

## National Young Worker Safety Resource Center

**Training and Resource Sharing  
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Education Development Center, Inc (EDC)  
55 Chapel St., Newton, MA 02458**

On September 11 and 12, the Young Worker Safety Resource Center (YWSRC) sponsored a training at the Education Development Center, in Newton, Massachusetts, for state agencies and organizations involved in young worker safety. Participants learned how to deliver the YWSRC's new Small Business Safety Training, which provides background information and hands-on exercises designed to engage workers in efforts to protect their own safety and health, as part of the employer's Safety and Health Management System. Participants also heard from federal partners about national developments in young worker health and safety and shared ideas and resources.

The following lists the participants, summarizes the information and resources provided by the trainer and other participants, and lists the responses to the evaluation.

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## Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ Welcome and Overview from Chris Miara, Education Development Center.
- ❖ [Modeling training for small business employers](#): Delivered by Diane Bush of U.C. Berkeley.
- ❖ Update on teens at work; panel of child labor laws, injury data and youth employment:
  - Update on youth employment data and Federal child labor laws: Art Kerschner of US Department of Labor
  - Injury data : Dawn Castillo of NIOSH
  - Youth employment and job development description and power point : Kimberly Rauscher, University of North Carolina
- ❖ Report on NJ's young worker safety activities: Derek Shendell of UMDNJ School of Public Health
- ❖ Effective training for workers with disabilities--The new Walgreen's model with a promotional brochure: Robin Dewey of U.C. Berkeley
- ❖ Young Worker Leadership Academies: MassCOSH youth and Nancy Luc share their experience

## Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

### **State partners share resources and recent activity**

- California: Reported on their [Leadership Academy](#) , [poster contest](#) and [PSA video contest](#). Their latest winning video is being shown in local movie theaters, football games and local access stations. To get teens involved in these projects, they send out flyers to public high schools and youth service organizations. California is also working with Oregon and Washington on the OSHA's 11 curriculum.
- Connecticut: Reported on their workshop, "Working Papers - Who Needs Them and Why" This workshop covers why working papers are important for protecting young workers, procedures for issuing working papers, CT and federal child labor laws, issues for cooperative work education programs and OSHA roles and responsibilities. They continue to provide the Train - the - Trainers Workshop through the Capitol Region Education Council that target educators and others involved with teen job programs.
- Iowa: recently held a Tri-State Workforce Conference, unfortunately one of their master trainers has left and they have been unable to continue training. They have received a grant to do a student internship program that links college students from Iowa schools to internship opportunities in small and medium sized firms with a goal of transitioning the interns to full-time employment in the state upon graduation.

The program is for Iowa based companies that meet all three of the following criteria:  
Fewer than 500 employees, with a significant portion employed within the state of Iowa.  
- Engaged in one of the targeted industries of biosciences, advanced manufacturing or information technology.

- Offer internships to students of Iowa community colleges, private colleges, or regent institutions.

Iowa has also developed a [School to Careers Search website](#) for youth to try out or search over 140 different careers.

The [Iowa FACE Program](#) collects in-depth information on all occupational fatalities.

- Massachusetts: Provided Activity Updates on projects related to surveillance, Youth @ Work, workforce development, and cross-agency collaborations.
- Minnesota: John Olson gave a presentation on their Young Worker Safety Training.
- Oregon: The Oregon Young Worker Health and Safety Coalition activities were presented.
- Rhode Island: Described their Young Employee Safety (YES!) Program, with which they have reached over 1,496 students in the past year. The YES program curriculum includes an educational video in which teens talk about their personal issues or accidents that happened at work as well as a game of Employee Safety Jeopardy.
- Washington: is working on a new curriculum called OSHA's 11. This new curriculum was developed to help provide educators and trainers with age appropriate lessons and training materials to help teach young workers the OSHA 10. Upon completion of the 11 hour curriculum conducted by an OSHA authorized General Industry outreach trainer, a student can receive the nationally recognized OSHA 10 hour General Industry Safety and Health card.

## Training and Resource Sharing Summary of Evaluations

1. *Did you learn anything new that will help in your efforts to protect young workers?*

Yes 14, No 0

*If yes, what resources, activities or new ideas are you likely to use and when?*

- Special needs curriculum
- Small business trainings and associated activities
- Video/Youtube.com tactics
- Increasing partners
- Youth academy
- CT linking OSH: labor history
- MA talking safety additional modules in healthcare voc/tech programs
- Public service announcements/ Movie theater advertisement
- Workplace violence power point discussed by Iowa
- The power tool institute
- Getting teachers, lawyers, and judges on board
- Staying Safe @ Work
- OSHA11
- Improving our website/include more valuable information

2. *What was least useful about this year's meeting?*

- Nothing or N/A
- Not enough time
- Several presentations not relevant to our work

3. *What additional resources, information, training, and/or assistance would help you advance your efforts to protect young workers in your state?*

- More information on OSHA11
- Sharing resources
- Raising awareness
- Funding opportunities
- Update on OSHA website and website material
- Update on central location of web based material
- Video media
- Updates on state specific programs/materials
- List of relevant websites
- Have this conference/workshop/training annually

- Stay Safe @ Work
- More info on training for workers with disabilities
- B&I Materials
- Copy of the RI video
- Tip sheets or outlines of people's work

4. *Other comments?*

- Great job!  
If possible build in more discussion and networking time to discuss challenges and get feedback
- Let's do it again
- We need more training like this!
- Thank-you, I wish we could have gone longer today!