

Farmworker Advocacy Working Group 2023 Year in Review

In March, we released our **1st public legislative agenda**, organizing 17 organizational sign-ons for 9 bills covering safety net benefits, workers rights, language access and state investments to benefit agricultural workers

In June, we began to provide **Spanish interpretation** at working group meetings, retreats, and trainings to ensure that monolingual advocates can raise their voices for farmworkers

In June, we launched our second **4-part Farmworker Policy Advocacy Training Series** with 8 new advocates, including simultaneous Spanish interpretation

In July, we gathered in-person for the first time in Fresno for an **all day retreat** in order to build relationships while selecting a policy campaign that would move us towards a long term vision for change

After a year of deep discussion, research and analysis, we selected **2 campaigns** to address the failure of state agencies to enforce workplace health and safety protections: 1) **Publicly funded Expert Navigators** at Community Based Organizations, and 2) **Reforming Cal/OSHA hiring** to address understaffing and lack of linguistic and cultural competence

In October, we received our **1st fundraising commitment** to partially support advocacy efforts and our strategy to build long-term power for farmworker-serving community based organizations so that they lead the policy solutions their communities need

In 2023, farmworker advocates had **14 meetings with legislative, committee and agency staff** to raise up farmworkers' concerns and solutions

What's coming up in 2024?

Our campaigns for health and safety enforcement for farmworkers will launch in 2024 with a legislative hearing hosted by the Assembly Labor Committee on February 7th titled, ***Essential but Disposable: The Unique Challenges and Devastating Impacts of Lack of Enforcement for California's Agricultural Workers***. Stay tuned for more!