

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TRAIN THE TRAINER (TtT) PROGRAM

The TtT workshops have been such a success that the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA), with the assistance of the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I), is partnering with different public and private organizations to offer training events during **2009**. (Registration information below.)

WHAT IS THE TtT?

The TtT workshops assist people who conduct pesticide safety training at agricultural establishments. The workshops provide trainers with basic pesticide information, Worker Protection Standard regulations and training tools to deliver effective pesticide safety training to **Pesticide Handlers and Fieldworkers** as mandated by the state and federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS). Trainers will be qualified to issue WPS worker and handler training verification cards.



Trainer, Ramon Benavides, L&I Safety and Health Consultant, provides information on the Cholinesterase Monitoring Rule to pesticide safety trainers at one of the TtT workshops.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The TtT is aimed at agricultural employers, farm managers, supervisors, and trainers who want to provide pesticide safety training to pesticide handlers and agricultural fieldworkers working at farms, forest, nurseries and greenhouses where pesticides are applied.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Class Size: 15 to 30 participants

Length: 8 hours

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Rather than lecture at length, the interactive TtT workshop will model good training practices by encouraging discussion and actively involving participants in individual and group exercises. At each workshop, the group is divided into two smaller groups which rotate through four training modules (see next page). Each module is taught by two trainers, lasts about 80 minutes and offers a variety of interactive training methods to encourage learning.

The last hour and a half of the workshop is devoted to offering participants the opportunity to practice what they have learned. Participants choose one topic and present a practice training session to their peers. They can get the feel of a real training session as well as instructive feedback.

COURSE MATERIALS

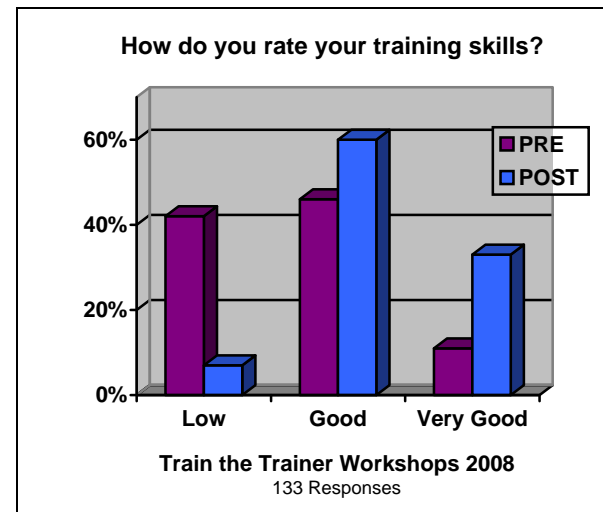
All participants receive free course materials including a *WSDA Train the Trainer Manual* that contains all the information presented during the workshop, a *How to Comply with the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides Manual* and farmworker training materials approved by the U.S. EPA. Upon completion, all participants receive a Certificate of Completion.



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HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE TtT?

As indicated in the chart below, participants consistently score their training skills at a higher level after attending the training. The results are those of pre/post assessments completed by participants at the 2008 TtT workshops.



CERTIFICATION FOR TRAINERS

Any participant who completes the TtT course and participates as a trainer during the practice training portion of the program qualifies as a WSDA WPS Certified Trainer. According to WPS, a WSDA Certified Trainer is qualified to provide pesticide safety training to agricultural workers and pesticide handlers in Washington State.

CREDITS:

Although this is not a recertification course but an interactive workshop, WSDA licensed participants will receive up to 6 pesticide license recertification credits.

LANGUAGE:

Workshops are offered in both English and Spanish. Please indicate language preference at the time of registration.



Trainers at work! A pair of participants presents information on the dangers of taking pesticides home using what they learned about training methodology; in this case trainers perform a role play during the practice training session.

