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Dear CHE Partners:

This month CHE is featuring two Partner calls focused on systems approaches to improving health and well-being (see: <http://www.healthandenvironment.org>). The first CHE Partner call is "Ecological Intelligence: A Conversation with Daniel Goleman" to be held on June 12th. Dan has written a number of bestselling books on different expressions of intelligence, and his most recent book, "Ecological Intelligence," highlights the need for what he calls 'radical transparency' in the marketplace so that we can make informed and smarter consumer choices--choices that truly support our long-term health and that of the planet. The second CHE Partner call is "A Common Agenda for Health and the Environment: Goals for the Next Generation and Steps to Get There" to be held on June 23rd.

"A Common Agenda" differs distinctly from "Ecological Intelligence" on a number of counts. For example, "Ecological Intelligence" focuses primarily on the consumer and why what we buy and manufacture often has far-flung negative consequences on human and ecological health; while "A Common Agenda", articulates specific generational goals--from "Vibrant Communities" to "Green Jobs" to "Ecosystem Protection"--that were developed by over 100 leaders in diverse sectors along with concrete steps to reach these goals.

Both documents, however, point fundamentally to the same issue: We must collaborate across sectors and among diverse constituencies in order to effectively address the multiple factors that influence our health and future; if we stay in our respective silos, as is still the predominate modus operandi in academia, government, industry and even the nonprofit world, we do so to our collective peril. Cultivating our capacity to take appropriate, life-affirming actions in the face of complexity is essential in today's world. This means respecting and relying on each other's areas of expertise and abilities as well as working to clarify and understand inevitable differences in the assumptions, expectations and priorities we each hold.

This kind of collaboration in the context of complexity is at the heart of CHE's work. In the coming months, we intend to deepen our exploration of systems biology, ecological health and preventative interventions as these apply in very concrete ways to enhancing human health for generations to come. Along these lines, CHE is establishing a discussion group on environmental factors linked to "Metabolic Syndrome," a cluster of conditions that elevate a person's risk of developing certain chronic diseases such heart disease, stroke and diabetes (please see Announcements and New Highlights below).

We will certainly need both "ecological intelligence" and "a common agenda" in order to achieve our collective goal of a healthy world to leave our children and theirs. We hope you

...more can contribute goal of a healthy, vibrant future for our children and grand children. We hope you will join us on these upcoming CHE Partner calls and in other future activities.

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Elise Miller, MEd
 Director
 Collaborative on Health and the Environment

CHE Partnership Calls

Ecological Intelligence: A Conversation with Daniel Goleman

Friday, June 12 at 1 PM Pacific / 4 PM Eastern

CHE is pleased to host this special conversation with Daniel Goleman, psychologist and bestselling author, on **Friday, June 12 at 1 PM Pacific / 4 PM Eastern** to discuss issues he raises in his most recent book, *Ecological Intelligence: How Knowing the Hidden Impacts of What We Buy Can Change Everything*. The book is described as drawing on "cutting-edge research to reveal why 'green is a mirage,' illuminates inconsistencies in our response to the ecological crisis, and introduces new technologies that reveal with 'radical transparency' the eco-impact of products we buy, with the potential to drive consumers to make smarter decisions and companies to reform their business practices."

Goleman's description of what it means to be ecologically intelligent underscores why CHE is committed to articulating a working framework for ecological health in which the multiple factors that influence our health and well-being are addressed systemically.

RSVP for This Call

Michael Lerner, PhD, President of Commonweal and Vice-Chair of CHE, will facilitate the conversation with Goleman and offer plenty of time for Q&A with CHE partners. It will last one hour and will be recorded for archival purposes.

A Common Agenda for Health and the Environment: Goals for the Next Generation and Steps to Get There

Tuesday, June 23 at 10 AM Pacific / 1 PM Eastern

CHE invites you to join in an important call with leaders from different sectors who worked on the impressive document "A Common Agenda for Health and the Environment" on **Tuesday June 23, 2009 at 10 AM Pacific / 1 PM Eastern**.

The Common Agenda is a call to action and articulates a collective commitment to six ambitious cross-cutting "Generational Goals" to ensure a healthy future for our children. Creating the Common Agenda involved nearly 100 leaders of the healthcare, community development, environmental, labor and agriculture community working together to imagine the world we want to leave our children and what it will take to get there within one generation.

