

## Special Invitation to Teachers

*What are working conditions like when there are no child labor laws? Bring your students to a special photo exhibit and workshop to see for themselves and to learn about their own rights on the job. It could make a difference.*



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Courtesy of the George Eastman House

In observance of Safe Jobs for Youth Month in May, a child labor photography exhibit is showing from April 10th to May 12th 2006, at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA. Interactive workshops on young worker labor rights and job safety will be offered to students and teachers between May 4th and May 12th.

The exhibit brings together photographs from two collections:

### **“Let Children be Children: Lewis Wickes Hine’s Crusade against Child Labor”**

Courtesy of the George Eastman House, Rochester, New York, and

### **“Child Labor and the Global Village: Photography for Social Change”**

**Lewis Hine**, the most important photographer of child labor in the United States in the early 1900s, left a legacy that influences debate about child labor even today. Contemporary child labor is more common in other parts of the world. **Child Labor and the Global Village: Photography for Social Change** is a team of 11 photographers who document the lives of child workers around the globe. Winning teen-designed posters, produced for Safe Jobs for Youth Month each year, will also be exhibited.

Classes will be guided through a 45-minute tour of the exhibit, after which they will participate in an interactive workshop on today’s child labor laws and workplace safety and health. The hour-long workshops will be conducted by UC Berkeley’s Labor Occupational Health Program. By the end of the workshop and tour, students will be able to:

- Describe child labor conditions in the U.S. 100 years ago, as well as global and domestic child labor conditions today.
- Understand how labor laws help protect working teens in the U.S. today.
- Develop laws they think will protect young workers.
- Be able to describe three existing workplace rights that protect teens from injury on the job.

Teachers and students will receive free materials. Contact Selma Meyerowitz at 510.622.5051 to reserve either a morning or afternoon session. Classes are limited to 30 students and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Teachers and/or aides must accompany their students. Allow 2 hours for the tour and workshop.

Many young people work full-time, especially during the summers. Child labor laws, which define and prohibit hazardous and harmful work, apply to youth younger than 18 years of age. The joint exhibit offers a rare opportunity to see similarities between both the child labor problem of the early 20th century in the United States and the global community today.