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Working at Farmworker Legal Services for the summer far exceeded my expectations. Since I had completed only one year of law school at that time, I was not sure what to expect working in the legal field. I was very fortunate in that I was able to practice Spanish with native speakers, get to know clients on a personal basis, expand my knowledge of Michigan state and federal statutes such as OSHA, MIOSH, and AWPA, interact with interns from law schools throughout the Midwest, receive guidance from an entire staff of attorneys, visit migrant camps, give presentations in Spanish, collaborate with other legal aid offices, and write numerous memos.

I enjoyed the opportunity to do outreach with a variety of staff members in the office. Each person has an individual way in which they interact with the migrant populations and teach others about our free legal services. I was able to explore the vast countryside of Michigan and enter into the little known world of the migrant worker. It was extremely satisfying to talk to families and see them describe their daily struggles and fears and be able to offer them assistance. In the future, I hope to continue helping underprivileged populations and make a small, but substantial difference in the lives of my clients.