

Many Ways of Peace in downtown Eagle River will host a worker's rights information session Thursday, March 19 at 6PM featuring Jackie Cody, a volunteer with the recently established Northern Wisconsin Center for Working People in downtown Rhinelander. The center is located in the ArtStart building at 68 S. Stevens St. and provides information, advocacy resources, referrals and training to assist people in successfully resolving workplace problems.

According to Cody, the Northern Wisconsin Center for Working People is a place for workers to bring their workplace stories and then begin to work on resolving the issues involved. "The goal is to bring justice and respect for workers by utilizing workers' rights laws such as family and medical leave, health and safety, discrimination, unemployment insurance, wage claims, and workers' compensation," Cody said. She added that the driving belief behind the center is that all workers should be treated with dignity and respect, have a safe and healthy workplace with access to and knowledge of workplace rules and law.

Prior to the opening of the center in Rhinelander in mid-January, wage earners in northern Wisconsin had no place to go in this area to access information on workers' rights, as the two existing workers' rights centers are located in southern Wisconsin.

The Northern Wisconsin Center for Working People is open by appointment Tuesdays and Thursdays. The phone number is 715-360-6732. The center is a tax exempt, nonprofit organization supported entirely by donations and grants.

More information is available at www.manywaysofpeace.org or by calling 715.480.4697. Many Ways of Peace is a project of the MJ Berner Foundation for Peace and Justice, Inc. and is located at 217 S. Main St.