



Here are some articles or other information that may be of interest to both our programs and our families. As I encounter information that I believe to be useful for our programs and our families—I will forward in this format. If you ever have a suggestion or comment—feel free to communicate with me. Thanks!

The U.S. Departments of Education (ED) and Health and Human Services (HHS) are pleased to announce an opportunity for the public to provide input on how we propose to implement the elements of the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) Program. We are posting the draft requirements, priorities, selection criteria, and definitions for the RTT-ELC competition both in a PDF format and a format that allows the public to provide us with input on each section directly on our website. These can both be found on the RTT-ELC Program web page (<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/index.html>). We encourage all interested parties to share their thoughts with us. The document will be posted for public input from July 1, 2011 through July 11, 2011 at 5:00 PM EDT. We will publish the final RTT-ELC requirements, priorities, selection criteria, and definitions in a Notice Inviting Applications in the Federal Register later this summer.

<http://www.politifact.com/ohio/statements/2011/jun/29/tim-ryan/rep-tim-ryan-says-head-start-programs-are-cost-ben/>

The above article provides a very solid argument for the Head Start Program.

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0611/57551.html>

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0611/57867.html>

[L.A. Mayor, Martin Sheen March for Farm Workers' Rights](#)

By Latin American Herald Tribune

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa together with actor Martin Sheen and community leaders marched to ask California Gov. Jerry Brown to sign a law guaranteeing farm workers the right to unionize.

[Will Jerry Brown meet Tuesday deadline for Fair Treatment for Farm Workers Act?](#)

By Daily KOS

Who is Jerry Brown today? Is he more like Jerry Brown, the man who in 1975 signed California's historic Agricultural Labor Relations Act or is he more like Arnold Schwarzenegger, the man who three times vetoed the Fair Treatment for Farm Workers Act? Back on **June 16**, more than 1,000 farm workers and supporters delivered the Fair Treatment for Farm Workers Act to Brown. He had 12 days to sign the bill, which would update the Agricultural Labor Relations Act by making it easier for farm workers to join unions. Those 12 days end tomorrow and Brown **has yet to sign** the bill.

[Brancel: State Budget Will Benefit Wisconsin Agriculture](#)

By Wisconsin Ag Connection

Wisconsin's agriculture secretary says the biennial state budget signed by Governor Scott Walker this past weekend does have several provisions that farmers should be happy to see.

[Find Out What Pesticides May Cause ADHD In Children](#)

The residue of certain pesticides found on fresh produce in the United States and Canada increase the odds of children developing attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) by 35 percent, according to a recently released study.

[Maine's First Affordable Housing Project Unveiled in Milbridge](#)

The Mano En Mano apartment building on Wyman Road in Milbridge is the first affordable housing project for farmworkers in the state of Maine and the country.

[Senate begins long road to next farm bill](#)

By High Plains Journal

In late May the Senate Agriculture Committee gathered for its first official 2012 farm bill hearing. Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) began by encouraging those present to focus on principles rather than programs in these opening talks.

The Hill. Senate cancels July 4th recess to focus on budget and jobs issues. This could be helpful on the jobs front if Senators start to think about the massive rural job losses already being feared in GA where the state E-Verify mandate (and other immigration related issues) do not even go into effect until July 1, but farms and their rural communities have already suffered major financial (and related job) losses.

<http://thehill.com/homenews/senate/169185--senate--will--cancel--july--4--recess>

Tucson Citizen. The headline says it all:

<http://tucsoncitizen.com/in--the--aggregate/2011/06/28/will--mandatory--e--verify--bill--do--for--american--agriculture--what--it--has--done--for--georgia%E2%80%99s--growers/>

The Hill. DREAM Act reintroduced in Senate. Administration admits: (DHS) does not have the resources necessary to remove the estimated 11 million people who are in the country illegally. Not to mention the FACT that we cannot afford to lose the 1 million (plus) experience farm workers who are part of that 11 million estimate.

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/168911--napolitano--solution--to--immigrant--crisis--is--reform--not--deportations>

Atlanta Journal Constitution. Parts of the Georgia law are already under scrutiny. If/when federal mandatory E-Verify legislation is passed, we expect there will be litigation attempting to stop/slow it as well. This is of little comfort to those who have already lost much of a season. This article notes that Barksdale Farms has already lost \$250K+ to the GA law, even before it becomes effective----- others have already suffered heavy losses as well.

<http://www.ajc.com/news/georgia--politics--elections/georgians--react--to--judges--991342.html>

Montgomery Advertiser. This article highlights a major issue with all the state e-verify and immigration laws being passed----- how to pay for enforcement.

<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/article/20110628/NEWS02/106280330/Law--enforcement--unsure--about--funding--enforcing--new--immigration--law>