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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN INJURY/ILLNESS AND RETURN-TO-WORK STUDY

Return to Work among Mobile Workers from Newfoundland and Labrador

We are seeking “mobile workers” – current and former adult workers who live or have lived in Newfoundland and Labrador in the past 5 years (since 2011), who travelled to work in one or more other provinces or territories, and who were injured or made ill by their work while outside of NL. We would like to speak with you about your experience with work-related injury/illness in another province/territory including what happened, how the injury/illness was handled, whether or not you were compensated for time loss, treatment, etc. and your experience with return to work. We want to understand how working away affected your injury/illness experience, your relationship with your employer, with other employers, health care providers and workers’ compensation (if you filed a claim). Where you were able to return to work, we are interested in the impact of the return to work process on your longer term work options and your family and home lives.

We are researchers from Memorial University, the University of Ottawa, the University of Waterloo, and the University of Alberta who are conducting a study about return-to-work laws and policies and how they work in practice for mobile workers their families and for employers. This study is part of a larger one that includes similar research in Ontario and Quebec. Participation in this study is completely voluntary and involves being available for a confidential interview of about 1 to 1.5 hours in length, either in person or by telephone. The length of the interview will depend on how much you have to say. There is no need to prepare for this interview. It will be like a conversation and you will choose what to share with us.

As a token of our thanks we will offer you \$50 to cover your time and any travel costs related to the interview. The study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through the Interdisciplinary Committee on Ethics in Human Research at Memorial University.

The person or organization that forwarded this flyer on our behalf will not be provided with any information about who contacted us or participated in the study. Everything you tell us in the interview will be confidential. Presentations of study results will not include your name or any information that could identify you.

If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact Dana Howse, at dhowse@mun.ca or (709) 864-7249. She will answer any questions you have and, if you are willing, set up a time and location for your interview.