Abstract

Teens and young adults are one of the most vulnerable sectors of the workforce, and are injured at a rate twice that for adults 25 years and older. Many of these injuries result in time lost from the job and workers’ compensation claims. The HSAWT program website was designed primarily as a platform for a series of curricula developed by DEOHS for Washington state educators to teach workplace health and safety to their teen students. The content of the current HSAWT website has been successfully integrated into UW DEOHS CE’s website (https://osha.washington.edu/pages/healthVandVsafetyVawarenessVworkingVteensVhome), however, it is largely the same as when DEOHS last updated the site in 2008. The goals of this project are threefold:

1) continue the update of the existing content of the HSAWT website so that it contains up to date information and meets current educational standards,

2) enhance the design, layout options, multimedia functions, and interactive features, and

3) disseminate the powerful message of workplace hazard prevention to educators and others working to prevent injuries and illnesses among young workers. Our proposed new website, updated curriculum that meets current educational standards, and outreach activities will engage teachers, parents and employers to raise health and safety awareness among young workers.