

# The UI Labor Center: Iowa's trusted hub for worker rights education since 1951

Iowans value the dignity of work. For over 70 years, the Labor Center has strengthened Iowa with research, education, and innovative programs to promote safe, quality jobs with dignity.

Today, our programs are in high demand! Over 2,000 adult learners attend more than 90 classes/year, on the UI campus and in cities statewide. We host regional & national conferences and lead competitive grant projects.

However, the Labor Center's future is uncertain. When the center was targeted for closure in 2018, over 10,000 Iowans spoke out and kept it open - but funding was eliminated over a 5-year period. As we work to restore stable funding, we rely on grants and donations to survive.

## You can help keep labor education alive.



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# HELP PROTECT LABOR EDUCATION FOR IOWA WORKERS



# OUR WORK

In 2023/24, the Labor Center's small staff are making a powerful impact:

- 3 weeklong leadership schools
- 4 labor/employment law institutes
- 2 pre-apprenticeship programs
- 45 worker safety classes
- 15 labor/climate workshops
- 4 next gen leadership workshops
- 50 customized classes held in communities across Iowa
- Responding to workers, students, faculty, and media questions
- Researching new laws

# THE THREAT TO LABOR ED

In 2019, the Labor Center's traditional university funding was eliminated with a 5-year path to zero. Staffing levels have fallen to two educators and one secretary. Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to maintain quality programs and secure grants until stable funding is restored. For now, donations are critical to keep labor education alive.

# OUR FUTURE

All of us at the Labor Center are deeply committed to doing what's necessary to provide quality education for Iowa. We're proud of the grants we have secured and the projects these funds support. However, many classes Iowans request aren't covered by any grant. That's why we're starting a special fundraiser to fund one labor educator who can exclusively focus on topics Iowa workers need.



# INVEST IN LABOR EDUCATION FOR IOWA WORKERS!

Our goal is to hire an additional educator to focus exclusively on the labor education needs of Iowa workers (not grant projects).

With your help, we can make this happen. Please consider a 5-year recurring donation, to help provide stable funds for a labor educator.

## Two ways to donate:

Online to the Labor Center Fund at the UI Center for Advancement, using this link:

<https://laborcenter.uiowa.edu/donate>



**By check** to the University of Iowa Center for Advancement (**write Labor Center Fund on memo**):  
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