This project uses participatory action research to document and disseminate the experiences of young workers in Los Angeles County employed in low-wage restaurant, retail, fast food and grocery industries.

To design and implement a survey of the experiences of workers 18-29 years old employed in L.A.'s low-wage labor markets, the UCLA Labor Center will partner with UCLA students in labor and applied research courses, and community organizations including the Restaurant Opportunities Center - Los Angeles, Food Chain Workers Alliance, Youth Policy Initiative, Los Angeles Black Worker Center, SEIU 721-Fast Food Workers and Our Walmart campaigns, Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance and United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW).

One of the project's main objectives is for young worker spokes people to raise awareness by sharing findings about particular working conditions they experience in the context of broader issues workers of all ages face in low wage industries. The research findings will add to a growing body of studies on wage theft, workplace violations, and minimum wage campaigns, and will serve to provide empirical evidence and data for a variety of Los Angeles organizations, offering critical analysis and policy recommendations for the low-wage industries that have a concentration of young workers.

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