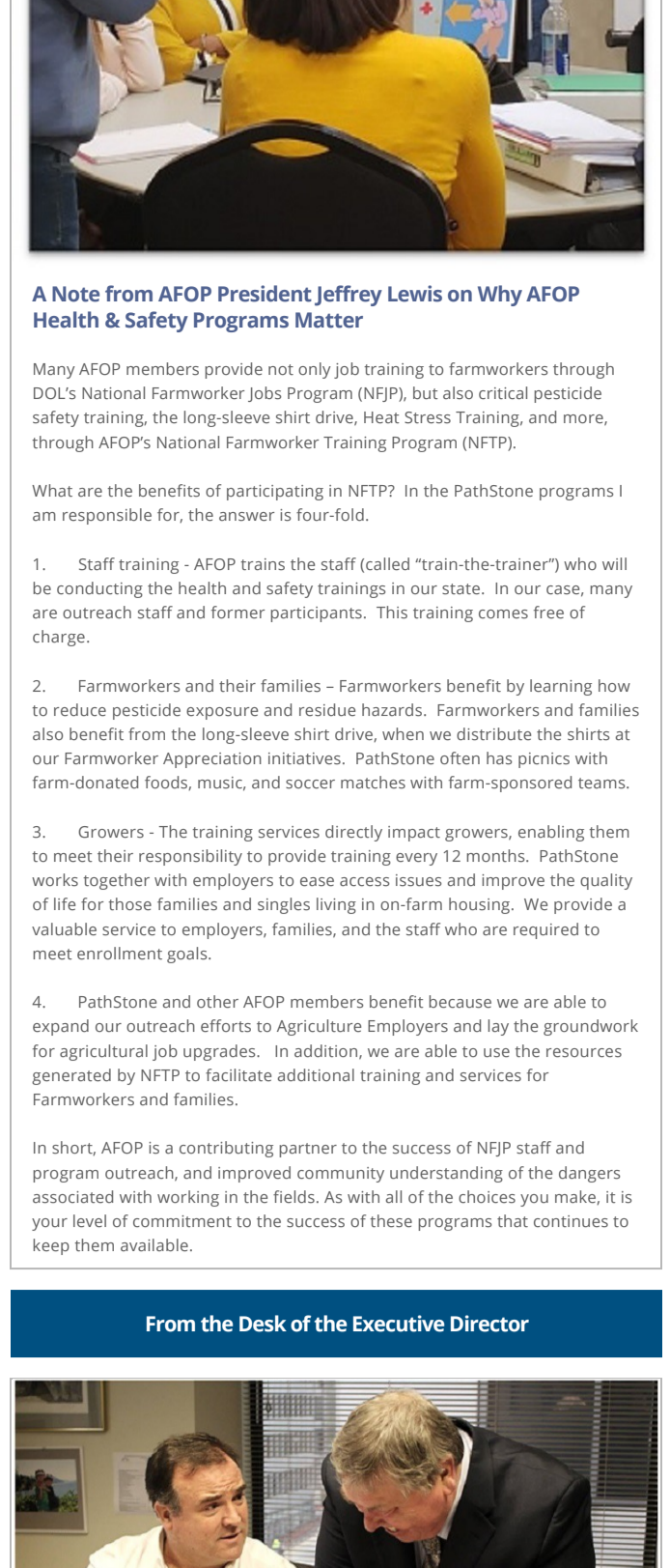


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From the Desk of the President



A Note from AFOP President Jeffrey Lewis on Why AFOP Health & Safety Programs Matter

Many AFOP members provide not only job training to farmworkers through DOL's National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP), but also critical pesticide safety training...

1. Pesticide safety training is critical for farmworkers' health and safety. Pesticide safety training is critical for farmworkers' health and safety...

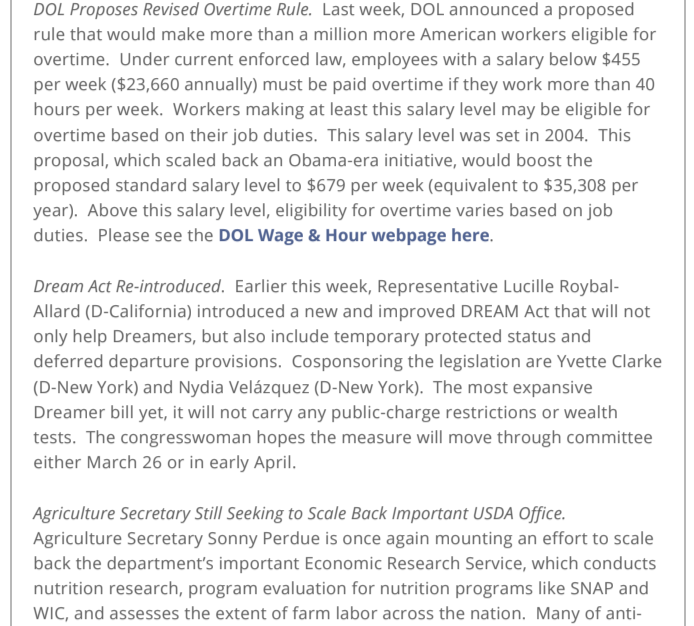
2. Farmworkers and their families - Farmworkers benefit by learning how to meet their responsibility to protect themselves and their families...

