

ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT

**U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Little Rock Area Office
And
The Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center**

October 13, 2015

I. Alliance Background

A. Date Signed

August 12, 2010 and renewed on August 26, 2013 and September 4, 2015

B. Evaluation Period

August 12, 2014 through August 12, 2015

C. Alliance Overview

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center (NWAJWC) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful American workplaces. OSHA and NWAJWC hereby form an Alliance to provide NWAJWC members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect workers health and safety, particularly in reducing and preventing exposure to struck-by, falls, and electrical hazards in residential construction.

D. Implementation Team Members

OSHA

Carlos Reynolds, Area Director, Little Rock Area Office – OSHA

David Bates, Area Director, Oklahoma City Area Office – OSHA

Mary Walter, Compliance Assistance Specialist, Little Rock Area Office – OSHA

Jorge Delucca, Compliance Assistance Specialist, Oklahoma City Area Office – OSHA

Northwest Arkansas Worker Justice Center

Walter Hinojosa, President of Board of Directors

II. Implementation Team Meetings

Quarterly meetings are held with Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center to address issues.

III. Activities, Events and Products

August 14, 2014, CAS Mary Walter visited the NAWAJC and delivered informational Quick Cards, Brochures and Fact Sheets both in English and in Spanish.

August 19, 2014, CAS Walter forwarded to the NAWAJC, links to NIOSH Noise hazard awareness in General Industry.

August 20, 2014, CAS Walter sent out to NAWAJC a Heat Advisory for the State of Arkansas.

September 22, 2014, CAS Mary Walter visited the NAWAJC and delivered informational Quick Cards, Brochures and Fact Sheets both in English and in Spanish.

February 8, 2015, CAS Walter emailed an article from the CDC on Worker Acclimation to Heat.

April 17, 2015, CAS Walter emailed an invitation to the NAWAJC an invitation to register for the Worker Memorial Free Class on the new Recordkeeping Rule offered by UTA on April 27, 2015.

April 24, 2015, CAS Walter emailed ergonomic information to the NAWAJC regarding safe lifting.

May 8, 2015, CAS Walter emailed to the NAWAJC a link to the Updated "It's The Law" Poster.

May 12, 2015, CAS Walter emailed a Safety Blast to the NAWAJC regarding rip tides and water safety.

May 15, 2015, CAS Walter emailed a Safety Blast to the NAWAJC regarding the ergonomics of working with video display terminals.

May 15, 2015, CAS Walter emailed information on the ergonomic hazards of using a tablet.

May 18, 2015, CAS Walter emailed an article regarding vulnerable young Hispanic construction workers.

June 4, 2015, CAS Walter emailed information how to prevent overdoses of prescription medicines.

June 4, 2015 CAS Walter emailed information regarding emergency preparedness.

June 8, 2015 CAS Walter emailed Safe Driving information.

June 15 & 16, 2015 CAS Walter emailed three separate emails regarding the hazards of slips, trips and falls.

June 24, 2015 CAS Walter emailed a Safety Blast regarding Lighting Safety.

June 24, 2015 CAS Walter emailed information on Violence in the Workplace.

June 25, 2015 CAS Walter emailed information regarding fall protection plans and fall rescue in the event of a fall.

July, 2015 CAS Walter emailed information regarding fireworks safety.

July 20, 2015 CAS Walter emailed information regarding venomous snakes and how to avoid being bitten.

July 29, 2015 CAS Walter emailed a list of new compliance resources.

July 30, 2015 CAS Walter emailed information regarding the hazards of silica exposure.

Training and Education

Events

- April 17, 2015, CAS Walter emailed an invitation to the NAWAJC an invitation to register for the Worker Memorial Free Class on the new Recordkeeping Rule offered by UTA on April 27, 2015.
- CAS Walter sent an email with flyer attached for the free seminar being offered by the University of Texas at Arlington for Labor Rights Week on August 31, 2015. The seminar covered Lockout/Tagout and was located in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Outreach and Communication

Distribution of OSHA Quick Cards and brochures related to construction and general industry including fall protection and heat stress were delivered several times per year.

Promoting the National Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health

The Little Rock Area Office has provided to the Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center continuing support and information relevant to the National and Regional Emphasis Programs and local, regional, and national initiatives such as the temporary workers, heat stress and fall prevention campaigns.

IV. Results

Type of Activity:	Attendees	2013-14 General Meetings Topics
NWAWJC Site Visit	13	Handouts and Quick Cards (250)
NWAWJC Site Visit	7	Brochures/Booklets (300)
Mailed boxes of materials		Handouts and Quick Cards (450)
Emails		Various Safety and Health Subjects (24)
TOTAL	20	1024

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