NYC - Heat Training Curriculum and Day Laborer Survey

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Background

- Heat-related illness and death are completely preventable (CDC, n.d.)
 - Immigrants, older adults, children, and those
 with pre-existing conditions
- No federal standard for heat exposure in the workplace
- Teaching others about climate change and heat exposure
 - Climate change, sources of workplace heat exposure, and heat-related illnesses



Objectives/Goals

- Host organization:
 - Train-the-Trainer curriculum on heat exposure for OSHA trainers
 - Survey Hispanic day laborers
- Paula:
 - Be fulfilled with the give-back product for the community
 - Leave a lasting impact in the future health of outdoor workers
- Kenny:
 - Training curriculum
 - Meeting/understanding NYC day laborers



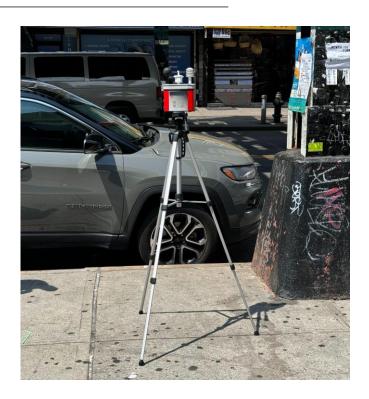
Methods

- Train-the-Trainer Curriculum
 - Literature review
 - Outline/Learning curriculum
 - Creating modules
 - Translation
- Day Laborer Survey
 - Revising existing survey
 - Don Bosco Workers



Methods - Training Curriculum

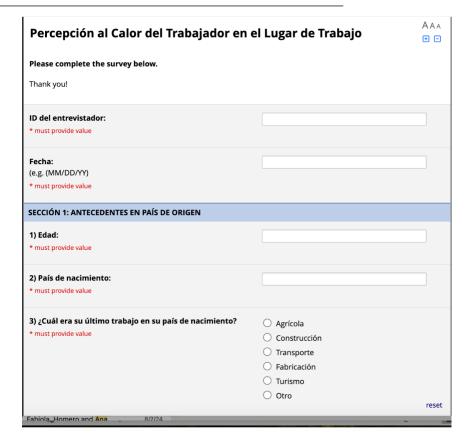
- Train-the-Trainer Curriculum
 - Climate Change
 - Sources of Occupational Heat Exposure
 - Monitoring of Workplace Heat Exposures
 - Heat-Related Illnesses
 - Preventative Practices & Action Plans
 - Heat Exposure Policies, Workers Rights, & Resources
 - Lab Practice



Methods - Day Laborer Survey

Day Laborer Survey

- Survey designed to understand the impacts of heat on the health of Hispanic day laborers
- Survey explores:
 - Self reported health
 - Heat exposures at work
 - Recommendations to reduce exposures



Make the Road NY

- Multi-state organization
- Advocates for:
 - Immigrants
 - Minority populations
 - Working class populations
- Training modules
 - Verbiage
- Connected to Don Bosco Workers
 - Surveys



Results/Successes

- 7-module Train-the-Trainer curriculum
 - English & Spanish
 - >210 slides
- Worker risk perception survey
 - 11 surveys and interviews were conducted
- Make The Road New York in Queens
 - Met with community health workers



Hispanic Day Laborers

- Don Bosco Workers
 - Community center
 - Port Chester, New York
- Met with Hispanic Day Laborers
 - Administered survey
- Experiences working in the US and in the New York State area





Challenges

- Stock photos
 - Time consuming and tedious
 - Hard to find photos that accurately represented the message we wanted to get across
- Meeting with day laborers
 - Finding suitable time







Recommendations

- Short time-frame
 - We had to speed through the creation of modules and translations
 - Limited time in the field
- More community feedback
 - More time pilot testing



Personal Reflections

Paula:

- Learned how to effectively communicate public health messages to the community
- Experienced assessing and implementing solutions for a public health problem in a real life context

Kenny:

- Reinforced commitment to public health
- Understood the dangers of heat exposure in the workplace



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