



Success Stories

DAIRY WORKER SAFETY TRAINING

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The Problem:

Immigrant workers make up nearly half of the dairy labor force and dairies employing immigrants produce 79% of the US milk supply. However, most workers receive no safety training. **Producers and workers struggle with language and cultural barriers and limited safety resources.**

The Solution:

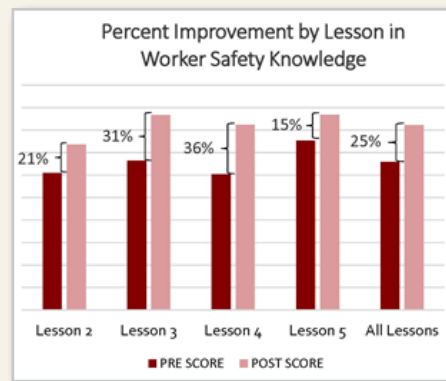
A UMASH project developed a **train-the-trainer curriculum utilizing Community Health Workers.** The 5-module curriculum includes facilitator guides, resources and visuals for workers with limited formal education and low literacy levels.

THE IMPACT

- ⇒ Trained **1,002 workers** and **52 Community Health Workers (CHW's)** on **78 farms** in MN and WI.
- ⇒ **50 farm safety consults.**
- ⇒ Collaborating with MN Milk Producers and other dairy organizations to **enroll 30 new farms in MN.**
- ⇒ The curriculum has been requested by more than **50 organizations in the US and beyond.**
- ⇒ Developing partnerships between veterinarians and industrial hygienists to improve farm safety.
- ⇒ Produced a **promotional YouTube video** highlighting the curriculum and train-the-trainer model to encourage use by other organizations.
- ⇒ Received the **Stakeholder Collaboration in Occupational Injury Research Award** from the National Safety Council in 2015.
- ⇒ Monica Cruz Zorrilla, Community Affairs with the Consulate of Mexico was awarded the **School of Public Health Community Partners Collaboration Award** in 2017.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

"Safety is the elephant in the room and it's overwhelming for someone in my position. [This program] .. breaks it down so that we can tackle it one thing at a time."
- Dairy Producer



TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

Occupational Risks on Dairy Farms, Cattle, Equipment and Machinery, Workers' Rights and Responsibilities, and Chemicals, Confined Spaces and Silos



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