



THE COLLABORATIVE ON HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES INITIATIVE  
REGIONAL MEETING**

*Preventing Toxic Threats to Child Development*

**University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute  
Herberman Conference Center  
Saturday, April 9, 2005**

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**Learning Disabilities Association's Healthy Children Project  
Institute for Children's Environmental Health**

**AGENDA**

- 8:30 a.m. Registration/Coffee**
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Overview of LDDI**
- Elise Miller, MEd, *Executive Director, Institute for Children's Environmental Health*
- 9:30 a.m. Science Panel: Toxic Threats to Child Brain Development**
- Ted Schettler, MD, MPH, *Science Director, Science and Environmental Health Network*
  - Herb Needleman, MD, *Professor of Child Psychiatry and Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*
  - Laura Hewitson, PhD, *Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, University of Pittsburgh*
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. From Science to Advocacy: State and Local Efforts on Protecting Children from Toxic Exposures**
- Kathy Lawson, *Healthy Children Project Coordinator, Learning Disabilities Association of America*
  - Myron Arnowitt, *Western Pennsylvania Director, Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund*
  - Amy Stiffey, MA, *Community Services Manager, Healthy Home Resources*
- Noon Next steps for Further Collaboration in Pennsylvania**
- Plenary discussion
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn**