



Reproductive & Environmental Health Science Training for Health Advocates, Educators & Health Care Professionals

November 12-15, 2012
Bolinás, California

The Collaborative on Health and Environment (CHE) invites you to apply for a training on reproductive and environmental health science. Research shows that reproductive health is negatively impacted by environmental stressors that women, men and children are regularly exposed to. Vulnerable populations bear an unequal burden of these environmental exposures. This training is part of a series of Primary Prevention Environmental Health Trainings conducted by CHE.

This training is designed for people working as healthcare providers, advocates, educators, and community activists who want to bring a greater emphasis on environmental health to their work. The goal is to deepen participants' basic scientific understanding of environmental factors affecting reproductive health so they can be more effective champions for a healthier world. The training will present evidence-based science in lay language. You do not need a formal scientific background in environmental health or other sciences to apply.

The training will be held at Commonweal (www.commonweal.org), a health and environmental research and education institute in Bolinas, California, one hour north of San Francisco. Commonweal's retreat center overlooks the Pacific Ocean – an ideal place for active learning away from the demands of day-to-day responsibilities. The training, as well as room and board, is offered free of charge in a comfortable and supportive environment.

Training Topics

- Healthy fetal and early life development.
- The impact of chemical exposures, nutrition, social stressors and other factors on development early in life and throughout the lifespan.
- The complexity of interconnected factors that influence health.
- Risk assessment as the government process of determining chemical safety.
- How to effectively communicate concerns when there is scientific uncertainty.

The Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE) is a diverse partnership of individuals and organizations working collectively to advance scientific knowledge and effective action to address growing concerns about the links between human health and environmental factors. CHE is a program of Commonweal. (www.healthandenvironment.org).



Application

If you are interested in applying, please email responses to the questions below to Heather Sarantis (heather@healthandenvironment.org). Acceptance into the training is based, in part, on a commitment to apply what you learn to your work, so please be sure to explain that commitment clearly.

Priority consideration will be given to applications received by Sept 5, 2012.

Name: _____
Organizations you are affiliated with: _____
Address: _____
Phone number(s): _____
Email: _____

1. Why are you interested in this training? What would you like to get out of it (100-200 words)?
2. How familiar are you with environmental health science? Please describe any formal training, self-education or on-the-job training.
3. How familiar are you with reproductive health science? Please describe any formal training, self-education or on-the-job training.
4. Are you currently active in environmental health or justice efforts? Please describe.
5. How do you plan to apply what you learn at this training?
6. How did you hear about these trainings?

