



NIOSH Education & Research Centers

Fortifying our Country's Future with Trained Occupational Safety and Health Professionals

The human and economic costs of occupational injuries and fatalities are enormous. They devastate families and strain the economy.

Our mission is to ensure every worker returns home healthy and whole — and that American businesses thrive.

WHAT WE DO



EDUCATE

ERCs provide academic training in occupational safety and health, as well as continuing education for professionals across industries, including medicine, nursing, epidemiology, occupational safety, ergonomics, and industrial hygiene.

- 1,200 academic trainees enrolled annually
- 95% of trainees have jobs in OSH upon graduation



RESEARCH

ERCs develop major research innovations that prevent occupational injuries and diseases. Research to practice is a core pillar of ERCs, ensuring that research findings have a direct impact on worker safety and health and challenges are met with advanced solutions.



SERVICE

ERCs work regionally and nationally to develop and bring the latest research and best practices to the workplace. Every ERC includes continuing education and outreach programs for workers, business, and labor organizations in the region.

- 46,000 professionals receive continuing education annually
- 350,000 person-hours of professional development provided annually

OUR IMPACT

Fully-funded ERCs will prevent the decline of worker health and productivity from job illnesses, injuries, and deaths.



EACH YEAR

- ✓ Over 5,000 workers lose their lives to job injuries (approximately 15 workers a day)
- ✓ 2.8 million workers are seriously injured on the job
- ✓ 1/3 of those workers (approximately 924,000) require time off
- ✓ Businesses spend \$167 billion on direct and indirect losses due to workplace injuries

SUPPORT US

The Association of University Programs in Occupational Health and Safety (AUPOHS) respectfully requests at least:

- \$366.8 million for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- Including no less than \$32 million for the Education and Research Centers (ERCs) in the Fiscal Year 2027 Labor, Health, and Human Services Appropriation bills.

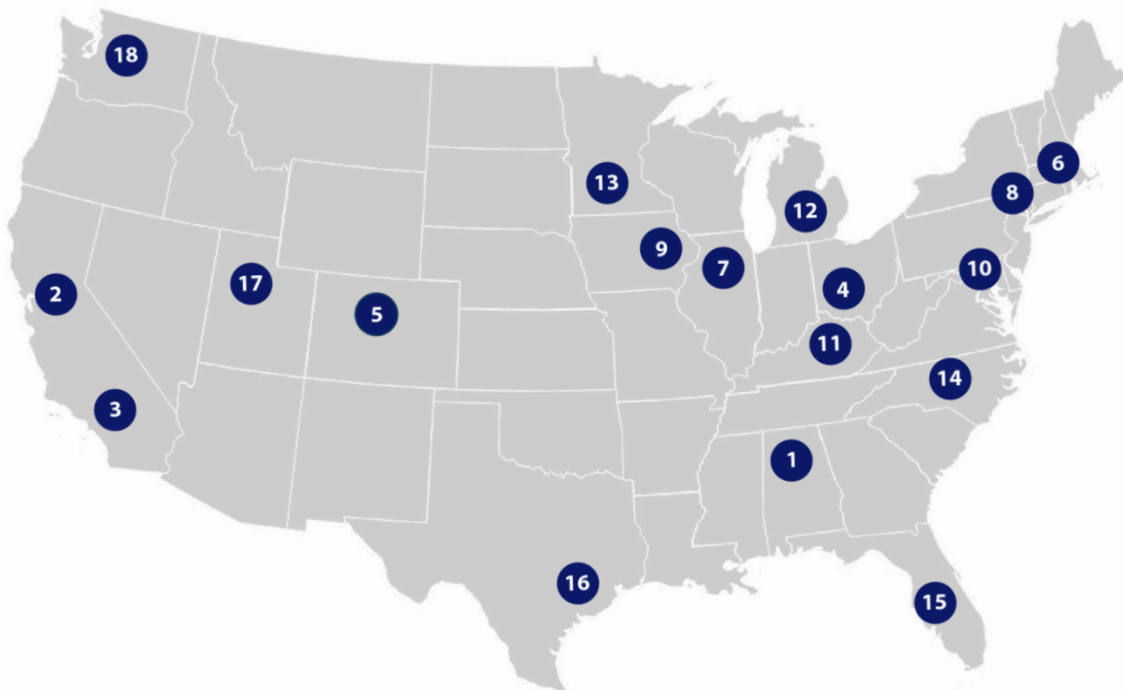
18 NIOSH Education & Research Centers

**Protecting America's workforce.
Empowering its businesses.
Strengthening its economy.**

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The 18 regional Education and Research Centers train the thousands of occupational health and safety professionals whom businesses across the U.S. rely on to protect their workers and reduce the massive cost burden of work-related injuries and fatalities. These centers also serve as regional health and safety hubs, collaborating with industry, businesses, and professional associations to conduct research and equip workers and businesses with knowledge and resources.



- 1 Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety at the University of Alabama at Birmingham
- 2 Northern California ERC
- 3 Southern California ERC
- 4 University of Cincinnati ERC
- 5 Mountain and Plains ERC
- 6 Harvard T.H. Chan ERC
- 7 Great Lakes Center for Occupational Health and Safety
- 8 New York and New Jersey ERC
- 9 Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety
- 10 Johns Hopkins ERC
- 11 Central Appalachian Regional ERC
- 12 Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering
- 13 Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety
- 14 North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center
- 15 Sunshine ERC
- 16 Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
- 17 Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
- 18 Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety