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Project Clean Environment for Healthy Kids (2)

Start Date: 2002

Completion Date: 2003

Project Purpose:

The project's primary aim is to provide environmental health education to *promotores* and health professionals in the Border region.

Project Description:

Farmworker Justice Fund (FJF) trained Hispanic *promotores* (40 each year) to educate peers to recognize and reduce environmental health hazards in order to protect their children's health in Somerton, AZ and Weslaco, TX. They conducted a two-day workshop on lead poisoning and pesticide safety and a two-day workshop on reducing the severity and frequency of childhood asthma and reducing the risk of water-borne illness. In addition, FJF provided environmental health training to 30 *promotores* working with health centers and other programs in the border region. FJF trained National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH) staff and held a one-day community forum in San Diego County and Tijuana, Mexico. The project published in English and Spanish a *promotores* training curriculum addressing four major environmental health risks: 1) improving pesticide safety at home and on the job, 2) preventing lead poisoning, 3) reducing the severity and frequency of asthma, and 4) drinking clean water and disposing waste safely. They educated 70 multi-disciplinary health professionals from Su Clínica Familiar, Nuestra Clínica del Valle, and Brownsville CHC. A reference manual in English and Spanish for health professionals is available on the FJF website (<http://www.fwjjustice.org/healthykids.htm>).

Accomplishments:

- 40 *promotores* per year trained to educate their peers in environmental hazards
- 30 *promotores* that work with health centers and programs trained in environmental health
- Two-day workshop on lead poisoning and pesticide safety
- Two-day workshop on childhood asthma and water-borne illness
- Trained NCFWH staff
- Held one-day community forum in San Diego, CA, and Tijuana, Baja California

Expected Outcome(s):

Publications or Presentations:

- *Promotor(a)* training curriculum in English and Spanish
- Reference manual for health professionals in English and Spanish
- Materials available on the FJF website: <http://www.fwjjustice.org/healthykids.htm>

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