

Workshop Description

3/29/07 3:00 pm Workshop Block 3

18. Putting cultural literacy into action – Spanish language training (*UAW/ OAI – Luis Vasquez & Chris Candelaria*) *Track: Training Approaches for Worker Empowerment*

One third of the workshop will be delivery of the module, one third will be devoted to a roundtable discussion – with different NIEHS grantees that develop and deliver training in other languages relating their experiences and challenges, and one third devoted to Q&A and to gaining feedback from the audience.

Of particular relevance to the Occupational Health and Safety Community is the fact that while overall safety-related incidents in the workforce have dropped over the past several years, OSHA reports that the numbers of incidents among immigrant workers have risen dramatically and continue to rise. These incidents often result not only from language barriers but also from culturally divergent views and comprehension of safety mandates and practices.