



# Data Center UPDATES

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## Real Experts: workers document experiences to inform solutions

by miho kim | Executive Director

One day, you and I will look back in wonder at this time, when “expert” had only one meaning: a person with a PhD in a suit. Even today you can see other experts emerging. Low-wage workers -- whose voices were once silenced completely -- are articulating their unique body of knowledge with their eyes locked on the prize - rights, dignity and justice for all.

Thanks to your support, DataCenter joins these workers with a whole survival pack of research methods, tools, and resources, adaptable for complex organizing needs on the ground. We walk (and run) the journey with our partners, including in that survival pack regular helpings of relevant strategic research support and a spicy dash of encouragement and solidarity.



## Industry Power: “Food Chain” workers join forces

by miho kim | Executive Director

Food Chain Workers Alliance (FCWA) is a broad-based national body of community organizations, low-wage worker centers and labor unions committed to winning justice for all food workers.

*2009: Let's Unite!*

In FCWA's early formation, DataCenter developed a visual presentation of the enormous, complex power structure of the food industry. These groups said, “YES, it makes sense to team up!” to achieve their shared vision.

*2010-2011: Let's Learn!*

The food workers begin to organize and understand their own community knowledge -- a key foundation of bottom-up leadership and power. DataCenter is aiding this process in several ways including conducting a survey training in Immokalee, Florida in March 2011.

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## Domestic Workers: Research moves Bill of Rights in CA legislature

by Christina Fletes | Research Fellow

### *Breaking News!*

While it has been guessed at for years, we now know: there are 218,185 domestic workers in California. Now, no one can refute that domestic workers are a significant part of the population and workforce in this state.

With your support, DataCenter was able to analyze a three-year sample of the American Community Survey, in consultation with the San Francisco Health Department and others to determine this number. Thank you for sup-

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