3. Growers - The training services directly impact growers, enabling them to meet their responsibility to protect themselves and their families...

4. PathStone and other AFOP members benefit because we are able to expand our outreach efforts to Agriculture Employers and the groundwork for agricultural job upgrades...

In short, AFOP is a contributing partner to the success of NFJP staff and program outreach, and improved community understanding of the dangers associated with working in the fields...

From the Desk of the Executive Director



Daniel Sheehan, AFOP Executive Director March 15, 2019

Things remain busy here in Washington, D.C. as Congress and the administration battle it out over potential to pass a 2019 budget...

Meanwhile, the work of Washington and of AFOP goes on. Please see below the following update on our efforts in support of NFJP and its 52 grantees...

President Releases Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Summary. Earlier this week, the president released summary material of his fiscal year 2020 budget proposal...

Top Senate Appropriations Staff Insights. In the last few weeks, we have had the good fortune to talk separately with full Senate Appropriations Committee staff director and her counterparts on the Democratic staff...

DOL Proposes Revised Overtime Rule. Last week, DOL announced a proposed rule that would make more than a million more American workers eligible for overtime...

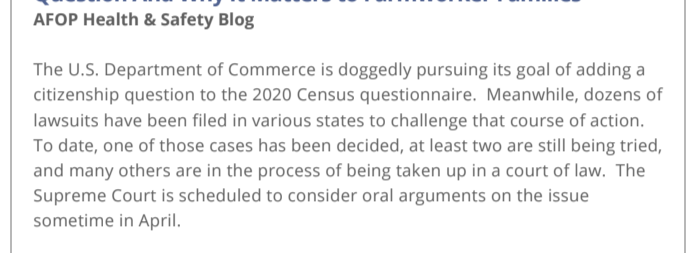
Dream Act reintroduced. Earlier this week, Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-California) introduced a new and improved DREAM Act that will not only help Dreamers...

Agriculture Secretary Soft Landing in South Block Important USDA Offices. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue is once again mounting an effort to scale back the department's important Economic Research Service...

AFOP Long Sleeve Shirt Drive. AFOP is once again conducting the extremely popular and hyper-competitive long sleeve shirt drive...

Inside AFOP

Central Valley Opportunity Center NJFP Success Story - Bianca

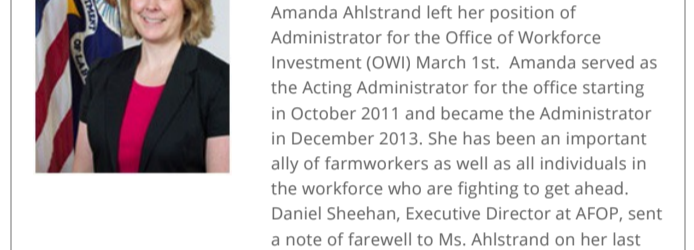


Bianca was unemployed and only had worked intermittently doing warehouse production and nursery work...

Bianca Mendez came to CVOC in late 2017 seeking job training that would help her enter the workforce...

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2nd Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Conference

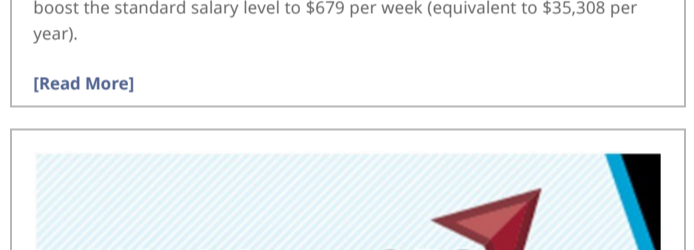


The 2nd Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Conference was held on March 7-8, 2019 at the Piner Park Hotel...

AFOP members and NJFP operator Black Hills Special Services Cooperative held its second Human Trafficking Awareness Conference...

