

ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT

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

August 12, 2014

I. Alliance Background

A. Date Signed

August 12, 2010 and re-signed on August 26, 2013

B. Evaluation Period

August 12, 2013 through August 12, 2014

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 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.

D. Implementation Team Members

Carlos Reynolds, Area Director, Little Rock Area Office – OSHA
Mary Walter, Compliance Assistance Specialist, Little Rock Area Office – OSHA
David Bates, Area Director, Oklahoma City Area Office - OSHA
Jose Luis Aguayo, Director, Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center
Ricky Belk, Director, Arkansas Department of Labor

II. Implementation Team Meetings

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

III. Activities, Events and Products

August 31, 2013, CAS Mary Walter attended the Labor Rights Breakfast to support the alliance. Ms. Walter spoke at the breakfast regarding OSHA's mission and about the benefits of the alliance between OSHA and the Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center (NNAWJC). There were 95 attendees at the breakfast.

October 25, 2013, CAS Walter forwarded to the NNAWJC, links to various web pages, with Industry/Hazard Alerts and Fact Sheets.

February 3, 2014, CAS Walter shipped a box via UPS with various OSHA publications in Spanish to the NNAWJC.

February 26, 2014, CAS Walter sent information to the NNAWJC regarding the Poultry Processing Industry and our National Emphasis Program on Amputations.

March 14, 2014, CAS Walter invited Anna Stitt of the NNAWJC to share a table at the Mobile Mexican Consulate in Springdale, Arkansas on March 15 and 16, 2014. Although Ms. Stitt wasn't able to join, Ms. Walter delivered a box of publications to the NNAWJC.

March 17, 2014, CAS Walter sent a List of Classes offered by the University of Texas at Arlington for 2014 to the NNAWJC.

March 18-19, 2014, CAS Walter sent web page links to OSHA's National Fall Stand Down and the National Press release for the Fall Stand Down.

March 31, 2014, CAS Walter sent out the flyer for the Free Construction Seminar put on by the University of Texas at Arlington in Little Rock, Arkansas to all Alliances and Partnerships, including the NNAWJC.

April 1, 2014, at the request of Anna Stitt of the NNAWJC, CAS Walter ordered booklets entitled "Derechos de los trabajadores"/Workers Rights".

April 3, 2014, CAS Walter sent to the NNAWJC the top twelve violations report for the poultry industry for calendar year 2013.

April 4, 2014, CAS Walter sent a box of publications which had been requested by Anna Stitt of the NNAWJC.

April 28, 2014, as part of the observance of Workers Memorial Day, CAS Walter the NNAWJC information on the free seminar offered in Little Rock by the University of Texas at Arlington. The seminar was OSHA 7405, Fall Hazard Awareness for the Construction Industry. Also included was a list of other current Work Place Safety (free) OSHA 10-Hour Construction Course Schedule.

May 8, 2014, CAS Walter sent information on the Great American Shake Out/Earthquake Drill Participation to be conducted on October 16, 2014. A link to the web page was included.

May 12, 2014, CAS Walter sent information on the Fall Prevention Stand-Down with a link to the registration page and phone numbers for the points of contacts.

May 19, 2014, CAS Walter forwarded a copy of OSHA Quick Takes, which covered the upcoming Fall Stand Down to be held June 2-6, 2014.

May 22, AD Carlos Reynolds, visited the NAWAJC and dropped off publications regarding the Fall Stand Down, including the Fall Prevention Training booklet and a ladder hazard prevention booklet.

May 29, 2014, CAS Walter sent an OSHA News Release regarding the annual summer campaign to prevent heat-related illnesses.

May 30, 2014, CAS Walter again sent out the link to the National Fall Stand Down registration page and encouraged participation in the Kickoff ceremonies via the web.

May 30, 2014, CAS Walter sent links to free webinars regarding Evacuation and Emergency Planning and Safety Incentive Programs Done Right!

June 4, 2014, CAS Walter sent a link to an article with tips regarding fall prevention.

June 10, 2014, CAS Walter sent an OSHA News Release in Spanish regarding heat illness.

On July 29, 2014, CAS Walter sent a report on New Trends in Fatalities among Construction Workers.

August 7 & 8, 2014, CAS Walter sent two emails with flyers attached for the free seminar being offered by the University of Texas at Arlington for Labor Rights Week on September 8, 2014. The seminar will cover OSHA Course #7205 – Health Hazard Awareness and will be located in Little Rock, Arkansas.

August 8, 2014, CAS Walter sent out three heat-related articles regarding heat-related illnesses, entitled Acclimatization to Heat at Work; Killer Heat: First Days on Job Deadliest; and Heat Related Deaths.

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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 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	750	Handouts and Quick Cards
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Labor Rights Breakfast	95	OSHA Mission / Benefits of an Alliance
TOTAL	1085	

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