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- COVID-19 pandemic, MassCOSH has delivered a variety of support to essential workers, going beyond education and training, to provide legal assistance and other forms of social support.
- Recovery Center program will extend support to the Naugatuck Valley Project, based in Waterbury, CT, a ConnectiCOSH partner, and to four community collaborations of MassCOSH in East Boston, Dorchester, Brockton, and New Bedford, MA.
- The funding will support COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, infectious disease control, procurement of PPE, training and education, legal support, employment assistance, and housing assistance.
• **MassCOSH Recovery Centers:**
  • MassCOSH is partnering with four geographical neighborhoods/cities.
    • **East Boston** (MassCOSH Immigrant Worker Center)
    • **Dorchester** (Dorchester Crossroads coalition – 9 partners)
    • **Brockton** (Brockton Workers Alliance, Brockton Health Equity Task Force)
    • **New Bedford** (Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores).
  • Focus on providing resources to high-risk workers in environmental justice communities and immigrant communities.
  • Builds MassCOSH’s on the work throughout pandemic → provide important health and safety education and training and link workers with the resources they need to survive the pandemic.
  • Addresses the immediate needs of high-risk workers and their families.
  • Puts in place the leadership, systems and infrastructure needed to ensure worker justice moving forward.
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• MassCOSH Recovery Centers:
  • Training on COVID-19
  • Sourcing and distribution of needed PPE
  • Partnerships with local public health and employers to connect resources
  • Coordination with local disaster preparedness
  • Access point for COVID testing, mental health counseling, peer support
  • Connection to job training, employment
  • Referrals to social services, food, emergency housing
  • IT technical assistance and best practices
• ConnectiCOSH/Naugatuck Valley Project Recovery Center
  • Multi-pronged community-based recovery center to assist low-income residents, working families and people of color in Connecticut’s Naugatuck Valley region.
  • In collaboration with the Naugatuck Valley Project (NVP), a network of 24 congregations, local labor unions, and housing cooperatives initiated, organized, and led by low income, working families, and people of color.
  • Health and wellness initiatives, disaster preparedness, training on worker protections and overall resilience for residents to deal with stress of post-pandemic era.
  • Town Hall meetings, awareness level trainings.
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- ConnectiCOSH/Naugatuck Valley Project Recovery Center
  - Science-based, culturally sensitive curriculum in five languages
  - Partner with public health agencies to connect to resources
  - Education around vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 by distributing information
  - Review procedures for infection control with community groups
  - Outreach, referral of 200 individuals per year to job training programs
  - Training for community members/workers to conduct audits in small businesses and community gathering places
  - Support and expand a food delivery program already in operation