



# Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative

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**Biweekly Bulletin September 22, 2010**

This bulletin lists upcoming events plus recent announcements, news and journal articles, calls for proposals and other items related to learning and developmental disabilities and environmental health. They are archived and searchable on LDDI's website:

[www.healthandenvironment.org/working\\_groups/learning/r/bulletins](http://www.healthandenvironment.org/working_groups/learning/r/bulletins)

## LDDI Highlights

### **Mental Health Working Group Meeting September 24th**

The next meeting will take place via teleconference call at 10:00 a.m. Pacific / 1:00 p.m. Eastern time on Friday September 24, 2010. If you are not a participant in this working group but would like to participate in this conversation, please contact [info@healthandenvironment.org](mailto:info@healthandenvironment.org).

### **AAIDD Environmental Health Initiative Aging, Environmental Health, and IDD Teleconference Series**

This fall, the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) with Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) and our distinguished panels of guest speakers bring you a groundbreaking series of teleconference calls on aging, environmental health and disability. Scheduled webinars include these:

- 1) "Environmental Threats to Healthy Aging" with Ted Schettler and Maria Valenti  
Tuesday October 12th, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern time
  - 2) "Built Environment" with Kathy Sykes, Rodney Harrell and Regina Gray  
Tuesday October 19th, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern time
  - 3) "Psychosocial Environment" with Danny George and Peter Whitehouse  
Tuesday October 26th, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern time
  - 4) "Chemical Environment" with Maye Thompson and Marybeth Palmigiano  
Tuesday November 2nd, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern time
  - 5) "Food Environment" with Michelle Gottlieb and Emma Sirois  
Tuesday November 9th, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern time
- For more information, please visit AAIDD's [Teleconference webpage](#).

## Announcements

*A daily news feed with articles and announcements is available on CHE's website:*  
<http://www.healthandenvironment.org/news/announce>.

### **[ISA Certification for Trainers.](#)**

After seven years of hard work, Valerie Paradiz, PhD, has announced that a new ISA Certification for Trainers is available to support emerging self-advocates with autism and other disabilities. The curriculum enables trainers to provide individuals with autism and other disabilities with a formal, cogent, organized methodology and curriculum to learn skills in self advocacy.

**[New report: Chemical Exposures: State Ideas for Safeguarding Health.](#)**

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials has released a new report. The needs assessment and state forum focused on questions related to the six National Conversation workgroup areas in an attempt to better understand state needs on these topics.

[See a related call for comments on the work group reports, extended through September 27th: [National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures](#)]

**[Proposed Regulation for Safer Consumer Products submitted to Office of Administrative Law to begin state's formal rulemaking process.](#)**

As one of the key components of the Green Chemistry Initiative, these regulations set a process for prioritizing chemicals of concern and fostering the design of safer products sold in California. All comments must be received by November 1, 2010.

**[EPA announces public meetings on Chesapeake Bay 'pollution diet.'](#)**

The US Environmental Protection Agency is scheduled to hold 18 public meetings this fall to discuss the draft Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) -- a strict "pollution diet" to restore local waters and the Chesapeake Bay.

**[Call for proposals: Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training.](#)**

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) grants are provided to recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed, predominantly low-income and minority, residents historically affected by hazardous and solid waste sites and facilities with the skills needed to secure full-time, sustainable employment in the environmental field and in the assessment and cleanup work taking place in their communities. Proposals are due January 14, 2011.

**[Call for proposals: Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program and Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program.](#)**

The overarching purpose is to assist states, Native American Tribes, cities, counties/parishes, or other units of local government in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned rental or owner-occupied housing.

**Job opening: Los Angeles.**

Healthy Child Healthy World is seeking a chief executive officer to provide leadership and management to build Healthy Child into a pre-eminent nonprofit and maximize its reach and impact. Contact Michelle R. S. Bonoan of Gary Kaplan & Associates, 626-204-2216 or [mbonoan@gkasearch.com](mailto:mbonoan@gkasearch.com).

**Job opening: Portland, Oregon.**

Oregon Environmental Council is seeking an Event/Logistics Coordinator for the 3rd Annual NW Environmental Health conference. [Read more about last year's conference »](#) To apply, please send cover letter and resume by October 5, 2010, to Renee Hackenmiller-Paradis, [reneep@oeconline.org](mailto:reneep@oeconline.org).

