Welcome - WTP's Response to COVID-19 Recovery Center Launch

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NIH/NIEHS WTP COVID-19 Virtual Safety Training Initiative

WTP received $10 million from the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020

Goal: To increase health and safety awareness for responders and workers who face potential exposure to COVID-19

Training Initiative Objectives:

- Identify key **evidence-based methods** to **prevent and respond to COVID-19 in workplaces** providing essential services
- **Create a virtual training platform** for frontline healthcare, responders, law enforcement, environmental and critical service workers
- **Build a cadre of virtual safety trainers / advisors** to **deliver remote training** via advanced training technology to frontline workers

COVID-19 Recovery Centers (NOT-ES-21-002) – Welcome

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- As of April 2021, NIEHS has 8 COVID-19 Recovery Centers
  - Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Consortium
  - Western Region Universities Consortium
  - New Jersey/New York Hazardous Materials Worker Training Center
  - Sustainable Workplace Alliance
  - The New England Consortium-Civil Service Employees
  - International Chemical Workers Union Council Center for Worker Health and Safety Education
  - Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium
  - Steelworkers Charitable Educational Organization / Tony Mazzocchi Center

- The Centers will assess COVID-19 health risks, train essential workers, and coordinate resources needed to reduce disease transmission and promote recovery in disadvantaged and underserved communities.
- Produces high-quality curricula using appropriate language, cultural, and literacy considerations.

Environmental Factor - May 2021: COVID-19 resilience and recovery for workers, communities (nih.gov) - https://factor.niehs.nih.gov/2021/5/community-impact/workers/index.htm

COVID-19 – Milestones and Weekly Meetings/Reporting

- Executive Order 13996: Establishing the COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board and Ensuring a Sustainable Public Health Workforce for COVID-19 and Other Biological Threats
  - **Directive within EO:** Establishing a Public Health Workforce Program
  - **A-3 Summary of Directive:** Strengthen the response workforce by bolstering the training, tools, and support for testing, contact tracing, and vaccination efforts
- Executive Order 13999: Protecting Worker Safety and Health
  - **Directive within EO:** Issue new guidance to keep workers safe from COVID-19 exposure
  - **C-1 Summary of Directive:** Develop science-based guidance and mitigation strategies to reduce risk of COVID-19 transmission in the workplace
- Executive Order 13999: Protecting Worker Safety and Health
  - **Directive within EO**: Establish plans for standards, oversight, and outreach related to workforce safety
  - **C-3 Summary of Directive**: Issue revised guidance for employers and enforcement priorities for regulators to protect workers from COVID-19 and anti-retaliatory action.

NIEHS WTP Funds Organizations Using Coronavirus Congressional Appropriations

$6.6 M Awarded through 36 Supplemental Grants

Grant-Supported Activities:

- **Extensive training on COVID-19** health and safety, personal protective equipment, resiliency/mental health, and trainer development to **essential and returning** worker populations
- New/adapted **curricula tailored** to specific worker populations
- Expanding **on-line/blended/technology-enhanced curricula**
- Technology development such as mobile-friendly training modules, and virtual simulations
- Establish WTP COVID-19 Recovery Centers for promoting health, safety, and recovery training for COVID-19 Essential Workers and their Communities