OBJECTIVES

• Provide epidemiology and program planning tools for establishing Occupational Health (OH) surveillance capacity
• Build OH epidemiology surveillance and research capacity on work-related injuries and illnesses at both the state and southeast region levels
• Promote multi-state scientific research collaborations among occupational epidemiologists, public health departments, community partners, worker organizations, NIOSH, and academic colleagues in the southeast region
• Develop common priorities for development of occupational risk assessment, applied epidemiology, worksite interventions, and occupational health practice

ACTIVITIES

• Establish southeast regional partnerships and collaborations among state health departments, academic partners, NIOSH-funded agricultural centers and ERCS, agencies, organizations, and other stakeholders
• Develop occupational injury and illness research hypotheses
• Establish southeastern occupational injury and illness surveillance
• Optimize state and southeast regional OH surveillance capacity
• Translate southeastern occupational injury and illness research into public health action and planning
• Publish research findings and provide online OH best practice resources

BENEFITS TO STATES

• Establish strategic relationships
• Obtain user-friendly tools to perform basic occupational surveillance activities
• Learn to develop interventions and inform policy change
• Address occupational health issues through collaboration with new partners
• Learn about grant funding opportunities, travel & training resources, meeting announcements, and occupational health intern programs
• Obtain on-site mentoring on OH program development
• Obtain outreach and educational materials from NIOSH’s Surveillance e-Clearinghouse

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