**Job opening: Boulder, Colorado.**

Global Greengrants Fund is a public charity that supports grassroots activists and civil society organizations working to address environmental and social justice issues primarily in the global south. GGF seeks a grants associate to be responsible for the coordination and administration of a portion of GGF's small grants program. Please apply by September 24, 2010, to [jobs@greengrants.org](mailto:jobs@greengrants.org) and specify 'Grants Associate' in the subject line.

## Upcoming Events

**Online Calendar.** These and more upcoming events are listed in a searchable calendar: <http://www.healthandenvironment.org/cgi-bin/searchevents.cgi> The calendar now lists deadlines for funding proposals and conference abstracts.

**1) Tennessee NADD Conference**

Thursday and Friday, September 23 - 24, 2010  
Nashville, Tennessee

at the the Radisson

Sponsor: National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD)

The featured speaker will be Terry McNelis, the senior vice president for Supports and Services to Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Adults with Autism for NHS Human Services headquartered in Pennsylvania. He has nearly forty years of experience as a service delivery administrator and is a 1- year member of the NADD Board of Directors. He is the recipient of the Dr. Frank J. Menolascino National Award for Excellence in Dual Diagnosis.

Price: unknown

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Contact: [George.Zukotynski@tn.gov](mailto:George.Zukotynski@tn.gov)

## **2) 8th Annual Conference on Children's Health and the Environment**

Friday September 24, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Washington, DC

at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza

Sponsor: The Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment (MACCHE), with co-sponsors listed on the website

This year's conference will explore how children's health is affected in the home and school environment. Topics include healthy homes, bisphenol A and phthalates, and schools. Continuing education credits (CME, CHES, CNE and CEU) will be available to participants.

Price: \$125 for healthcare professionals, \$50 for students, or \$150 for all others

[Visit the website](#)

## **3) Confronting Toxics: Clinical Education and Advocacy Training**

Tuesday September 28, 2010

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

San Francisco, California

111 Sutter Street, 20th Floor

Sponsor: San Francisco Bay Area chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility

Americans face widespread exposure to industrial chemicals. Indeed, human exposure to industrial chemicals, including flame retardants, BPA and Teflon-like chemicals, is ubiquitous. We come into contact with these chemicals in a wide range of ways, among them handling consumer products such as toys and furniture, drinking and eating food with traces of pesticides and other contaminants, and working in a workplace involving routine chemical exposure. Along with widespread chemical exposure come uncertain health consequences. Many industrial chemicals are suspected contributors to a wide range of serious health problems. These potential health effects include such chronic diseases and disorders as cancer, diabetes, obesity, heart disease, asthma, infertility, reproductive disorders, developmental disabilities and behavioral disorders. Industrial chemicals and toxic substances are managed in the US by a complex network of statutes and government agencies, reflecting the disparate routes of exposure. Several agencies regulate chemicals at the federal level, primarily the EPA, the FDA and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Different statutes regulate chemicals in commerce; chemicals in consumer products; chemicals in cosmetics; and pesticides, pharmaceuticals and food additives. This training will be presented by Dr. Sarah Janssen, a physician and SF PSR Steering Committee member, who will explain the science behind the health effects of exposure to industrial chemicals, the management of these chemicals in the US, and the role clinicians can play in helping to bring about chemicals policy reform. Registration is required and space is limited. A light supper will be provided.

Price: free, but a donation to SF PSR is welcome.

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Contact: Lucia Sayre, 510-845-1819 [luciasayre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:luciasayre@sbcglobal.net)

#### **4) Ohio State 8th Annual MH/MR Conference - Mental Health Aspects: Treatment & Support**

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 28 - 29, 2010

Columbus, Ohio

at the DoubleTree Hotel, Columbus/Worthington

Sponsor: National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) in association with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH), Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC), Ohio Coordinating Center of Excellence in MI/DD, Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)

Keynote address presenters will be Lauren Charlot, PhD, assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester director of the UMass Multidisciplinary ID/MH Consultation Team; and Marc J. Tassé, PhD, FAAIDD, director of the Nisonger Center - UCEDD and a professor of the Psychology & Psychiatry Department at the Ohio State University.

