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Clearinghouse Update

- New contracts, started August 8/29/20
- Data Management System (DMS) Updates and Material Upload and Search Tool for Infectious Diseases (MUSTID)
- Opioids continuation project
- ECTWP anniversary webpages



DMS Updates and MUSTID

- MUSTID is a new tool used to collect, curate, organize, and provide easy access to science-based resources that can be used to protect worker safety during the current COVID-19 outbreak (and future infectious disease outbreaks)
- MUSTID is embedded in the new DMS
- If you are a current DMS user, you already have access to MUSTID. If you would like access to it, please email Lynn Albert at albert@niehs.nih.gov
- More information will be shared about this resource via the webpage and the Newsbrief. Stay tuned



Opioids and the Workplace: Prevention and Response

- Held 5 pilots of the train-the-trainer course
- Held 2 pilots of the Leadership course
- Added several tools to the toolbox
 - Updated Legal Rights factsheet; more graphics and easier to read and navigate
 - Opioids and the workplace checklist
 - Factsheet on primary prevention
 - The COVID-19 Pandemic is Fueling the Opioid Crises
- A number of materials available in Spanish



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Opioids and the Workplace continued

- Moving forward:
 - Some additional leadership pilots
 - Workplace guide for workplace best practices
 - Guide on developing peer-based support programs
 - Webinar series and workshop
 - More materials translated to Spanish

ECWTP 25th Anniversary Activities

- Launched a web-site dedicated to the anniversary

<https://tools.niehs.nih.gov/wetp/index.cfm?id=2595>

Environmental Factor

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AUGUST 2020

Environmental Career Worker Training Program celebrates 25 years

Thousands of disadvantaged individuals have been trained for jobs, strengthening communities along the way.

BY KENDA FREEMAN AND DAVID RICHARDS

This year, the NIEHS [Environmental Career Worker Training Program](#) (ECWTP) celebrates 25 years of preparing disadvantaged, underserved people for jobs involving environmental cleanup, construction, hazardous waste removal, and emergency response. ECWTP, which is part of the Institute's [Worker Training Program](#) (WTP), provides participants with pre-employment education, health and safety instruction, and life skills.

Trainees in Chicago learned how to install solar panels. (Photo courtesy of OAI, Inc.)



new beginning **Opportunity** **IMPACT**
Vulnerable Communities BUILDING CAREERS
SAFETY life change
empower **TRAINING**
ENVIRONMENTAL
transformation
HEALTHY FUTURE Strong Foundation
Sustainability
knowledge Clean Up
25 YEARS
ECWTP

ECWTP 25th Anniversary



Environmental Career Worker Training Program

Anniversary "logo"

Feature story from Sharon Beard



Timeline of key events & milestones

Grantee "spotlights"

Trainee "spotlights"

Photos & videos

Timeline

*Expandable timeline,
1978-2020*

*Key milestones
shaping the EJ
movement and
ECWTP*

1982

– [Warren County, NC Protest Landfill Construction](#)

September 1982

Residents of Warren County, North Carolina protest construction of hazardous waste landfill in a predominantly African-American community. This was the start of the Environmental Justice movement.

Clips from the Warren County protest are featured in the video, “When Environmental Justice Meets Human Rights,” along with perspectives from Robert Bullard, Ph.D., a long-time advocate for environmental justice and co-lead for ECWTP grantee the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium.

Related Links:

- [Carolinians Angry Over PCB Landfill, The New York Times](#) ↗



[Watch: When Environmental Justice Meets Human Rights \(American Masters\)](#)

Grantee Spotlights

Two posted with webpage launch; 2 more added and final 2 will be posted this week

New Jersey/New York Hazardous Materials Training Center

The New Jersey/New York Hazardous Materials Training Center (NJ/NY Training Center) is led and directed by Mitchel Rosen, Ph.D., and housed at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Public Health. The Center's ECWTP operates as a pre-apprenticeship program, known as the BuildingWorks Pre-Apprenticeship (BuildingWorks). [Read more...](#)

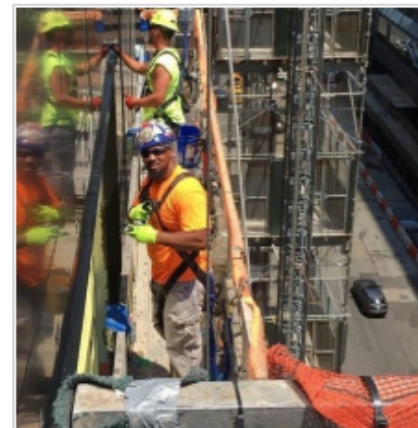


Trainee Spotlights

Creating a Financial Future

BuildingWorks Graduate

Before enrollment, Coleman was earning minimum wage, had unstable housing, and had been previously incarcerated. He completed BuildingWorks in 2014 and began the Carpenters Apprenticeship shortly after. He graduated the apprenticeship in 2018. Coleman is now a journeyman. He recently reported that he earns over \$100,000, has purchased a home, paid for his child's education. He stated that he is very confident about his financial future and indicated that he has investments in addition to retirement savings.



A. Coleman (front) working on a job site. (Photo courtesy of Everett Kilgo, BuildingWorks program manager)

To access the website:



The image shows a screenshot of a website menu titled "Careers & Training". The menu is displayed in a vertical list format. The top item is "HAZMAT Safety & Training". Below it is "Training Program Areas", which is expanded to show three sub-items: "Ebola Biosafety and Infectious Disease Response Training Program", "Environmental Career Worker Training Program" (which is highlighted with a grey background and a minus sign), and "ECWTP 25th Anniversary". Below these are two more items: "ECWTP and Joint ECWTP/EWDJT Meetings 2019".

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