Click here to view the conference booklet

Eloy Salazar, Longtime Chief of Illinois Migrant Council, Passes Away at Age 67



Eloy Salazar, a MAFO board member since 1985, passed away on January 24 at his home in Chicago...

Read MAFO's tribute here

PathStone Pays Tribute to Dr. Karen Noble Hanson



PathStone paid a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Karen Noble Hanson at its March 16 board meeting...

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AFOP Health & Safety



Health & Safety Promotes Annual Long Sleeve Shirt Drive

AFOP Health & Safety Programs is once again promoting its Annual Long Sleeve Shirt Drive as part of the National Farmworker Awareness Week...

- Farmworkers feed the world
Farmworkers are one of the most dangerous jobs in the U.S.
Farmworkers are treated differently under the law, even though they deserve the same rights and protections.

For more information on the Long Sleeve Shirt Drive and how you can participate, visit: https://afop.org/afaw

Making it Count: An Update on the 2020 Census Citizenship Question And Why It Matters to Farmworker Families AFOP Health & Safety Blog

The U.S. Department of Commerce is doggedly pursuing the goal of adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire...

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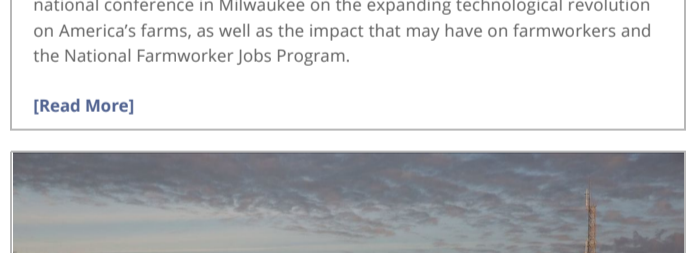
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Looking for Participation from Minority Communities

The NIH's 'All of Us' Research Program is a historic effort to gather data from one million or more people living in the United States to accelerate research findings on health...

See the website for more information.

Inside the United States Department of Labor

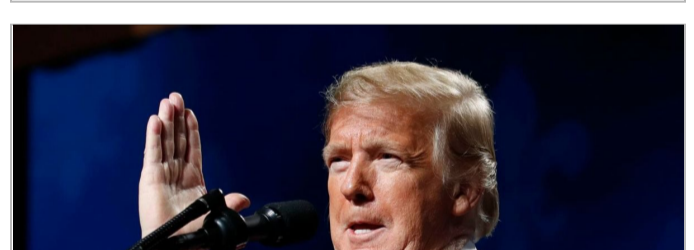
Amanda Ahlstrand, OWH Administrator, Leaves USDOIL



Amanda Ahlstrand left her position of Administrator for the Office of Workforce Investment (OWI) March 1st...

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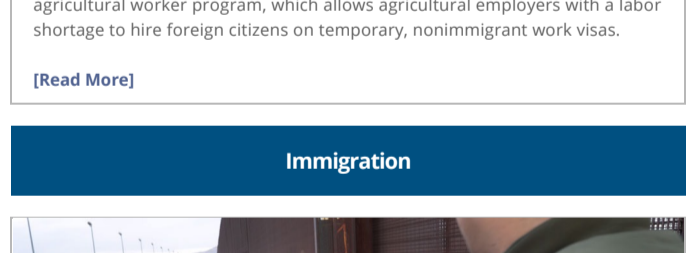
Overtime proposal A new rule from the Department of Labor would raise the salary threshold for overtime, but not by as much as an Obama-era proposal that was blocked by Congress



The Department has proposed a rule that would make more than a million more American workers eligible for overtime...

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WorkforceGPS Releases March 2019 Newsletter



Spring is around the corner, and in that vein, we are pleased this month to highlight some of the "grassroots" initiatives that are happening across the nation's public workforce systems...

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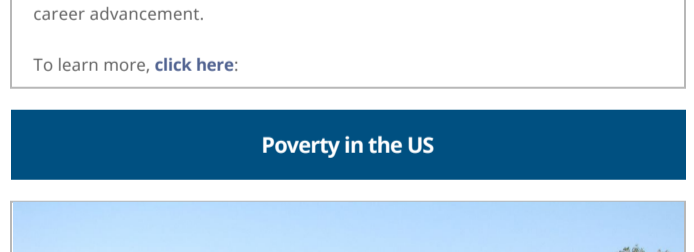
OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

U.S. Department of Labor Forms Alliance with Agribusiness Organizations to Protect Workers in Agricultural Industry

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today formed an alliance with the Fertilizer Institute (FI) and the Agricultural Fertilizer Association (AFA)...

