

## The challenges Faced by farmworker families

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A farmworker family deals with many problems because they work for so long for so little pay. They work for the bare necessities which are sometimes hard to pay for. My family has many challenges just like many other farmworker families. My parents work really hard every day to buy necessities for the entire family. In the summer we have to move up north for a little while to work in the corn fields, I am going to have to help out as I am now thirteen years old. My family deals with no child care, having no money to pay the necessary bills, paying for health care of my brothers and sister, or watching my parents work so that they get hurt with no ability to pay for health care.

My parents would have trouble finding someone to take care of my little brothers and sister. I am thirteen now, my parents usually leave my nine and six year old younger brothers with me. They leave them with me because they do not have the money to pay for a babysitter; they leave the two younger siblings with my aunt.

We can only spend money on necessities like buying food for my family. We would like to have things like video games, popular shoes or clothes, but do not have the money to spend, like my friends.

Last year I got staph infection in my right ankle. I had to go to the hospital to get surgery on my right ankle. My family got lucky as I had Medicare for another three weeks and which covered my injury, but my parents were scared they wouldn't be able to pay for what was left. There's another challenge my parents deal with, they deal with being scared cause they might not be able to pay for something important for me or my siblings.

My dad gets hurt often while working in the fields. I remember last year when something happened that my dad was not able to open his eye. My dad was sad because he had to stay home and not work making money for our family. Another time my dad got stung by a bee and his neck swelled, and yet another time he almost lost his thumb because he smashed it against something at work. Each time anything happened to him he was not able to go to the hospital.

In conclusion farmworker families face many challenges. Parents and their children work hard to live with what so little they are given. My parents always tell me to work hard and get a good education so I will not end up like them, and I listen to them because I go with my dad to his work place and it's harsh conditions are enough for me to say I never want to work there.