

Environmental Service Workers Keep our Hospitals and Clinics Running! Celebrating EVS Week

As EVS workers, we know that the work we do is vital - we ensure patient safety by keeping our facilities clean and infection-free. That's why we continue to advocate for ourselves, from the bargaining table to the legislature in Olympia. This past legislative session, we won a worker safety bill that will support our health by protecting us from ergonomic injuries.



At Providence Swedish, EVS is the backbone of the hospital and the first line of infection prevention. We have been fighting hard to make changes and demand the respect that we are due. In the last 10 years, we've made a lot of movement:

- ★ EVS Safety Subcommittee
- ★ Access to all break rooms
- ★ Home area assignments
- ★ Language in the CBA
- ★ Merging of EVS Tech 1 and Tech 2
- ★ ACET training, with certification pay
- ★ Ergonomics win at the state level



"I am happy to be a part of a union that helps my coworkers and myself stand and fight for our rights.

Being a part of our union ensures that our voices are heard and we don't get left behind." - **Amie Ajmeh, EVS, Issaquah**



"On BHU when I check in with patients about unit excellence, often the first thought is appreciation for the dedicated EVS workers providing and maintaining a clean safe unit. It's important for all workers at Swedish to be in the same union to uplift our power with a common interests, focus our strength and address issues as one unified powerful force. Without a unified front confusion among staff would result, quality of care will falter, and dismemberment of a well functioning union will occur." - **Gloria Martin, Behavioral Health, Ballard**

This week is meaningful because we know that we are highly skilled and valuable to our workplaces. We deserve to be treated accordingly!