Speakers will provide an overview the Common Agenda, highlight specific features of some of the "Generational Goals", and describe action steps we can take to achieve these goals.

RSVP for this Call

Featured speakers:

- **Polly Hoppin**, ScD, Environmental Health Initiative Program Director at the Lowell Center for Sustainable Production
- **Molly Anderson**, PhD, MS, Food Systems Integrity

- **Henry Anderson**, PhD, MD, Food Systems Integrity
- **Paul Epstein**, MD, MPH, Center for Health and the Global Environment, Harvard Medical School
- **Lynn Thorpe**, National Program Coordinator, Clean Water Action
- **Dick Jackson**, MD, MPH, University of California Berkeley, School of Public Health

The call will be moderated by Elise Miller, CHE Director. The call will last one hour and will be recorded for archival purposes.

Resources from recent CHE calls:

If you missed any of the following CHE calls, you may listen to MP3 recordings and find supporting materials at the following links:

- June 4, 2009 - [CHE Science Cafe call with Dr. Steve Gilbert](#)
- May 7, 2009 - [Metabolic Syndrome: At the Crossroads of the Western Disease Cluster](#)
- Apr 6, 2009 - ["Battle Scars: Findings from the Federal Report on Gulf War Veterans Illness"](#)

And of course, you can always explore our [archived resources](#) from past Partnership calls.

CHE Working and Regional Group Updates

There were many updates and announcements submitted by CHE's working groups this month. Please take a moment to read about all the good work being done on behalf of health and the environment.

CHE Fertility

~ coordinated by Julia Varshavsky, CHE Program Associate,
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~ CHE-Fertility Working Group participants are encouraged to participate in the upcoming CHE-Fertility Call -- **Know Your ABC's: The Fundamentals of Reproductive Health and the Environment** -- **Monday, July 13 at 11 AM Pacific / 2 PM Eastern.**

Do You Know Your ABC's? Join us on this call to discuss the basics of environmental reproductive health science. This call is intended to help refresh continuing participants as well as inform those who are new to the information.

On this call presenters will discuss what we know about:

- how rates of infertility and other reproductive health problems have changed as industrial chemical production has proliferated over the last 70 years;
- what sound scientific evidence is increasingly revealing about links between environmental contaminants and these health problems;
- where the limitations are in our health tracking and exposure data;
- how policies can change to reflect what we know, even in the face of inevitable scientific uncertainty; and
- what health professionals.

Featured presenters:

- **Ted Schettler**, MD, MPH, Science Director, Science and Environmental Health Network and CHE
- **Tracey Woodruff**, PhD, MPH, Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, University of California, San Francisco; and Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California, San Francisco
- **Rivka Gordon**, PA-C, MHS, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Association of Reproductive Health Professionals

Dial-in #: 1-800-371-8200

Passcode: 34643#

More information about this call <http://healthandenvironment.org/articles/doc/6166>

Please email julia@healthandenvironment.org if you plan to attend so that we can reserve the correct number of lines.

~ **View CHE-Fertility's new searchable calendar** of environmental reproductive health events from throughout the US and around the world. Visitors can search by type of event, month, location and other fields. The working group calendar is part of a broader CHE calendar that includes other working groups and health outcomes.

If you have events to add to the calendar or corrections/updates to current events, please contact Nancy Snow, MS, CHE's Research and Communications Specialist, through the link available on the calendar page.

~ **CHE-Fertility Researchers: Passport Foundation Science Innovation Fund**
The Passport Foundation recently launched an exciting and unusual new grant awards program, The Science Innovation Fund, which was established to increase understanding of the impacts of hazardous chemicals on human health by providing rapid, modest sized grants (\$5K to \$50K) to scientists at universities and not-for-profit organizations in support of scientific research in the environmental health sciences that has strong, demonstrable potential to inform and build support for changes in public health policy and clinical care policies/practices (and to be published in a peer-reviewed publication). The second round of applications is due July 10, 2009.

