

ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT FOR Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center

Alliance Background

Date Signed: August 12, 2010

August 12, 2010 through August 12, 2012

I. 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 AHBA 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

II. Implementation Team Members

*Carlos Reynolds, Area Director, Little Rock Area Office – OSHA
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David Bates, Area Director, Oklahoma City Area Office - OSHA
Jose Luis Aguayo, Director, Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center*

III. Evaluation Period

August 12, 2010 through August 12, 2012

IV. Implementation Team Meetings

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

V. Events and Products

March 8, 2011, Mary Walter sent an email to the Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center (NWAJWC) containing reports on the Latino workforce from the National Council of LaRaza (NCLR). NCLR is the largest national Latino civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S.

On March 11, 2011, CAS Walter forwarded via email the March 10, 2011 DOL News Brief publication to NWAJWC.

On April 18, 2011, CAS Walter emailed Jose Aguayo from NWAJWC information regarding how to file a formal complaint for the people he represents.

On May 2, 2011, CAS Walter sent a link to register for free construction training class put on by the University of Texas at Arlington. The training was held in Little Rock on May 5-6, 2011.

On May 26, 2011, CAS Walter sent to NWAJWC a link to a Distracted Driving Flyer.

On June 24, 2011, CAS Walter forward via email the June 23, 2011 DOL New Brief publication to NWAJWC.

On June 30, 2011, CAS Walter sent to NWAJWC via email the locations of the OSHA Heat Stress billboards.

On July 20, 2011, the LRAO AD, Reynolds sent an e-mail to NWAJWC reminding them of the Heat Stress Campaign. He attached the press release from Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor, regarding the continued heat wave throughout the most of the country. Reminding them continue to notify their members of the dangers of working in the sun continually and to remember to do the following three (3) things while working in the heat: water, rest, shade and of the various heat related publications are available on our website at www.osha.gov.

On August 3, 2011, CAS Walter sent via email to NWAJWC representatives a link to the free training seminar put on by UTA in Oklahoma City, OK.

On August 5, 2011, CAS Walter shared new Heat Stress information that had been added to OSHA's website.

On August 15, 2011, CAS Walter shared with NWAJWC the link to the Heat Stress Android smartphone APP available on the OSHA website.

On August 19, 2011, CAS Walter shared with NWAJWC information on major recall of specific shock absorbing lanyards.

On August 31, 2011, CAS Walter shared with NAWAJC a hazard alert on the dangers to workers of incorrectly rebuilt circuit breakers.

On September 6, 2011, CAS Walter sent a PowerPoint Presentation covering Drive Safely Work Week.

On September 8, 2011, CAS Walter forwarded an email to NAWAJC regarding OSHA's compliance directive addressing workplace violence.

On September 12, 2011, CAS Walter attended the annual Labor Rights Breakfast in Springdale, Arkansas. Ms. Walter was asked to speak about OSHA's Mission.

On October 4, 2011, Ms. Walter forwarded an email to NAWAJC regarding available 10 hour and HAZWOPER courses.

On December 16, 2011, CAS Walter sent via email the DOL Newsletter dated December 15, 2011.

On April 9, 2012, CAS Walter sent via email the Occupational Health and Safety ENews Article: Heat Stress links

On April 19, 2012, CAS Mary Walter met with representatives from Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center (NAWJC) via conference call. The Area Office received a complaint in Spanish and the CAS enlisted aid from NAWJC to translate and communicate with the complainant and the compliance officer.

On April 26, 2012, CAS Walter sent to NAWJC Fall Prevention Campaign documents and links to our website.

On May 1, 2012, the Little Rock Area Office received a complaint from Mr. Jose Aguayo, Director of NAWJC on behalf of one of the center's members. The complaint was processed by phone and fax.

On May 8, 2012, the LRAO CAS arranged for Jose Aguayo, director for the NAWJC in Springdale, AR, to provide translation service during a complaint inspection by Little Rock Area Office enforcement personnel.

On May 19, 2012, The Little Rock Area Office, Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) and the Hispanic contractors of Texas (HCAT) put on an OSHA 10-Hour Construction marathon at the NWACC in Bentonville, Arkansas. Classes were presented in both English and Spanish. Jose Aguayo of NAWJC was contacted regarding the event and NAWJC advertised the marathon via their center. Forty-nine Spanish Speaking persons attended the classes and thirty-three English Speaking persons also attended.

On May 30, 2012, CAS Walter sent to NAWAJC a link to the on-air interview between the OSHA Area Director for Little Rock, Carlos Reynolds and the KATV news anchor Beth Hunt. The interview covered both the OSHA Heat Stress and Fall Prevention Campaigns.

On July 9, 2012, CAS Walter forwarded an email containing a HAZCOM Power Point in both English and Spanish.

On August 1, 2012, CAS Walter sent 200 hundred Quick Cards and brochures covering various hazards.

On September 1, 2012 CAS Mary Walter attended the Northwest Arkansas Worker Justice Center's Labor Rights Breakfast to support the alliance between NAWAJC and OSHA. There were 80 attendees at the Breakfast.

VI. Training and Education

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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 such as trenching, and the heat stress and the fall prevention campaigns.

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Results

| Type of Activity (Conference, Training, Print and Electronic Distribution, etc.) | Number of Individuals Reached or Trained |
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| <i>OSHA 10-Hour Marathon</i> | <i>49 (Spanish Speaking) 33 (English Speaking)</i> |
| <i>Handouts and Quick Cards</i> | <i>425</i> |
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| TOTAL | <i>507</i> |

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