



April 7 - 9, 2005
Herberman Conference Center
University of Pittsburgh
Cancer Institute, Pittsburgh, PA

Pittsburgh 2005: **Health & the** **Environment** Conference

Dear friend and colleague,

"Pittsburgh 2005: Health and the Environment" is a regional meeting of the **Collaborative on Health and the Environment in Pennsylvania** (CHE-Penn), taking place April 7 - 9, 2005.

This event will bring together the regional community of partners concerned with human health and the environment, including health professionals, scientific researchers, health-affected and patient groups, and advocacy organizations.

The **University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute** has offered to host the event at the new Herberman Conference Center at 5150 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh.

CHE-Penn is a newly-established network for environmental health, education, and advocacy in Pennsylvania. The Pittsburgh regional conference will provide a platform for local expertise from top-notch academic and health care institutions and will solidify relationships for future education and research.

Compelling scientific evidence increasingly indicates that a potentially important factor in many diseases and conditions is the proliferation of chemicals in our air, water, soil, food, homes, schools, and workplaces. The effects of such environmental toxicants range from minor to severe. Increasing numbers of informed individuals and organizations are studying the risks and options for minimizing or eliminating exposures.

The conference sponsors include the **Learning Disabilities Association of America** (LDA) and LDA's **Healthy Children Project** which raises public consciousness regarding the risks that environmental neurotoxic hazards present to developing minds. LDA is the host of the Saturday workshop, presented by CHE's national **Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative** (LDDI) and will highlight emerging science regarding environmental factors to learning and developmental disabilities as well as educational and policy opportunities to address these concerns.

The conference is open on a first-come-first-serve basis at no cost to participants. Hotel accommodations are available at Courtyard by Marriot (412-683-3113) at the conference rate of \$109.00/night until March 10, mention the group "CHE-Penn."

Sincerely,

Kathy Lawson, Coordinator
<http://healthychildrenproject.org>

Steffi Domike, Coordinator
<http://www.che-penn.org>

QUESTIONS? Please contact che-penn@comcast.net or call 412-341-1515, x 208

Please indicate your preference for the Friday afternoon workshops (choose one):

<input type="checkbox"/> Learning Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Breast Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticides
<input type="checkbox"/> Endocrine Disruptors	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Pollution	<input type="checkbox"/> Methods of Community Engagement

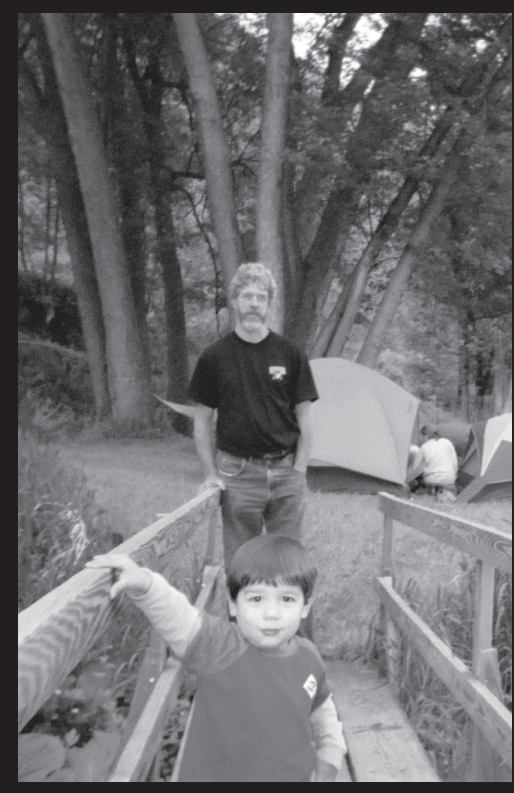
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City, State, Zip _____

Please check those days you plan to attend: Thurs., April 7 Fri., April 8 Sat., April 9

email _____ phone _____

<http://www.healthychildrenproject.org/ehc.cfm> **Healthy Children Project, LDA**
Register online or return form by March 10, 2005 to: **4156 Library Road**
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can be earned through the American
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11.5 CMEs are available; you will receive
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of session evaluations. A processing fee of
\$50.00 must be paid in advance to:
"Learning Disabilities Association of
America, EHC"

Please indicate here if you are including a
check for CME credits

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Thursday, April 7, 2005
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Confirming the Evidence: Health & Environmental Toxicants

Ronald Herberman, M.D., University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute
Kenneth Olden, Ph.D., Sc.D., L.H.D., former Director of the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences, Washington, DC
Bernard D. Goldstein, M.D., Dean, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, Pittsburgh, PA
Devra Lee Davis, Ph.D., M.P.H., Center for Environmental Oncology, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Pittsburgh, PA
Philip Landrigan, M.D., M.Sc., Department of Community & Preventive Medicine, Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, NY

Special Award Presentation to **Herbert Needleman**, M.D.



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ISSUES:

The Lead Poisoning Story, Pesticides, Environmental Links to Cancer and Asthma, Learning & Other Developmental Disabilities, Environmental Issues in Occupational Health & Reproductive Health

GOALS:

Present an overview of the state of the science; Encourage collaborations among scientists, health professionals, community advocates and health-affected groups; Promote the precautionary principle

Friday, April 8, 2005 - 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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Emerging Themes in Environmental Science and Health

Charlotte Brody, R.N., Commonwealth, Bolinas, CA
Ted Schettler, M.D., M.P.H., Science & Environmental Health Network, Boston, MA
Herbert Needleman, M.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA
John Peterson Myers, Ph.D., Environmental Health Sciences, Charlottesville, VA

10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Filling in the Gap: An Environmental Health Research Agenda

Adolfo Correa, M.D., Ph.D., National Center for Birth Defects & Other Developmental Disabilities, Atlanta, GA
Robbie Ali, M.D., Center for Healthy Environments & Communities, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, Pittsburgh, PA
Shelley A. Hearne, Dr.P.H., Trust for America's Health, Washington, DC

1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Concurrent Workshops

- Learning Disabilities
- Breast Cancer
- Air Pollution
- Endocrine Disrupters
- Pesticides
- Methods of Community Engagement

3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Building New Partnerships for Environmental Health Advocacy

Ken Cook, M.S., Environmental Working Group, Washington, DC
Mike Wright, United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, PA
Jane Browning, Learning Disabilities Association of America, Pittsburgh, PA
Ellen Dorsey, Ph.D., The Heinz Endowments, Pittsburgh, PA
Michael Lerner, Ph.D., Collaborative on Health and the Environment, Bolinas, CA



Saturday, April 9, 2005

8:30 a.m. - noon

Linking Environmental Pollutants and Learning and Developmental Disabilities: A Workshop on the Emerging Science, Educational Models and Policy Initiatives

Drs. Herbert Needleman and **Ted Schettler** along with: **Elise Miller**, M.Ed., Institute for Children's Environmental Health, **Laura Hewitson**, Ph.D., Magee Women's Hospital, **Kathy Lawson**, Learning Disabilities Association; **Myron Arnowitz**, Clean Water Action; and **Amy Stiffey**, Healthy Home Resources.

The Saturday program is presented by the Collaborative on Health and the Environment's national Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative.



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