For more information please see:
<https://online.foundationsource.com/public/home/passport>

To request a copy of the RFP please email Foundation Source at:
info@passportfoundation.org

~ **New CHEM Trust Report: Male Reproductive Health Disorders and the Potential Role of Exposure to Environmental Chemicals**

A CHEM Trust report released in the last month highlights the dangers of exposing pregnant women to hormone disrupting chemicals in consumer products, and focuses on the risks these pose to baby boys and the reproductive health of men. The report, titled: "Male Reproductive Health Disorders and the Potential Role of Exposure to Environmental Chemicals" http://www.chemtrust.org.uk/Press_and_Media.php, was written by Professor Richard Sharpe of the Medical Research Council (MRC) in Edinburgh.

CHEM Trust's Mission Statement is to prevent man-made chemicals from causing long term damage to wildlife or humans by ensuring that chemicals which cause such harm are substituted with safer alternatives. The organization is based out of the UK. Click here to link to [CHEM Trust's website](#).

CHE EMF

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~ **Microwave News reports that a new Swiss study found a 10-fold increase in radiofrequency radiation (RF)** levels since the U.S. EPA measured these levels in the mid-1970s (a practice long abandoned in the U.S.). Scientists reported that mobile phones and towers do increase RF exposure but so do cordless phones. Using mobile phones in confined spaces such as buses and trains also exposes non-users-secondhand radiation. See the incisive June 3 commentary on this study at www.microwavenews.com

~ Although the CHE EMF working group focuses on new science related to EMF, many members are also involved in advocacy, education and outreach on EMF issues. There is also growing interest among the larger public, particularly parents, as evidenced in the following news from Los Angeles:

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on June 2, 2009, to actively seek and support federal legislation to repeal portions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that limit the authority of state and local governments to regulate cell towers

Act of 1996 that limit the authority of state and local governments to regulate cell towers and related wireless facilities on the basis of their health and environmental effects.

Los Angeles is the first major local government to directly take on the federal preemption of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. As part of its efforts on this issue, the Board of Supervisors will also be filing comments consistent with its motions with the FCC with regard to National Broadband Policy.

This action follows the unanimous passage on May 26, 2009 of a resolution by the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education concerning the ongoing proliferation of wireless antennas near schools. This resolution includes a statement in favor of repealing the Telecommunication Act of 1996's preemption of consideration of health and environmental effects of wireless facilities.

Both resolutions are available on the website of the Coalition for Local Oversight of Utility Technologies (CLOUT): <http://cloutnow.org/lacbos/>

CHE HEAL

~ coordinated by Lisette Van Vliet, lisette@env-health.org

~ European Chemicals Law REACH: the need to consider cumulative effects

Lisette van Vliet, Toxics Policy Advisor for the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) spoke at the second European Chemicals Law (REACH) stakeholder meeting held by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki in late May 2009. The meeting was attended by companies, industry pressure groups, trade unions, public interest groups and representatives from 33 countries, including many from outside the EU.

Lisette van Vliet spoke about the participation of public interest organisations in the Agency's public consultations. She repeated the call of HEAL, ChemTrust and WWF, submitted to the most recent public consultation, for cumulative risk assessment under REACH to account for risks posed by multiple chemicals known to have common adverse effects and which can be more harmful when present simultaneously. Some chemicals, to which people are simultaneously exposed, are potentially more harmful to human health than has been traditionally recognised by methods which assess the risks of and establish 'safe levels' for individual chemicals separately. She also stated that the Agency's first list of 15 'Candidate' substances of very high concern (a list of most harmful chemicals under REACH) was too short and being developed too slowly. She highlighted the more robust lists drawn up by civil society according to the REACH criteria, which together cover 408 chemicals (the S.I.N.* list 1.0 of 267 high concern chemicals and the European Trade Unions Confederation Priority List of 306 chemicals).

[See additional materials and a video recording of the meeting](#)

~ New fact sheet "Climate Change and Your Lungs"

The Health & Environment Alliance and the European Lung Foundation have just published a fact sheet entitled "Climate Change and Your Lungs". It explains how climatic changes can affect lung health, points readers towards information sources and suggests measures that members of the public or respiratory patients can take to mitigate the negative effects of climate change on their respiratory health. It also showcases EU policy action. Experts from the European Respiratory Society's Environment and Health working group drafted the facts sheets, and HEAL provided the policy relevant context. Download the [English version](#). It will soon be available in French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Polish and Danish. A children's version for 5-11 year-olds is being developed.

