

PROTECTING PUBLIC NURSING HOME EMPLOYEES



The Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau (PESH) and the County Nursing Facility of New York (CNFNY) continue to enhance their partnership and commitment to reduce injuries and illnesses to New York State's public nursing home employees. A presentation was provided again at this year's New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) annual fall conference outlining continued PESH Nursing Home Strategic Plan activities. The results of a request by Nursing Home Administrators to

survey safety and health practices among New York public nursing homes were discussed at the Conference. CSEA Safety and Health representatives, in partnership with PESH and CNFNY, presented a cost/benefit analysis of implementing a "zero lift" program using injury and illness data from a selected county nursing home. CNFNY also provided a presentation on sustaining a successful zero lift program and experiences from working in this profession. During the wrap-up of this full-day presentation, administrators voiced unanimous support for the continuation of these strategic plan activities and acknowledged that the efforts undertaken thus far are crucial in understanding the unique challenges faced by nursing home staff and their commitment and determination in facilitating injury reduction.



In addition to the full-day presentation, PESH staff participated in the NYSAC Exhibitors Show, which allowed for interaction with numerous state and local government officials regarding PESH services and general safety and health matters. Copies of the Division of Safety and Health's (DOSHS) Crisis Response Plan were also made available which outlines DOSHS safety and health services available to emergency responders.