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CHILDREN’S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP

2015 Planning Meeting
What do we want to do in 2015?
WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

1. Monthly meetings
2. Educational Forums
3. Trainings
4. Joint projects
PAST SPEAKER TOPICS…

1. UW Superfund Research Program
2. Electromagnetic radiation exposures
3. Wood smoke exposure
4. Risk communication during disasters
5. A summary of the 2013 Reproductive Environmental Health Training in CA
6. Asthma
7. EPA’s data systems tools
8. The Hanford nuclear site and health exposures
9. Organic food
10. Nanoparticles
11. Public Health-Seattle & King County’s community outreach projects
12. The WA Tracking Network
13. Healthy Homes
14. Health literacy
15. Children’s health and tribes
16. WA’s Children’s Safe Products Act
17. And more….
NETWORKING

- Connected two huge organizations with joint interests in children’s environmental health

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration
NETWORKING

- Revived the NW Kids Environmental Health listserv
  http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=NW-KIDS-ENV-HEALTH
FORUM 2009

- Over 300 people, two days

- Topic: An overview of the science and policies of children’s environmental health
Keynote speaker theme: Your health should not depend on your zip code.

Within one month after the event, 86% applied some of the information they learned at the conference.
FORUM 2011

- 130 people, one day

- Topic: Making children’s environmental health credible and urgent
FORUM 2013

- 200 people, one day, new ‘panel interview style’

- Topic: Healthy Environments for Healthy Babies—Preventing Harmful Environmental Exposures Before and During Pregnancy
FORUM 2013

- Introduced the relationship between chemical and social stressors.

- Strong, positive responses:
  
  *We're looking at starting a new program with a focus on small children. Just being here today helped me think through our next steps.*
TWO TRAININGS WITH WA STATE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
Joint Projects

- Created brochures

Protect Kids From Toxics

Look inside for ways to protect kids from toxic chemicals
JOINT PROJECTS

▶ Shared funding and resources –

*Cleaning for Health* project
OTHER JOINT PROJECTS

- Placed articles in the AAP newsletter
- Shared CEH info statewide – *ChildProfile*
- Staffed events – *Eco-Healthy Child Care®*
ACTION IDEAS FOR 2015...

- Train community health workers
- Write articles
- Host film festival
- Form more partnerships
FORUM IDEAS FOR 2015

- Where are the doctors? – Engaging the medical community
- Children’s environmental health in practice – who’s doing what?
- Kids, toxins and politics
FORUM IDEAS FOR 2015

- Environmental health and environmental justice
- Food and toxins
- Hear from the ‘other’ side
FORUM IDEAS FOR 2015

- Epigenetics
- Endocrine disruptor chemicals
- Green chemistry
WHAT WILL WE DO FOR THEM IN 2015?