~ Effort launched in Europe to put health at the centre of the Copenhagen negotiations

In the run-up to the UNFCCC negotiations in Copenhagen in December 2009, the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) and Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe are working with the health community in the European Union to make public health central to the debate. As part of this effort, they have worked with the World Health Organization to produce and launch a discussion document entitled "Healthy Hospitals, Healthy Planet, Healthy People: Addressing climate change in health care settings". The joint document provides case studies of what hospitals can do to reduce their carbon footprint, including special mention of the efforts of the UK National Health Service. For more information and to download the report, please visit: <http://env-health.org/a/3351>

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HEAL's Toxics Policy Advisor Lisette van Vliet was interviewed by the television channel of the European Parliament 'Europarl TV' on the new pesticides policy legislation. The interview also featured a representative of an association of plant protection manufacturers, Peter Jaeken, vice president of PhytoFar. Dr. van Vliet highlighted the need for strong national action plans to translation the European pesticides policies into better protection of public health.

[Watch the video](#)

~ UK health council on climate change

The Climate and Health Council is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to mobilise health professionals across the world to tackle climate change. It has developed global campaign to maximise support from doctors and other health professionals for urgent government-led international action on climate change.

A "Pledge" has been developed committing signatories to support for a meaningful deal being struck at Copenhagen talks in December 2009. This Pledge has already been signed by more than 3,000 health professionals in 106 countries. The aim is for a sign-up from hundreds of thousands of health professionals and others by November 2009. It can be viewed at www.climateandhealth.org/pledge.

Most recently, the Climate and Health Council has made it possible for staff in the National Health Service (NHS) in England to view this year's most talked about environmental film *Age of Stupid* for free at work.

Dr. Mike Gill, co-chair of the Climate and Health Council and coordinator of this initiative says the hopes that it will bring attention to the NHS's own carbon footprint and prompt recognition of how important it is that health professionals set an example.

The screenings have been made possible by a group of organisations coming together to fund the licence fee for showing the film. These include The British Medical Journal, The Lancet, The Royal College of Physicians, The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, The NHS Sustainable Development Unit, and The Campaign for Greener Healthcare.

More information about the [Climate and Health Council](#)

CHE LDDI

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~At the [AAIDD Texas Chapter's 34th Annual Convention](#), July 15-17, 2009, environmental health will be the topic of at least one session: Translating the Science: Links Between Neurotoxicants and Learning/Developmental Disabilities. The convention will be held in Corpus Christi, TX.

~ The next **AAIDD Research and Science teleconference**, Association of Early-life Exposure to Household Gas Appliances and Indoor Nitrogen Dioxide with Cognition and Attention Behavior in Preschoolers, will be held **Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 2:00 PM Eastern**. Jordi Sunyer, MD, of the Center for Research in Environmental Epidemiology in Barcelona, Spain will speak.

[More information on this teleconference](#)

~ **LDDI members sent a letter** to Peter Grevatt, Ph.D., Senior Advisor for Children's Health at U.S. EPA, recommending that the EPA's voluntary Chemical Assessment and Management Program (ChAMP) not be considered a sufficient model or as lessening the need for a fundamental overhaul of Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

[Read the letter](#)

CHE Alaska

~ coordinated by Pam Miller, Alaska Community Action on Toxics, pkmiller@akaction.net

CHE Alaska invites CHE-AK participants and CHE Partners to participate in two teleconferences being offered in June.

To join either of these free calls please RSVP to Alaska Community Action on Toxics at info@akaction.net or 907-222-7714.

**~ Birth Defects and Environmental Contamination: Current Science, Research Methods and Implications for Alaska
June 24 at 9 AM Alaska time**

The speakers for this teleconference seminar will discuss the current science concerning birth defects in relationship with exposures to environmental contaminants. We will also learn about the work of a non-profit organization, [Birth Defect Research for Children](#), their services to parents and community-based research projects that investigate associations between birth defects and environmental exposures.

