

2019 Iowa Child Agricultural Injury Prevention Workshop – Session Facilitators



Marsha Salzwedel, MS, is the Agricultural Youth Safety Specialist at the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (part of the National Farm Medicine Center) in Marshfield, Wisconsin. She is the project manager for the agritourism safety project, the Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines project, and the program manager for the Childhood Agricultural Safety Network. She has a master's degree in Human & Community Resources from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, and is working on her doctorate degree at Edgewood College in Madison. Salzwedel grew up on a farm and maintains her ties with that community through the farm that she and her family still own and operate.



Ellen Duysen, MPH serves as the Coordinator and Outreach Specialist for the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH), a NIOSH funded Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing Center, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health. Ellen spent many years raising hogs, cattle and three rascally boys on farms in Colorado and Iowa. Life on the farm provided Ellen a clear understanding of the enumerable hazards faced by ag workers on a daily basis. Working with investigators at the Ag Center, Ellen translates research into public health practice, with the ultimate goal of reducing agricultural injury and fatality rates.



Josie Rudolphi, PHD, is an Associate Research Scientist at the National Farm Medicine Center. Rudolphi earned her PhD in occupational and environmental health-agricultural safety and health from the University of Iowa, and loves working with female farmers to help women develop the knowledge and confidence to operate the machinery while also recognizing and mitigating the hazards. She grew up on a corn and soybean farm in eastern Iowa and is still active in the family farm. Dr. Rudolphi also focuses on beginning farmers and ranchers and mental health in the agricultural sector.



Dee Jepsen, PHD, is an Associate Professor at The Ohio State University, where she gives leadership to the OSU Extension Ag Safety and Health Program and the Ohio AgrAbility program. In her 27 years with OSU, Jepsen has developed programs that blend education and applied research for agricultural communities in Ohio and beyond. On a national level she serves on USDA and ASABE committees (the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers) and is a past president of the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health. Besides her professional responsibilities to farm audiences, she assists her husband with their 1,000 acre grain and cattle farm. Two of her greatest accomplishments are her two daughters who continue to have interest in the family farm after their college graduation, even after being raised by an agricultural safety professional.



Diane Rohlman, PhD, is a Professor in the Department of Occupational & Environmental Health in the University of Iowa's College of Public Health, where she holds the Endowed Chair in Rural Safety and Health. She is Director of the University of Iowa's Healthier Workforce Center as well as the Director of the Agricultural Safety and Health Training Program in the University of Iowa's Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety. Her research focuses on the health effects of occupational and environmental exposures, with emphasis on the increased workplace risks faced by younger employees. Her studies have examined agricultural workers in the United States and around the world, including research on the effects of pesticide exposure on adolescents and their developing nervous system. She also has studied how lifestyle factors, such as risk-taking, substance use, distracted behaviors, and fatigue or sleep deprivation, can impact safety on the job, as well as the effect of interventions directed toward supervisors and workplace policies. Dr. Rohlman received her masters and doctorate in experimental psychology from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.



Stephanie Leonard, MS, is from a farming family in northwest Iowa. She has worked as an industrial hygienist and occupational safety manager at the University of Iowa since 1985 after receiving her MS in Industrial Hygiene through the University of Iowa. Since 1987, Stephanie has provided industrial hygiene and safety consulting services to a wide range of employers, including farmers and agribusinesses. She has provided research support to occupational studies of agricultural pesticide and respirator exposures, respirator use, and exposures of munitions workers. She has investigated work-related injuries for, and has served as director of the Iowa Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation Program (FACE) Program, a state-based program of the NIOSH federal program. She is an outreach team member with the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health (GPCAH), writing a safety column for Iowa Farmer Today and affiliated IFT Publications, and is a collaborator in *Telling the Story Project*, interviewing storytellers and writing stories that share best practices for injury prevention.



Barbara Lee, RN, PhD, is director of the NIOSH-funded National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety since its establishment in 1997. She has chaired major efforts to set a national agenda for childhood agricultural injury prevention and led initiatives to develop voluntary standards for children's work in agriculture and for protecting non-working children who live on and visit farms. Dr. Lee is a past president of the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health and co-founded the Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America, now based in Washington, D.C.