

Community Training and Response Center Programs

CTRC program staff had two goals, "development of a learning objects library" and to "improve access to NIEHS / CCCHST curricula developed and distributed by Kirkwood".

Strategic Goal: Develop a Learning Objects Library

We identified current learning objects, about 85, and developed a classification system for learning objects based on subject matter. After much debate we did not restrict an object from being used in more than one subject area. We then identified new objects to be developed and moved into development of objects, about 26 will be added this year. I had wanted to brand objects a "Kirkwood Product" but we have not come up with an inspiration in this area. We are moving forward in publishing a catalog of objects and making the objects assessable over web. At this date we have 111 objects on our list. Our success indicators are the number of objects, and the publication of the catalog. We are 80% done, but due staff turnover we will not get a formal catalog completed this year.

Strategic Goal: Improve Access to NIEHS / CCCHST Curricula

We first identified curricula areas and select courses to be shared within each area. Hazardous Waste Operations, Industrial Spill Response, Confined Space Entry, General OSHA Safety and DOT Haz-mat were selected. We developed a standard syllabus structure to summarize courses and updated syllabus for each class. We then identify instructor resources to be included with specific classes and identified general resources for curricula area. At this point we identified gaps in resources and developed new materials. In this area we updated two major courses, Waste Site Worker Health and Safety and Industrial Spill Response. We then published curricula to a total of five CDs that will be distributed to partner institutions this summer. We will also this summer update NIEHS Clearinghouse website and CCCHST website. Only four of the CDs were developed this year from the original list of five. The fifth CD was a new Katrina Resource CD for the health and safety program we are offering in Mississippi for FEMA. Our success indicators were the number of CDs, five, and the updating of the NIEHS website, complete.