Featured presenters:

- **Betty Mekdeci**, Executive Director, Birth Defect Research for Children
- **Ted Schettler**, MD, MPH, Science Director, Science and Environmental Health Network

~ International Actions to Protect the Health of Arctic Indigenous Peoples: Report on Policy and Science from the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

June 29 at 9 AM Alaska time

In May, more than 800 participants representing 149 governments and many non-governmental organizations, met in Geneva, Switzerland at the fourth Conference of the Parties (COP4) to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). Delegates made the historic decision to add nine new chemicals under provisions of the global legally binding treaty, with some limitations that concern public health advocates. Scientists from the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP) presented new results about the effects of POPs chemicals on human health and ecosystems of the Arctic as part of the effectiveness evaluation of the treaty. Representatives from Indigenous communities of the Arctic participated in order to urge Parties to the Convention to integrate a comprehensive human rights framework through the United Nations and the implementation of the Stockholm Convention.

Presenters will include scientists and representatives of the Arctic Indigenous Delegation who will report on their participation and perspectives about the Stockholm Convention Conference of Parties in May. We will discuss recent findings about the environmental and human health implications of persistent pollutants in the north.

CHE Washington

~ Now coordinated by Steve Gilbert, sgilbert@innd.org or contact info@healthandenvironment.org

~ On **June 2, 2009**, CHE-WA hosted a **science lecture with special guest Elaine Faustman**, PhD, of the University of Washington. Dr. Faustman shared with participants her recent research evaluating the pesticide residues in children of farmworkers in rural Washington. Disturbingly, over the years of the study, pesticide levels in children increased. Dr. Faustman shared information on some relative benefits demonstrated following educational interventions to change behaviors to reduce children's exposure to pesticide-laden dust on the farmworkers' clothes and vehicles. We will stay in touch with Dr. Faustman on this important research and appreciate any further understanding of its implications on children's health and development. Of note, Dr. Faustman dedicated her presentation to the important work of Dr. Dust (AKA John Roberts) who passed away earlier in 2009. It was John who first flagged the important role that dust was playing in unhealthy toxic exposures. Also at the June 2nd meeting CHE-WA heard from Laurie Valeriano of Washington Toxics Coalition, offering a perspective on environmental health issues in the 2009 statelegislative session.

~ **CHE-WA extends particular gratitude to Antioch University in Seattle** for continuing to provide its conference room for CHE-WA's science presentations. Antioch has generously donated this service to CHE-WA's mission of environmental health education for many years. This contribution has increased all the more in value as Antioch now has the technology to provide high quality conference calling so that CHE-WA members outside the Puget Sound area - and locals also wanting to reduce their carbon footprint -

may attend these meetings by phone. A big thanks to Kate Davies, Director - Center for Creative Change, at Antioch University and long time CHE-WA supporter.

~ CHE-WA is now being hosted by the nonprofit Institute for Neurotoxicology and Neurological Disorders (INND), which is directed by Steve Gilbert, PhD. Steve can be reached at sgilbert@innd.org. CHE-WA is planning to offer its next science lecture in September 2009. At that time we will plan our late fall events. For more information and your ideas please contact Steve.

~ CHE-WA's Children's Environmental Health working group is hosting a **Northwest Children's Environmental Health Forum October 1-2, 2009** at the Tukwila Community Center. Confirmed national speakers include Ted Schettler, MD who will provide an overview of children's environmental health issues, Shanna Swan, PhD speaking on endocrine disruptors and children's health, Bruce Lanphear, PhD speaking on neurotoxicants and children's brain development, and Michael Skinner, PhD addressing multigenerational health impacts linked to environmental exposures. Anyone interested in being involved with this event, or who would like to learn more about the efforts of the CHE-WA children's environmental health working group may contact Margo Young at young.margo@epamail.epa.gov, Gail Gensler at gail.gensler@kingcounty.gov, or Aimee Boulanger at aboulanger@iceh.org.

Announcements and News Highlights

CHE to Host New Metabolic Syndrome Discussion Group

The recent CHE Partner call on "Metabolic Syndrome: At the Crossroads of Western Disease Cluster" sparked a great deal of interest in exploring how environmental factors can disrupt biological pathways and metabolic processes which, in turn, may contribute to a wide range of health concerns-from diabetes to cardiovascular disease to obesity.

