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Agenda: -The connection between chemical exposure and developmental disabilities

Bruce Lanphear, MD, MPH – Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

- -Why the developmental disabilities community is concerned with chemical exposures

 Joseph Medours Alabama Mental Health and Mental Retardation Department
- -Autism rates and personal experience as a mother of an autistic child Laura Hewitson, PhD – University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
- -The promise of the National Children's Study

 Leonardo Trasande, MD, MPP Center for Children's Health and the Environment,

 Mt Sinai School of Medicine
- -How can we make chemicals child-safe?

 Lynn Goldman, MD, MPH Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins
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For more information:

See the American Association on Mental Retardation's website at www.aamr.org and click under "What's New." You can also visit the Learning Disabilities Association's Healthy Children Project website at www.healthychildrenproject.org and the Institute for Children's Environmental Health's Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative website: www.iceh.org/LDDI.html.

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