An international collaborative...acts as a catalyst for civil discourse and collaborative initiatives among researchers, health professionals, health-affected groups and others concerned with social and environmental impacts on human health.
CHE-WA CEHWG

The Collaborative on Health and the Environment – WA Chapter

Children’s Environmental Health Working Group
Work collaboratively...

To eliminate toxic exposures to kids...

In their most critical years: pre-conception to age 8.
Creating in 2007

5 short years...
many accomplishments
Goal #1: Be **inclusive** of varied groups.

![Graph showing the growth in membership from 2007 to 2012, with an increasing trend line.](image-url)
Goal #2: Identify gaps and **overlaps** in messages, services, and campaigns.
Goal #3:

Identify **most important messages**.

Collaborate to get them out to the public.
Goal #3: Provide education -- conferences
2009 conference
Over 300 people

… I think that your conference was one of the best- in terms of how it was developed, managed and results- that I have ever attended. Truly an effective team.

(From a U.S. Housing and Urban Development staff person. HUD’s Healthy House exhibit was at the Forum, and Ron Sims, then HUD’s Deputy Secretary, was the keynote speaker.)
Ron Sims, then H.U.D.’s Deputy Secretary, opened the second day. His theme: *Your health should not depend on your zip code.*
2011 mini-conference
130 people
Goal #3: Provide education -- training for others

Jointly with the Washington State Environmental Health Association

Inspectors practice identifying sources of lead

http://washington.chenw.org/CEHgroup.html#professionals
Goal #3:
Provide education – *Training for us*

Ex. PEHSU

http://depts.washington.edu/pehsu/
# Blood Lead Level Reporting

**For Office Use Only**

## Patient Information

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## Provider Information

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## Laboratory Results

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<th>Blood Lead Level (μg/dL)</th>
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## Other Information

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**Mail or Fax Completed Form To:**

Washington State Department of Health
PO Box 47645
Olympia, WA 98504-7846
Fax: 380-256-3059

**For More Information:**

Call 1-300-802-8090 (Toll Free in WA)
http://www.doh.wa.gov/chlp/lead

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Ex. WA Tracking Network...
WA Tracking Network website points to the CHE-WA page on Environmental Health Resources.

This resource page was developed by our working group supported by WTN funds. See https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/wtn/wtnportal/EPH/TrainingAndEvents.aspx
Ex. Legislation related to children’s environmental health...
Ex. Personal-care products and 3rd-party certification...
Ex. The controversy over fluoridated water...
Goal #4: Eliminate exposures by consumer education

For local community folks and health professionals, such as La Leche League members

A children’s environmental health exhibit
For conference attendees

Lead-safe education booth
For childcare providers:  
Assisted in Eco-Healthy Childcare trainings
Most important –
Connections, connections, connections!
Helped connect two huge organizations with joint interests in children’s environmental health

EPA Region 10
(Pacific Northwest)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
Revived the NW Kids Environmental Health listserv

http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=NW-KIDS-ENV-HEALTH
Helped fund a member to do a small research project on least toxic whiteboard markers
Found a parent blogger within the group to help with feedback on a project
Connections... get dialogue moving... and build trust.
Keys to our success

1. One organization provides some dedicated staff time...
2. CHE-WA, our parent organization, has a website we post on. Their staff maintain the website.
3. Members steer the direction...how often to meet, whether to have speakers, what topics to focus on.
4. Participants are willing to share time, $, decision making.
Most important:

Members continue to find it adds value to their work.
Next steps:

Plan a 2013 Forum. Collaborate with other organizations?

Continue to....

• meet monthly
• work with medical health providers
• support each other’s organizations’ work
• grow the organization, bringing in more diverse groups
• better educate ourselves.
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We’re happy to help!