Incorporating Occupational Health Interventions in a Community Based Preventive Health Program for Farm Families: A Qualitative Study

Agriculture is the most hazardous industrial sector in the United States based upon fatality rates. Farming is one of the few industries in which family members are also at risk of injury and illness. Additionally, small family farms that employ 10 or fewer workers are exempt from enforcement of OSHA regulations. This pilot study was to determine the willingness of the farm community to participate in a farm safety health initiative, as well as understand farmers’ experience with participation with an expanded health screening and on-farm safety review. Results indicated the intervention was well accepted amongst participants.