

Center for Labor Research and Training
(San Francisco, CA)
Young Workers United

Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 year

To support Young Workers United to increase access for young people in San Francisco to quality education and employment, which includes a decent wage, health care benefits and a safe workplace. The project will advance its goal in three ways. It will organize youth as workers, students, and consumers to raise standards in nonunion, low-wage jobs, highlighting the physical and mental health issues confronted by young people in the food service and retail industries. It will conduct research and analyses of young people's working conditions, including negative health impacts, and share their findings and the model they are developing for addressing young workers' issues with other worker centers, youth groups, academics, and unions nationwide. It will work with the Youth Media Council to develop a local communications strategy to educate the public and working-class youth about their rights. During the grant year, special attention will be given to establishing a project steering committee of young workers. Emphasis will be placed on educating young people about the newly enacted minimum wage law for San Francisco and the potential benefits of various public policy solutions to health care access.

Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1, and Objective II, Strategy 1*