

Food Chain: working conditions of food laborers

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Surveying will allow food workers to capture first-ever data on the realities and experiences of their working conditions--essential facts needed to advocate for their rights in the media and policy chambers.

2012: Let's Advocate!

This historic, national, grassroots-led study will be published in early 2012. It will hit Capitol Hill, where it will be used to develop policies that improve working conditions for all food workers on local and national levels. Thanks to your support of DataCenter, this advocacy will help pry open the floodgates to dignity and respect for all food workers in the United States!



Photo Credit: Food Chain Workers Alliance

Children of farmworkers at a rally in Immokalee, FL. FCWA members gathered to insist that large grocery stores like Trader Joe's do their part to ensure tomato pickers are paid a decent wage.

DataCenter Launches Training Department: Popular Education 2.0 in the House!

Michael James to Develop DataCenter Training Department

Michael has been developing a pedagogy for critical consciousness for people of color in the US for nearly 35 years. This teaching method builds capacity for authentic political participation and moral leadership.

He began this work after Paulo Freire's *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* hit the United States. Deeply moved by Freire's affirmation of the depth and ingenuity of poor and working class people, Michael and some of his counterparts developed grassroots popular education projects across North America.

Now at DataCenter, Michael is committed to transforming how we think about and use knowledge. As this transformation occurs, knowledge becomes central to making positive change and builds the capacity of organizations to make change.



Bill of Rights: DataCenter is "go-to" source for key information

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porting worker justice!

This is not the only thing we know. Organizers, academics and politicians contact DataCenter on a regular basis to get data about domestic workers. As we continue our domestic worker national survey, DataCenter will remain their "go-to place" for this kind of information.

This unique knowledge, gathered with and for domestic workers, is powerful and impactful. As maids and nannies courageously approach decision-makers demanding their rights, this data will carry them through. As decision-makers realize that they must understand this largely isolated work

-force, DataCenter's information will be their guide. It has already begun: we recently submitted information in a California Assembly Labor Committee hearing for the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights (AB 899), which passed the committee in April 2011!

In addition to keeping you in the loop about this project, we know you too want to see unique information on domestic workers as it unravels! That's why we're developing a section on DataCenter's website dedicated solely to information about the national domestic workers movement.

Experts recognize that working women of all kinds are leading our economy forward, and coin terms like "She-economy". Our economy, which depends on countless women labor must be made a respectful, equitable system for them and their families.



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Sacramento, April 13, 2011: Domestic Workers speak at press conference after Bill of Rights passes Labor Committee