory Qualifying Worker?

Is there a Migratory Child?

Is there a Qualifying Arrival Date? If so, what is the QAD?



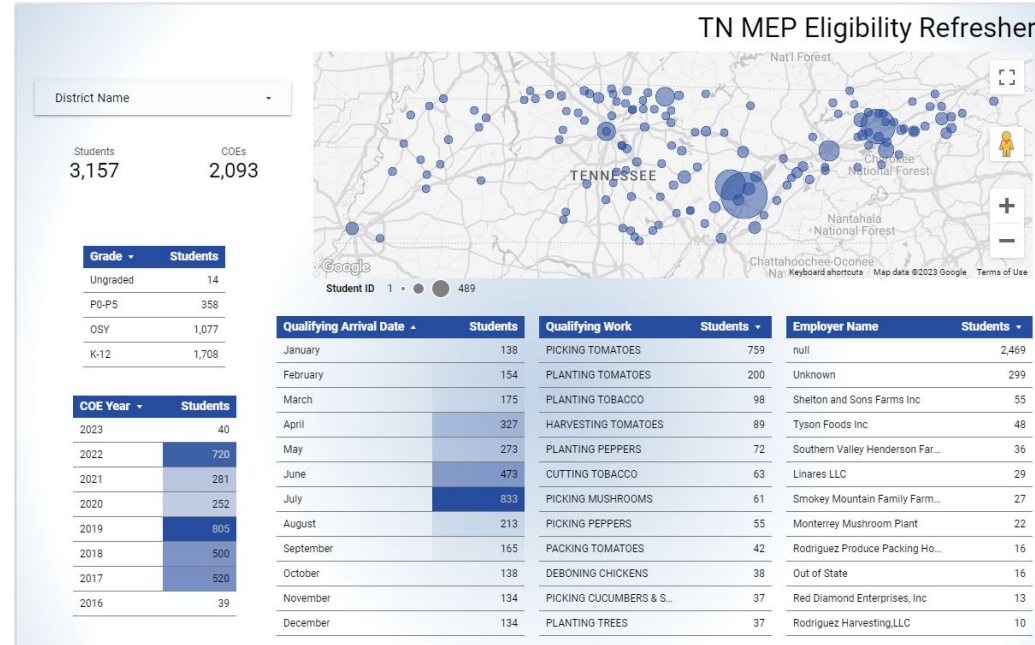
# MEP Eligibility Across the State





**What kind of work do the migratory families in your district do to qualify for the MEP?**

# MEP Eligibility Across the State



- Who qualifies for the TN MEP in your county/district?
- What kind of work do they do?
- When do they move to your county/district?



# Occupational Survey Reminders



# Occupational Survey Reminders

- Submit OS in a timely manner
- Submit legible and fully scanned OS with all fields completed. If the OS is not legible or does not have these fields, please complete them before submitting



# Occupational Survey Reminders

- Submit occupational surveys with “Yes” to both questions 1 and 2.
- Submit occupational surveys with “Yes” and “No” if LEA would like the ID&R team to review the survey(s) to determine if the student(s) can qualify as Migrant.
- Acknowledge emails from the Outreach Team requesting resubmissions and/or questions regarding occupational surveys.





# Occupational Survey Reminders

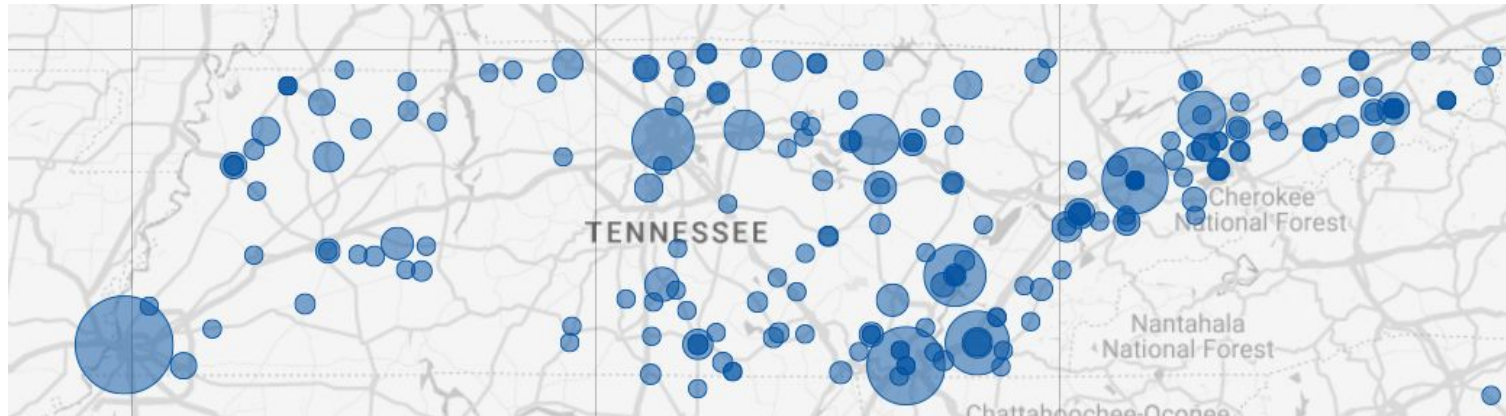
- Use the most recent form from our website
- Upload occupational surveys to the Occupational Surveys Tab and save as student Last Name\_First Name.pdf
- Submit occupational surveys as individual pdf files. If the OS are for more than one student in the family, you may batch those files together



# Occupational Survey Reminders

## By the Numbers

- 664 Priority 1 OS received
- 852 Outreach Logs Attempted
- 67 COEs completed



Q<sub>10</sub>

U<sub>1</sub>

E<sub>1</sub>

S<sub>1</sub>

T<sub>1</sub>

I<sub>1</sub>

O<sub>1</sub>

N<sub>1</sub>

S<sub>1</sub>



Email: [idr@tn-mep.net](mailto:idr@tn-mep.net)

Matt Flaherty

Email: [matt.flaherty@tn-mep.net](mailto:matt.flaherty@tn-mep.net)

Phone: 207 632 9186