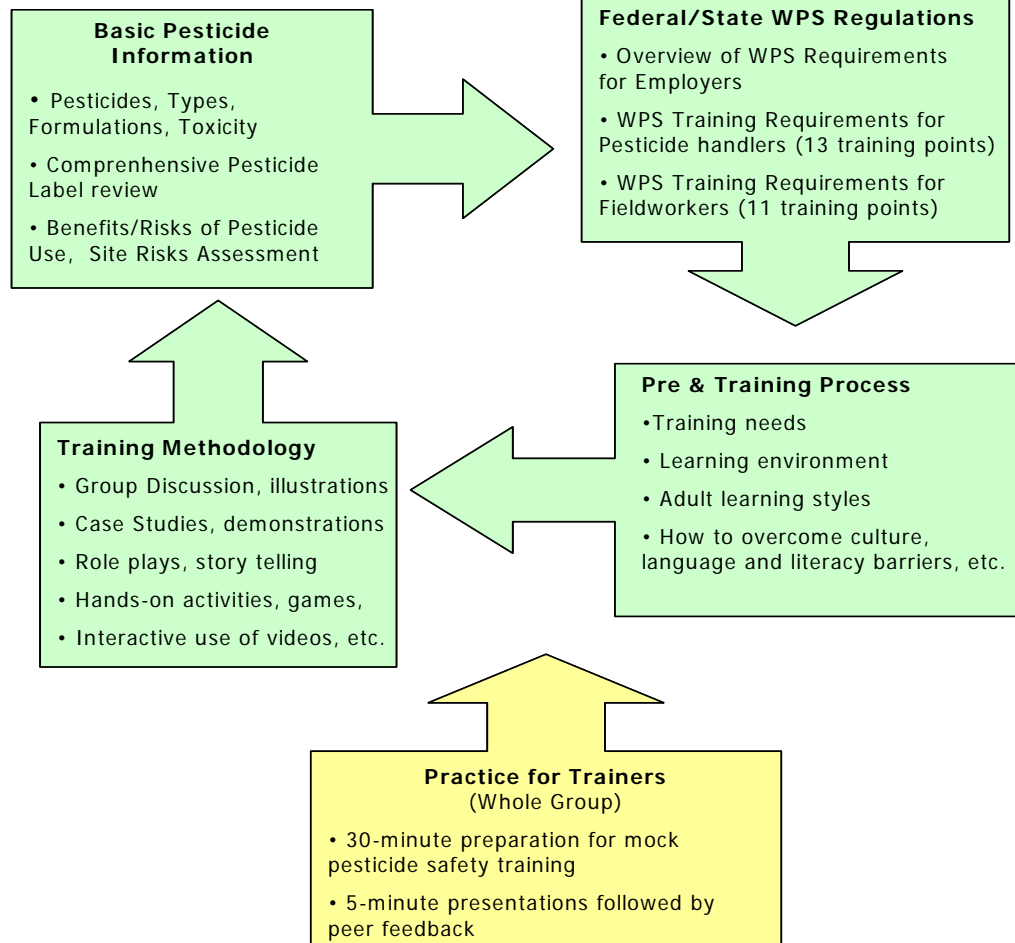
REGISTRATION & FEE

Space is limited to 30 people! Register early by calling the sponsor registration contact indicated below. Fee is payable to the sponsor only and is approximately \$35 per person.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact Flor Servin at 509.662.0590 or fservin@agr.wa.gov or Jaime Ramon at 509.585.1545 or jramon@agr.wa.gov.

TRAINING MODULES



DATE	LOCATION*	SPONSOR	FOR REGISTRATION & FEE, PLEASE CONTACT:
01/31/2009	WorkSource Building, Kennewick, WA	Kennewick WorkSource	José Sifuentez (509) 734-5968
02/07/2009	Yakima Valley Community College (YVCC) Grandview Campus	Yakima Valley Community College	Zulma Reyes (509) 882-7015
3/14/2009	YVCC Yakima	Yakima Valley Community College	Violet Valdez (509) 574-4977
3/28/2009	WSU Extension Center, Mt. Vernon, WA	WSU Skagit Co. Extension	Don MacMoran at 360.428.4270 Ext. 225

* WSDA reserves the right to alter this schedule, including canceling classes, due to severe weather or low enrollment