# GET STARTED Map Out Your Workplace

Workplace mapping is one of the most effective ways for getting an idea of how people relate to one other.

# **GET THE PICTURE**

Mapping it out will give you a visual picture about where people work and who works together and who's already involved in the campaign.

- Chart all current employees (shifts and job titles) in all departments and locations.
- Capture all the networks that exist (across jobs, shifts, functions and individual connections).
- Identify any existing leaders and members.
- Develop a shorthand way to show whom you have talked to already.
- Assess areas of strength and weakness based on what you know.

## LOOK FOR PATTERNS



#### You Will Need...

- A list of all your co-workers
- Job titles
- Shifts
- Work locations
- Other information relevant to building a diverse representative committee in your workplace, such as language, gender, race/ethnicity, seniority, etc.

Once you've mapped it out, look for patterns. Use this analysis to identify strengths and weaknesses and prioritize what to do first.

- What groups do we need to make sure are represented on our committee?
- Are there large departments or groups of people that will be critical to building enough overall support?
- Is support concentrated in only a few areas, or is it evenly spread?
- In what departments do we lack activists? Are we reaching part-time staff? Night shift workers? Auxiliary locations?
- Are there certain areas, shifts or jobs where there are common issues that people care about?

## **TRACK AND PLAN YOUR WORK**

Now you can use your map as a tool in your day-to-day outreach plans, track progress and update information based on what you learn.

- When people volunteer to reach others, use the map to connect people and report back on what's being learned.
- Whom might we need to join our committee? Whom should we talk with to find out?

#### **Update Your Charts Daily**

This will ensure you don't lose track of important information and will give you an accurate picture of where you stand at the end of each day.

• Create a shorthand system for leaders so you can visualize areas where there is a lot (or little) involvement. Use this to strategize how to get more people involved.

## **EXAMPLES OF MAPS AND CHARTS**

Here are ways that people have mapped and charted their workplaces.