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USDOL Participates in National Workforce Development Discussion



Labor Secretary Acosta joined President Donald Trump and more than 40 of our nation's governors at the White House to discuss workforce development initiatives...

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Hill Happenings

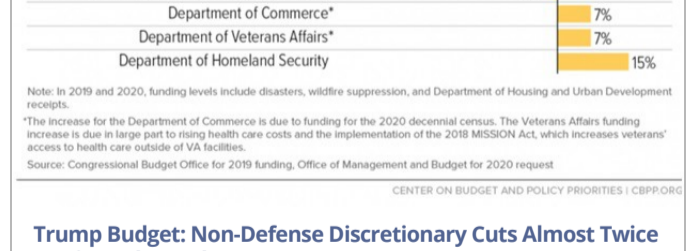
PRIA Signed into Law

President Trump signed into law S.683, the Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act of 2018, also known as PRIA...

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Farmworkers in the News

Farmworker vs Robot AFOP Arranging for Speaker on AI at 2019 National Conference



Designing a robot with a gentle touch is among the biggest technical obstacles to automating the American farm...

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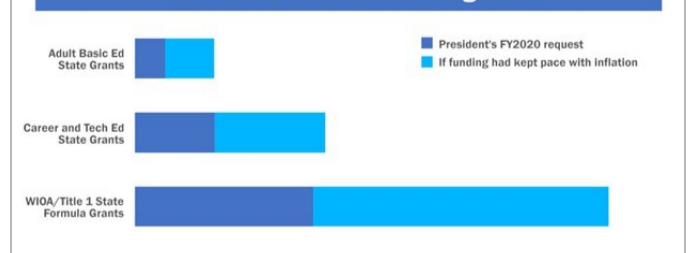
With Fewer Unemployed Workers to Hire, U.S. Farmers are Fueling a Surge in the Number of Legal Guest Workers



The number of people crossing into the United States illegally is nearing the lowest level in decades. There are more Americans leaving the United States than arriving there...

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Let's do the EdLift: What Trump Really Said About Foreign Farmworkers



President Trump's brief comments about immigration policy in his recent speech to the American Farm Bureau Federation's convention are cause for great concern...

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Immigration

Language Access Has Life-or-Death Consequences for Migrants



In December 2018, two children from indigenous Maya communities in Guatemala's Quiché Department were hospitalized with severe respiratory distress...

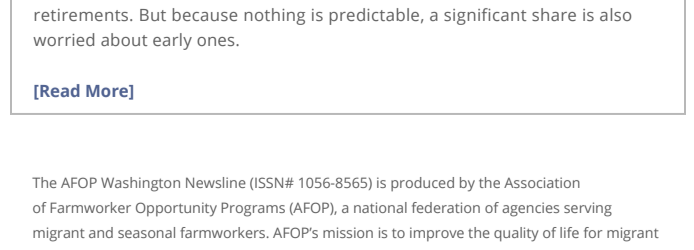
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NATIONAL IMMIGRATION FORUM

NIF Launches Interactive Map to Help Immigrants and Job-Seekers The National Immigration Forum's "Map to Success" is an interactive tool providing immigrants and other job-seekers with information on select career paths...

To learn more, click here:

Poverty in the US



6 Ways the 2017 Tax Law Hurts Low- and Moderate-Income Households

The 2017 tax law is fundamentally flawed and largely left behind low- and moderate-income Americans...

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What We're Reading

Table with 3 columns: Agency, Percent Change, and Color-coded bars. Includes EPA, DOT, USDA, HHS, EDO, and DHS.

Trump Budget: Non-Defense Discretionary Cuts Almost Twice as Big as the Budget Says

The President's budget proposes to cut 2020 funding for non-defense discretionary (NDD) programs — a broad category that includes everything from education to veterans' medical care...

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Non-Defense Discretionary Funding Will Fall After 2019 Without a New Budget Deal

Without an agreement, non-defense discretionary programs on average would have to be cut by 11 percent in 2020 after adjusting for inflation...

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2020 Budget Estimates Workforce & Education Programs

National Skills Coalition Says President's Budget Proposal Skimps on Workforce Training

After two decades of cuts to skills training programs, the President's proposed budget for workforce and education program funding falls short...

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Trump's Secret to Victory in 2020: Hispanic Voters

When President Donald Trump took office on January 20 that he had reached 50 percent approval among Hispanic Americans...

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Baby Boomers Upend the Workforce One Last Time

In the next five years, almost three-quarters of the companies surveyed in 2018 by Willis Towers Watson, a risk-management and insurance brokerage company...

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