[Listen to the CHE Partnership call on metabolic syndrome](#)

Given the heightened interest in this area, CHE plans to establish a new discussion group in which participants can converse on the emerging science and the implications for human health. If you would like to join this discussion group, please send an email to info@healthandenvironment.org. We anticipate setting up a listserv and hosting a conference call in July to jumpstart this group. If you have any questions, please contact Ted Schettler at tschettler@sehn.org or Elise Miller at elise@healthandenvironment.org.

CHE Announces New Searchable Calendar

CHE now provides a searchable calendar of environmental health events from throughout the US and around the world: <http://www.healthandenvironment.org/cgi-bin/searchevents.cgi>

Because the calendar typically includes several dozen conferences, lectures, meetings, trainings and other events, visitors can search by the type of event, the month, the location, and other fields. Events have also been coded so that visitors can **select those of interest to each of CHE's various working groups**.

Lowell Center for Sustainable Production Releases "A Common Agenda for Health and Environment"

In 2007, nearly 100 leaders of healthcare, community development, environmental, labor and agriculture organizations began a conversation about the world we want leave our children, and what it will take to get there within a generation. These leaders have now produced the report "A Common Agenda for Health and Environment" and are asking for signatories as well as help in prioritizing the agenda's goals.

[Read the report](#)

National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures Kick-off Meeting

Friday, June 26, 2009
Washington DC

The National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures is a collaborative

The National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures is a collaborative initiative to identify and prioritize actions for strengthening the public health approach to chemical exposures. CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) are sponsoring this project.

Please plan to join us on **June 26, 2009** in Washington, DC for a day-long meeting to launch this exciting stakeholder and public involvement initiative. The meeting will include a plenary session featuring Dr. Howard Frumkin, Director of NCEH/ATSDR as well as other guests. Breakout sessions will allow for discussion of specific issues related to public health and chemical exposures.

The 18 month long National Conversation will offer many opportunities for involvement, including: expert working groups, regional and local public meetings, and web-based discussions. The resulting action agenda will outline steps for NCEH/ATSDR and other institutions to take to better protect public health from harmful chemical exposures.

If you would like to receive additional information on this project and meeting, please send your contact information to: nationalconversation@cdc.gov

Dr. Kate Mahaffey is remembered by the environmental health community

Kathryn R. Mahaffey passed away peacefully in her sleep June 2, 2009 after decades of work that advanced the nation's health and environment. Throughout her career, Dr. Mahaffey worked for Food and Drug Administration, followed by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and numerous positions at the Environmental Protection Agency. Most recently she was a distinguished professorial lecturer at George Washington University, where she taught toxicology. She was also engaged in helping to design new studies, such as the National Children's Study. [More about Dr. Kate Mahaffey](#)

Reports and Other Resources

ATSDR Announces New Online Environmental Medicine Education Resources

ATSDR has launched a new [Environmental Health and Medicine Education training portal](#). The portal houses updated and redesigned educational materials for health professionals as well as products for the general public. Free continuing education credits are available for physicians, nurses, health educators and other health professionals.

ATSDR's Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine (DTEM), the Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) and the University of California-San Francisco Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) teamed up to develop an environmental health anticipatory guidance training module. This training module is based on PSR's [Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit](#), which has been endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics. It introduces users to environmental health, instructs pediatric health care providers in the use of the toolkit, and discusses the best methods for delivering environmental health anticipatory guidance in the clinical setting.

The Toolkit is a valuable reference to have on hand. To order copies contact:

Physicians for Social Responsibility
1875 Connecticut Ave, NW Suite 1012
Washington, DC 20009
202-667-4260
www.psr.org

Or Toolkits can also be downloaded online, including for PDA's at:
http://www.psr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pediatric_toolkit:

Critical Windows of Development Launched by TEDX

The Critical Windows of Development, launched in February, 2009, is a unique interactive webpage that pairs normal human development in the womb with laboratory research showing where and when low-dose exposure to bisphenol-A, phthalates and dioxin has effects.

[See the Critical Windows of Development](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read the latest about CHE. As always, we welcome your questions and suggestions. Please direct comments to Elise Miller, Director of CHE, at elise@healthandenvironment.org.

Best wishes,

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