



FALL WORKSHOP

# Advancing Partnerships to Improve Worker Health and Safety

OCTOBER 20 – 21, 2021  
VIRTUAL

## AGENDA

All times listed are Eastern

Register to receive the ZoomGov links: <https://nih.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcO6trz8tHxhUaM4A2zQ3HJKmgDjBjpo>

### Workshop Day 1: October 20, 2021

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Welcome**

- Sharon Beard, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Worker Training Program (WTP)
- Gary Ellison, Ph.D., Acting Director, NIEHS Division of Extramural Research and Training

1:15 – 2:00 p.m. **Setting the Stage: Experience with Partnerships**

**MODERATOR:** Mitchel Rosen, Ph.D., New Jersey/New York Hazardous Materials Worker Training Center

- Montgomery Proffitt, OAI, Inc.
- Janelle Rios, Ph.D., Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Consortium

### Partnership Structures and Agreements

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Defining Partnership Structures and Expectations**

**MODERATOR:** Salvatore Cali, OAI, Inc.

- Chris Cain, CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR)  
**TOPIC:** Applicability of the Construction Research to Practice Partnership Toolkit
- Tom Estabrook, Ph.D., The New England Consortium-Civil Service Employees Association and Pamela Puchalski, ConnectiCOSH/Naugatuck Valley Project  
**TOPIC:** Recovery Center in Connecticut
- Bryan Heard, Sustainable Workplace Alliance, and Joel Alvarez, International Chemical Workers Union Council Center for Worker Health and Safety Education  
**TOPIC:** Cross grantee partnership for online train-the-trainer for training in Puerto Rico

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Partnerships: Making Agreements and Understanding the Nature of Negotiations**

**MODERATOR:** David Turcotte, Sc.D., The New England Consortium-Civil Service Employees Association

- Ashlee Fitch, The Steelworkers Charitable and Educational Organization  
**TOPIC:** New partnership with Paducah
- Brian Griffin, Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training  
**TOPIC:** Greater Cincinnati Occupational Health and Great Oaks partnership
- William "Bill" Nash, Partnership for Environmental Technology and Education  
**TOPIC:** Military Training Partnership with Barton Community College

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3:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Q&A and Open Discussion for Partnership Structures and Agreements**

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3:15 – 3:30 p.m. **Break**

### **Best Practices to Sustain Long-Term Partnerships**

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3:30 – 4:15 p.m. **Sustaining Partnerships for the Long-Term**

**MODERATOR:** Kevin Riley, Ph.D., *Western Region Universities Consortium (WRUC)*

- Cesar Bandera, Ph.D., *Cell Podium* and Mitchel Rosen, Ph.D., *New Jersey/New York Hazardous Materials Worker Training Center*

**TOPIC:** A Small Business Innovation Research E-Learning for HAZMAT and Emergency Response Grantee and Worker Training Program Grantee Partnership

- Steve Doherty, *The Steelworkers Charitable and Educational Organization*

**TOPIC:** Partnership with Valero in Memphis, TN around the Triangle of Prevention

- Kenneth Oldfield, *Alabama Fire College*

**TOPIC:** Partnership with Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

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4:15 – 4:30 p.m. **Q&A and Open Discussion**

### **Interactive Roundtables**

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4:30 – 5:15 p.m. **Virtual Roundtables**

**MODERATOR:** Kenda Freeman, *National Clearinghouse for Worker Safety and Training*

*This session will provide participants an opportunity to explore various best practices related to partnerships. Each facilitator will spend the first 5 to 7 minutes of the breakout sharing best practices in their topic area. Then facilitators will encourage others to ask questions and share experiences from their own organizations. Attendees would then move to a different roundtable after 15 minutes.*

- **Best practices for working with Worker Centers and crossing language barriers**
    - Arturo Archila, *The Labor Institute with United Steelworkers (USW)*
  - **Best practices for crafting agreements – items to consider including to protect all partners.**
    - Lawrence Baldino, *The Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Training and Education Fund*
  - **Best practices for developing and sustaining federal interagency partnerships (National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), NIEHS, U.S. Environmental Protective Agency (EPA), Department of Energy (DOE), etc.) and why these partnerships are important**
    - Elizabeth Del Re, *International Association of Fire Fighters*
  - **Best practices for partnerships and work at DOE sites**
    - Ted Giltz, *NIEHS WTP Contractor*, and Gary Gustafson, *CPWR*
  - **Best practices for leveraging expertise within advisory boards and committees to build partnerships**
    - Stephen Grant, Ph.D., *Nova Southeastern University*
  - **Best practices for partnerships to train workers for disaster cleanup**
    - Gene Sabitoni, *LIUNA Training and Education Fund*
  - **Best practices for partnership with tribal organizations**
    - Roy Stover, *Alabama Fire College*
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5:15 – 5:25 p.m. **Wrap-up and Adjourn**

- Sharon Beard, *NIEHS WTP Director*

## Workshop Day 2: October 21, 2021

1:00 – 1:05 p.m. **Recap of Day 1 and Setting the Stage for Day 2 Discussions**

- Sharon Beard, *NIEHS WTP Director*

### Tracking Success and Lessons Learned

1:05 – 1:35 p.m. **Tracking Success and Evaluation**

**MODERATOR:** Demia Wright, *NIEHS WTP*

- Larry Hodge, *Jobs to Move America with USW*

**TOPIC:** Establishing Community Benefits Agreements

- Reggie Maclin, *Afton Chemical Corp.*, and Randy Schwartzkopf, *International Chemical Workers Union Council (ICWUC) Local Leadership*

**TOPIC:** ICWUC partnership with Afton Chemical Corp.

- David Casavant, *Sustainable Workplace Alliance*

**TOPIC:** Partnerships with companies that hire ECWTP graduates

1:35 – 2:05 p.m. **Tracking Lessons Learned**

**MODERATOR:** Jim Remington, *NIEHS WTP*

- Lara Maldjian, *New Jersey/New York Hazardous Materials Worker Training Center (NYCOSH)*

**TOPIC:** NYCOSH and NYC Transit (MTA) challenges

- Kevin Riley, Ph.D., *WRUC*

**TOPIC:** WRUC Partnership with Service Employees International Union Nurse Alliance of California

2:05 – 2:20 p.m. **Q&A and Open Discussion for Tracking Success and Lessons Learned**

### Breakout Discussions

2:20 – 3:05 p.m. **Breakout Session**

**MODERATOR:** Kathy Ahlmark, *NIEHS WTP*

*Breakout session for participants to gather and discuss various challenges and issues they have encountered with partnerships and strategies to adapt and overcome these challenges.*

3:05 – 3:35 p.m. **Report Back From Breakout Session**

3:35 – 3:50 p.m. **Break**

### Partnerships for Disaster Preparedness

3:50 – 4:30 p.m. **Outreach and Partnerships for Better Disaster Preparedness**

**MODERATOR:** Jonathan Rosen, *National Clearinghouse*

- Kim Dunn, *Deep South Center for Environmental Justice/Texas Southern University*

**TOPIC:** Pre-disaster outreach to establish post-disaster training partnerships

- Debora Gonzales, *The Steelworkers Charitable and Educational Organization/National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON)*

**TOPIC:** Pre-disaster outreach to establish post-disaster training partnerships

- Peter Raynor, Ph.D., *Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training*

**TOPIC:** Overview of Midwest Consortium's resilience projects

4:30 – 4:50 p.m. **Q&A and Open Discussion**

4:50 – 5:05 p.m. **Closing Thoughts and Proposed Follow-up Actions**

- Kenneth Oldfield, *Alabama Fire College*

