



THE COLLABORATIVE ON HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES INITIATIVE
REGIONAL MEETING**

Protecting children and future generations from exposures to neurotoxicants

**YAI/NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
460 WEST 34TH STREET, 12TH FLOOR - NEW YORK CITY**

Thursday, June 9, 2005

AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Registration opens (continental breakfast available)**
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Overview of the Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative (LDDI)**
- Elise Miller, MEd, *Executive Director, Institute for Children's Environmental Health*
- 10:00 a.m. Keynote – Overview of the Science Linking Environmental Pollutants and Learning and Developmental Disabilities**
- Ted Schettler, MD, MPH, *Science Director, Science and Environmental Health Network*
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Plenary - Specific Areas of Scientific Research on Neurotoxicants**
- Moderator: Leo Trasande, MD, MPP, *Assistant Director, Center for Children's Health and the Environment Instructor, Departments of Pediatrics and Community and Preventive Medicine, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine*
- Virginia Rauh, ScD, *Professor of Public Health and Deputy Director of the Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University*
 - David Carpenter, MD, *Professor and Director, Department of Environmental Health & Toxicology, School of Public Health, University of Albany - research on PCBs*
 - Mady Hornig, MD, *Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Director of Translational Research, Greene Infectious Disease Laboratory, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University - research on mercury*

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:45 p.m. Afternoon Plenary – From Science to Education and Advocacy: Model Initiatives in New York State (10-12 min presentations)

Moderator: Claire Barnett, MBA, *Executive Director, Healthy Schools Network*

- Sheryl White-Scott, MD, *Director, St. Charles Developmental Disabilities Program, St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center*
- Peggy Shepard, *Executive Director, West Harlem Environmental Action*
- Heather Loukmas, *Executive Director, Learning Disabilities Association of New York State*
- Kathy Curtis, *Executive Director, Citizens' Environmental Coalition (NY)*
- Steve Boese, MSW, *New York State Director, Healthy Schools Network*

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Plenary Discussion – How Do We Move Forward Collectively on These Issues? (all presenters from the day will sit on a panel to hear participants' suggestions and make additional comments)

Co-moderators: Elise Miller, MEd and Patti Wood, *Executive Director, Grassroots Environmental Education*

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. CHE Reception to follow the program