Labor Apprenticeship programs

Apprenticeship programs are tailored to provide classroom and on-the-job training in numerous highly skilled occupations; apprentices can also earn their certification through these registered programs.

Asbestos Workers Local Union 60
Contact: Gary Williams, (954) 684-0209

Elevator Construction Local 71
Contact: Frank Lopez, (305) 633-3193

International Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners
Contact: Gerry Carrero, (786) 371-1453

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Contact: Royce Simpson, (305) 325-1330

International Union of Painters & Allied Trades
Contact: Nate Aburto, (941) 391-2677

Laborers Local 1652
Contact: Al Houston, (305) 754-2659

Miami Building Trades Council
Contact: Jeffery D. Penniston, (305) 362-0519

Operating Engineers Local 487
Contact: Dan McCullers, (954) 434-8309

Pipefitting
Contact: Phil Rodin, (305) 685-0311

Sheet Metal Workers Local 32
Contact: Richard Pazos, (561) 676-0180

Sign, Display & Allied Trades Local 1175
Contact: Mark Kimbro, (954) 946-9613

South Florida Council of Fire Fighters
Contact: Johnny O’Brien, (305) 389-7621

UNITE-HERE
Contact: Mike Hill, (305) 614-0377
United Way of Miami-Dade and AFL-CIO Partnership

Since 1946, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and United Way have enjoyed a cooperative relationship. The partnership is based on three key principles:

- Building capacity for the center labor council (training, personal development)
- Providing services to workers and their families (information and referral, unemployment assistance, counseling)
- Encouraging positive community change through personal involvement (giving, volunteering, advocating)

Over the years, we’ve seen how a strong partnership between labor and management has a positive and powerful impact on the community as a whole and within the workplace as well. At United Way, labor representatives serve in many key leadership roles – as volunteers on key standing committees, as trustees and champions for our work in education, financial stability and health.

Mission

To build a stronger Miami-Dade County by uniting union members to make personal investments of time and resources in our community through United Way.

Union Community Activist Network (UCAN) trainings

The UCAN training series, sponsored by United Way of Miami-Dade and South Florida’s AFL-CIO, is a training program that prepares union volunteers with expanded skills and information to help and empower members, co-workers, their families and neighbors to seek existing social services.

The five-week training is recommended for organized labor representatives/members, human resource managers, employee assistance program and member assistance program representatives.

Topics covered include:

- Case management
- Domestic violence
- Emergency services
- Family counseling
- Food banks
- Social Security
- Housing assistance programs
- HIV/AIDS
- Layoff assistance
- Listening skills
- Mental health
- Grief counseling
- Web resources

Those who attend the UCAN training should be enthusiastic about helping others. Upon completion of the course, participants will be certified as trained AFL-CIO/United Way Information and Referral Specialist.

For details about the next UCAN training, contact Sheryl Lemon at lemons@unitedwaymiami.org or call (305) 646-7032.

Labor LIVES UNITED

United Way of Miami-Dade holds an Annual Labor LIVES UNITED event to commemorate the partnership of organized labor and United Way. On this day, union members get together to celebrate this day of caring.

Exclusive benefits for labor union members in South Florida

There are a wide range of discounts and services available to union members. These include:

- Auto insurance
- Car washes
- Clothing
- Computers
- Education loans
- Eye care
- Financial advice
- Flowers
- Gifts
- Jewelry
- Lawyers
- Loans
- Mortgages
- Movie tickets
- Restaurants
- Salon treatments
- Scholarships
- Tires
- Vacations

Visit UnionPlus.org for additional details about these benefits, including services for members who are facing financial hardship due to disability, disaster, layoff, strike or unemployment.