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Incorporating occupational health into care provision at St. John's Community Clinics

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OHIP Project

✓ How can community clinics address worker health?



St. John's Well Child & Family Center

- 14 clinics in LA
- Uninsured, undocumented, and work in low-wage, high-hazard jobs in the informal economy
- Close proximity to garment district
- Garment, Construction, Housekeeping, Restaurant, and Car Wash



Top 3 Industries at Willars Clinic


COMMON INDUSTRIES, EXPOSURES AND HEALTH RISKS OF ST. JOHN'S PATIENTS

INDUSTRY/OCCUPATION	EXPOSURE/RISK
GARMENT / COSTURA Cutting Sewing Pressing Finishing Pressing Finishing	From dust, eye, throat, nose irritation Contact w/ medical materials (for medical jobs); linked to some forms of cancer Cuts, lacerations, abrasions, needle sticks, and lacerations And wearing clothes and hair reactions; Skin burns Penetrative injuries; Musculoskeletal disorders Noise; Lacerations, abrasions, skin and clothing diseases
CONSTRUCTION Carpenter Crane operator Construction worker Drywall installer Electrician Excavator Forklift operator Ironworker Millwright Painter Welder	Floor dust, dust exhaust, asbestos; Asthma, other lung diseases, lung cancer CD patients; Accidental trauma; Injury; CD patients A hard hat, a fall, a ladder or scaffolding, a crane Shock and Abrasive exposure; Pneumoconiosis (silicosis), emphysema, asthma, and COPD Other: Falls, lacerations, burns, head trauma, electrical (open wire and current), & musculoskeletal disorders
RESTAURANT Server Food preparer Cook Baker Cashier Dishwasher Chef	Inhalation; eye, skin and eye irritation Swallowing of foreign objects; Occupational asthma Depression; Occupational asthma; Allergic dermatitis Lacerations; musculoskeletal disorders Other: Lifting, carrying, cleaning, sharp, heavy, repetitive motions, noise, stress, falls, slips, & musculoskeletal disorders

*Not detailed information in Spanish and available on our clinic website

Provider Guide:

Doctor's First Reports & Occupational Health Resources



Información Para El Trabajador Lastimado


El Estado de California requiere que los empleadores, según algunas leyes, preparen un reporte de los accidentes laborales de sus trabajadores. Este es el primer Programa de Compensación de Trabajador. El programa es diseñado para proporcionar el tratamiento médico necesario para ayudar a los trabajadores a recuperarse de sus lesiones, así como proporcionar el apoyo, pérdida de ingresos y ayuda para el pago de los costos.

Conozca Sus Derechos Laborales

- ✓ Todos los trabajadores en California, independientemente de su estatus migratorio, pueden solicitar para recibir Compensación de Trabajador en caso de haber sufrido una lesión laboral.
- ✓ Si usted es un trabajador independiente o autónomo, puede solicitar para recibir los beneficios de Compensación de Trabajador.
- ✓ Usted puede ser elegible para recibir beneficios del Programa de Compensación de Trabajador incluso si usted es un trabajador temporal o trabajador de medio tiempo.

Como le puede ayudar St. John's Well Child & Family Center?


Hable con el proveedor de St. John's Well Child para que pueda ayudarle a entender sus derechos y cómo solicitar el pago de los beneficios.



Methods

✓ Qualitative interviews:

- 4 clinicians
- 3 organizers from Worker Centers: Clean Car Wash Campaign, IDEPSCA, Garment Worker Center
- 20 patients/Garment Worker Center members



Garment Worker Center Pilot Clinic Findings

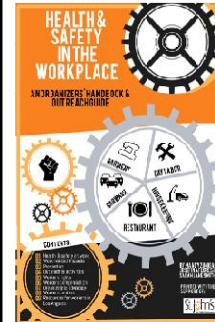
Interviews:

- ✓ Injuries at current or previous jobs
- ✓ Employer never talk about workers' compensation
- ✓ "capitalismo," "explotación," "vulnerable," & "inmigración"

Clinic:

- ✓ Management of chronic conditions & preventative screenings

'Zine & Worker Center Forum



- ✓ Mental health of workers
- ✓ Bi-directional referral
- ✓ Sharing occupation/industry data
- Clean Car Wash Campaign
- Garment Worker Center
- IDEPSCA
- Restaurant Opportunity Center-LA
- Black Worker Center



Key Findings & Challenges



- ✓ Collaboration between community clinics and worker centers is essential
- ✓ Workers' compensation is a complex & complicated system
- ✓ Occupational health training for clinicians



Personal Reflections



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