



**HYBRID**

**Washington State Department of Health, School Environmental Health & Safety - Autumn Workshop**

**Thursday, November 7, 2024  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

The Washington State Department of Health, in collaboration with the Puget Sound Workers' Compensation Trust & Unemployment Pool, brings you the yearly School Environmental Health and Safety – Autumn Workshop in a hybrid format. Expert presenters from multiple areas will inform participants about the latest regulations, changes, and trends in School Environmental Health and Safety, and will provide guidance on application. A detailed agenda with subjects and speakers will be sent closer to the event date.

Registration is required for participation. This is a hybrid event with limited in-person seating. We look forward to reconnecting with you in person and welcome you back to the PSESD Conference Center.

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**WEBINAR**

**Navigating Return-to-Work for Complex Claims: Psychosocial Factors and Best Practices to Consider**

**Thursday, December 19, 2024  
10:00 am – noon**

Ben Hollar and Christian Porter, Return-to-Work Managers, will provide an overview of how PSWCT/UP Member Districts can navigate return to work barriers for complex claims. This session will focus on how early return to work can be an effective way to combat psychosocial barriers and defeat disability conviction. They will discuss the impact of employing job modifications to mitigate risks in the workplace. In conclusion, the best strategies to execute return to work priorities will be reviewed and why alternative permanent/modified duty job offers can result in a successful return to work and claim outcome.

**Speakers: Christian Porter**, BA, CA, Return-to-Work Manager, PSWCT/UP; **Ben Hollar**, BA, CDMS, Return-to-Work Manager, PSWCT/UP

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**WEBINAR**

**Asbestos Awareness Training**

**Thursday, December 5, 2024  
9:00 am – noon**

In response to asbestos exposure hazards in older buildings, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) in 1987. The AHERA initiative was developed specifically for schools and has a multitude of compliance requirements. This session is the "Two-Hour Asbestos Awareness Training Program" that will cover the requirements of WAC 296-62-0722 and EPA regulations regarding asbestos management for school district Operations and Maintenance Personnel. The session will focus on how to recognize asbestos, understand the effects of asbestos exposure, housekeeping requirements, and how to review an asbestos management plan to locate asbestos-containing building materials in your premises. A recording of this session will be available upon request to support Member Districts with the "Train the Trainer" process for newly hired Operations and Maintenance personnel.

**Speakers: Amy Costello**, Safety and Health Specialist, OESD 114; **Nicole Roel**, Director of Risk Management, OESD 114

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**STUDENT AGGRESSION AWARENESS SERIES**

**WEBINAR SERIES**

**Part I - Resilience in Difficult Situations**

**Thursday, December 12, 2024  
10:00 am – noon**

While there has been much focus on student behavioral health needs, we know and acknowledge that school staff are struggling too. Anxiety and stress are high, and morale is taking a toll. This session will provide participants with tools to support resiliency, self-regulation, and safety for staff before, during, and after difficult situations.

**Speaker: Minu Ranna-Stewart**, LICSW, Director of Student Support Services, PSESD

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**WEBINAR SERIES**

**Part II - Prioritize Staff and Student Safety**

**Thursday, January 23, 2025  
10:00 am – noon**

Learn how to transform your culture into one that is safe and comforting for both staff and students. When you prioritize safety, the benefits are endless – less staff and student injuries, more supportive environments, more time, money, and resources for your programs, and so much more!

**Speaker: Kim Sanders**, COO, Grafton Integrated Health Network

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