

Ag Safety and Health Community of Practice eNews

Washington House Bill Addresses Health and Well-Being for Farmers in Their State

As ag safety and health professionals, you may want to familiarize yourself with [House Bill 2671](#).

According to the article, [Sowing the Seeds of Mental Health](#) by Melissa Hellmann, the bill created a 16-member suicide prevention task force from various ag sectors who will produce a study which outline information focused on agricultural workers and their families about suicide rates and substance abuse; access to behavioral health services; elements of a preventative pilot program; and strategies for improving behavioral health.

At the national level, a proposal was recently passed to reauthorize the mental health resources program call Farmer Rancher Stress Assistance Network in the Farm Bill which never received funding. The proposed bill would allocate \$10 million in funding for increased access to mental health resources over five years.

Another valuable read: [‘Is help finally at hand for suicide crisis on America’s farms?’](#) by Debbie Weingarten.

FReSH Article Highlights:
[Ag Safety and Health Publications](#)
[NCERA-197: Agricultural Safety and Health Research and Extension](#)

[Family-Focused Strategies for Addressing Opioid Addiction and Recovery Webinar](#) on Tuesday, March 19th from 2:00 PM —3:30 PM EDT. This free webinar is sponsored by the National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families.

Worker Protection Standard Training Materials

The Rural Health Farm Worker Protection Safety Program through the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health and funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recently completed the production of six sets of worker protection standard training videos for workers and handlers in both English and Spanish for vineyards, vegetable farms, orchards, nursery, mushroom farms, and greenhouse. Click [here](#) to access the videos.

Upcoming Events

[Train the Trainer: Stand-up for Grain Safety Week Topic Discussion & Resources webinar](#)—Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 12:00 (Central Time)

[AgrAbility National Training Workshop](#)—March 25—28, 2019—Lincoln, Nebraska

[Health and Well-Being in Amish Society: A Multidisciplinary Conference](#)—June 6—8, 2019—Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

[International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health](#)—June 24—27, 2019—Des Moines, Iowa. *** Poster Abstract Proposals are Due March 22nd***

SAY National Clearinghouse

Ag safety and health curriculum or resources that align with AFNR standards can be promoted through the SAY National Clearinghouse. Contact [Linda Fetzer](#) or visit the [SAY Project](#) homepage.



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