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Understanding Toxics

Intro to Toxics Exposure Science and Law Training for Legal Services Projects and Worker Centers

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Are you concerned about toxic exposures your clients and their families face on the job, at home, or due to air quality and how that could impact their health or income stability? Are you interested in occupational safety & health, toxic exposures, or environmental justice?

TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

This program focuses on information about the how to prevent occupational safety and health injuries, illness and deaths related to toxics. We provide information that you can then provide to your clients or members so they can protect themselves on the job from safety and health hazards. **The focus is to help your clients or members to help themselves.**

The course covers the following:

An **Overview** of basic industrial hygiene, basic toxicology and basis hazards posed by lead, asbestos, pesticides and mold

Program will focus on:

- a few toxics
- determining their presence
- risk posed

What can be done?

- Protect our environment
- Use precautionary principle
- Create progressive government policies, laws and regulations
- GET ACTIVE!

SPECIFIC TRAINING COMPONENTS

Routes of exposure: covers how toxics enter our bodies (inhalation, eye contact and ingestion)

Dose: How much is too much? covers how the level of concentration, strength of breath, how much stays in body and length of exposure affects the dose of toxics the worker is exposed to

Carcinogens: covers chemicals that cause cancer, determining cause of cancer, no safe does for carcinogens

PELS: covers exposure limits established by health and safety authorities, the maximum amount that can be present in the air without a health hazard, OSH standards are not protective

Clues for exposure: covers how to tell from odor, taste and other symptoms that your client has been exposed to toxics

Materials: A set of handouts, which includes an overview of toxic chemicals, glossary of terms, information for pregnant women, toxics in classrooms with agency resources and articles on lead, mold, pesticides and other chemicals. It gives you an overview of the problem of toxic chemicals and how you can reduce your clients' risk of exposure. It also contains a quiz on common myths about toxics. These fact sheets can be used for worker and employer education. The materials are easily used by lawyers, law students, paralegals, community workers, union representatives, stewards and workers.

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WorkSafe is a statewide non-profit dedicated to promoting occupational safety and health and eliminating workplace created and related toxic hazards that impact at-risk communities in California through education, training, advocacy, technical and legal assistance. The **WorkSafe Law Center** is a project of WorkSafe and is a State Bar Trust Fund Qualified Support Center.

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