



Practical Tips to Help You Keep Yourself, Your Co-workers and Your UC Campus Safe, Healthy and Secure

## Centers of Excellence

While the EHS Leadership Council and its various working groups have developed many best practice documents over the years, the challenge for many campuses is finding expertise and/or resources to implement the programs. And, although campuses do share resources with each other, it is usually in response to an emergency event and for a very limited duration. The main challenge, even in emergency situations, is that the lending campus cannot afford to loan a person out for an extended duration for fear of their program suffering. The CoE program is intended to address this issue by being proactive in providing resources in advance and requiring a CoE to provide assistance to other campuses and system-wide leadership on their specific subject area.

Centers of Excellence are not a new concept and have been widely adopted by business and government organizations to promote thought leadership and innovation in the development of new programs and processes. In general, CoE's have the following characteristics or elements:

- Collection of subject matter experts on a given subject/topic
- Central repository for research and study materials
- Clearinghouse of process, standards and policy design
- Source of educational opportunities on the given subject/topic
- Development and monitoring of success criteria for metrics/systems of measurement

Center name	Campus Contact	Objective
Behavioral Intervention Team	Phillip Van Saun, UCSD, <a href="mailto:pvansaun@ucsd.edu">pvansaun@ucsd.edu</a> 858-534-1064	Provide systemwide leadership, support, and training for behavioral intervention teams.
Dangerous Goods Shipping	Charles Borromeo, UCB, <a href="mailto:cborromeo@berkeley.edu">cborromeo@berkeley.edu</a> 510-642-0117	Provide expert guidance, support, and training for shipping of hazardous goods.
Ergonomics: Construction and Systemwide Support	Kristie Elton, UCOP, <a href="mailto:kristie.elton@ucop.edu">kristie.elton@ucop.edu</a> 951-787-5034	Provide systemwide support for Ergonomics programs and act as the Ergonomic expert for design and construction.
ERM	Carrie Frandsen, UCSB, <a href="mailto:carrie.frandsen@ehs.ucsb.edu">carrie.frandsen@ehs.ucsb.edu</a> 805-893-3154	Provide leadership and expertise to promote Enterprise Risk Management systemwide.
Injury and Illness Prevention (IIP)	Jim Gilson, UCB <a href="mailto:j_gilson@berkeley.edu">j_gilson@berkeley.edu</a> 510-643-9575	Working in conjunction with systemwide Workers' Compensation Managers, provide systemwide support for general safety issues (not specific to an existing workgroup or CoE) focused on injury prevention.
Hospital Safety Management and Injury Reduction	Jason Barry, UCDMC, <a href="mailto:jason.barry@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu">jason.barry@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu</a> 916-734-7321	Coordinate systemwide employee injury reduction programs for UC medical centers.
UC Center for Laboratory Safety	James Gibson, UCLA, <a href="mailto:jgibson@ehs.ucla.edu">jgibson@ehs.ucla.edu</a> 310-206-6544	Sponsor and support research on laboratory safety including development and implementation of best practices.
Laboratory Safety	Kenneth Smith, UCOP, <a href="mailto:ken.smith@ucop.edu">ken.smith@ucop.edu</a> 510-882-3499	Provide systemwide expertise on laboratory safety management.
Learning Management System	Nancy Terry, UCR, <a href="mailto:nancy.terry@ucr.edu">nancy.terry@ucr.edu</a> 951-827-4722	Assist and support campuses with LMS implementation
Risk and Safety Training content development	Thor Benzing, ANR, <a href="mailto:thor@ucanr.edu">thor@ucanr.edu</a> 530-400-5629	Development of systemwide custom or specialized EHS-oriented training.
Safety in the Arts	Brent Cooley, UCSC, <a href="mailto:bcooley@ucsc.edu">bcooley@ucsc.edu</a> 831-459-1877	Provide systemwide expertise, support and training for the unique safety needs in the Arts including Theater, Visual, and Performing Arts.
Safety Management and Metrics, Including Mindfulness	Sandra Conrrad, UCI, <a href="mailto:sconrrad@uci.edu">sconrrad@uci.edu</a> 949-824-6982; Jessica Drew de Paz, UCI, <a href="mailto:drewj@uci.edu">drewj@uci.edu</a> 949-824-6634	Provide leadership and focus in the area of injury prevention, including research on the impact of mindfulness.
Smart Labs	David Kang, UCI, <a href="mailto:kangds2@uci.edu">kangds2@uci.edu</a> 949-824-7574	In support of Integrated Safety and Environmental Management (ISEM), provide systemwide expertise in sustainable laboratory practices.
Southern California Student Health & Counseling/Other Campus Clinical Operations Liability Risk	Kristin Parker, UCLAMC, <a href="mailto:kparker@mednet.ucla.edu">kparker@mednet.ucla.edu</a> 310-794-3500	Provide risk management expertise to Student Health & Counseling Centers and non medical center related healthcare operations.
Technology	Safa Hussain, UCD, <a href="mailto:smhussain@ucdavis.edu">smhussain@ucdavis.edu</a> 530-633-7232	Technology subject matter expertise in the area of off-the-shelf EHS applications including the in-house development and support applications.
UC Care	Kathy Hajopoulos, UCSFMC, <a href="mailto:kathy.hajopoulos@ucsfmedctr.org">kathy.hajopoulos@ucsfmedctr.org</a> 415-476-0263	Provide support and expertise on UC's self-funded health insurance program
Wellness and Health	Julie Chobdee, UCR, <a href="mailto:julie.chobdee@ucr.edu">julie.chobdee@ucr.edu</a> 951-827-1488	Provide leadership to promote a healthier workplace through wellness-focused initiatives such as the Smoke/Tobacco-Free Policy and other wellness initiatives.