

CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING

May 10, 2005
10:00 am – 11:30 am

Dirksen Building - Room 406
(The Environment and Public Works Committee Hearing Room)

Sponsored by:

Senators Lautenberg, DeWine, Jeffords, Kennedy, Kerry, and Snowe

Organized by:

*American Association on Mental Retardation's Environmental Health Initiative
Learning Disabilities Association of America's Healthy Children Project
Collaborative on Health and the Environment's Learning and Developmental Disabilities
Initiative*

AGENDA

- 1) The connection between chemical exposure and developmental disabilities
 - *Bruce Lanphear*, MD, MPH – Sloan Professor of Children's Environmental Health, Director, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- 2) Why the developmental disabilities community is concerned with chemical exposures
 - *Joe Meadours* – Director of Consumer Empowerment and Self-Advocate, Alabama Mental Health and Mental Retardation Department
- 3) Autism rates and personal experience as a mother of an autistic child
 - *Laura Hewitson*, PhD – Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences and Environmental and Occupational Health University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
- 4) The promise of the National Children's Study
 - *Leonardo Trasande*, MD, MPP – Assistant Director of the Center for Children's Health and the Environment, Center for Children's Health and the Environment, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
- 5) How can we make chemicals child-safe?
 - *Lynn Goldman*, MD, MPH – Professor, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University

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