

Several migrant farm worker families at a selected Telamon site in TN have been recruited to test an intervention that fosters family connectedness. Verbal and visual interaction between migrant families in the US and family members in their homeland will be encouraged via scrapbooking and video letters.

Family members will create scrapbooks with photos chronicling family and children's activities that will be sent to the families in their homeland. Through the use of a video camcorder with sharing capabilities, family members at a selected Telamon site in Tennessee will record video letters to share feelings, activities, and family information in a visual format.

A sociodemographic questionnaire will be administered by oral interview to participants in the US. Focus groups among US participants will be conducted pre and post intervention to identify stressors of separation and capture the overall thoughts on the intervention and impact on improved communication and reduction of stress.

The ultimate benefit will be to promote health and wellness among the Hispanic migrant population in East TN and their families in Mexico.

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