Price: see the registration page of the brochure

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#### **5) Poisoned for Profit**

Thursday September 30, 2010

10:00 a.m. - noon

San Francisco, California

at the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park (Orchid Annex)

Sponsor: Environmental Working Group

A presentation by Alice Shabecoff, author of [\*Poisoned for Profit: How Toxins Are Making our Children Chronically Ill\*](#), will be followed by a panel discussion with Michael Green of the Center for Environmental Health, Stacy Malkan of the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics and Renee Sharp of the Environmental Working Group. Topics include how toxins - pesticides, pollution, plastics, parabens - affect children's health, what you can do to reduce your family's toxic exposures, how the US economic and regulatory system is failing to protect us, and how we can change the system together.

Price: free

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#### **6) Children First: Promoting Ecological Health for the Whole Child**

Friday October 1, 2010

San Francisco, California

at the University of California, San Francisco

Sponsor: Collaborative on Health and the Environment, Whole Child Center, and University of California, San Francisco Osher Center for Integrative Medicine

Pediatric integrative medicine embraces a holistic, whole-child approach, specifically examining the context - the ecology - in which optimal health and wellness is promoted. This groundbreaking one-day symposium will highlight a range of interacting factors that influence child health and development, including nutrition, education, socioeconomic status, exposures to toxic chemicals, and access to preventive health care. Leaders in these fields of expertise will also describe model programs and concrete steps toward creating optimal and sustainable environments in which children can thrive and reach their full potential. This symposium is open to health professionals, research scientists, parents, school administrators, teachers, policymakers, city planners, nutritionists and all others concerned with ensuring children have the best possible environments in which to grow and develop. Note the meeting will be held the day before the start of the annual meeting of the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) in San Francisco.

Price: \$50 includes a continental breakfast and lunch

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### **7) USAAA 2010 World Conference**

Friday through Sunday, October 1 - 3, 2010  
St. Louis, Missouri  
at the Hilton St. Louis Airport Hotel  
Sponsor: US Autism & Asperger Association

World leading Autism Spectrum Disorder experts will discuss new treatment regimes and effective therapies never before presented to the public. Sessions on October 1st will address biological processes in autism/Asperger's syndrome.

Price: see the [Registration page](#)

[Visit the website](#)

Contact: 866-208-0207 or use the [Contact page](#)

### **8) Mercury Effects on Ecosystems and Human Health**

Wednesday and Thursday, October 6 - 7, 2010  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Boise, Idaho  
at the Red Lion - Downtown Boise, 1800 W. Fairview Avenue  
Sponsor: EOS Alliance

Both organic and elemental mercury create a wide spectrum of ecological and human health concerns. Statewide advisories for mercury levels in fish exist in dozens of states across the United States. Mercury spills cost public and private entities millions of dollars a year in cleanup and health care costs. This course addresses concerns mercury causes by providing participants with a foundation in the science of environmental mercury and presents solutions for mitigating the impacts of this ubiquitous contaminant.

Price: Early bird rate \$450 until August 13, 2010, or \$350 for employees of Native American tribes, government agencies, nonprofits, students, and NAEP, NEBC, NWAEP members

[Visit the website](#)

Contact: Northwest Environmental Training Center, 425-270-3274 or [info@nwetc.org](mailto:info@nwetc.org)

### **9) First Regional Health Sciences and Nursing Conference 2010**

Tuesday through Thursday, October 12 - 14, 2010  
Shah Allam, Selangor Malaysia  
at the SACC Convention Centre  
Sponsor: Universiti Teknologi MARA

The conference is designed to address health problems and issues related to environmental health, medical imaging, medical technology, nursing, nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, optometry and physiotherapy. Other related fields are also welcomed.

Price: see the website

[Visit the website](#)

Contact: +603-3258 4494/4326/4382/4362 or [frhsnc2010@gmail.com](mailto:frhsnc2010@gmail.com)

### **10) Atmospheric Toxics Webinar Series: Great Lakes Mercury Research Synthesis**

Wednesday October 13, 2010  
10:00 a.m. - noon Eastern time  
Sponsor: Great Lakes Commission

Over the last six years, the Great Lakes Commission (GLC), under funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and in cooperation with the eight Great Lakes states, has awarded research grants dealing with atmospheric toxic pollutants affecting the Great Lakes and their tributary watersheds. Thirty-five research grants have been

awarded since 2004 addressing a diverse array of research concerning atmospheric pollutant loadings and movement within the basin and the associated impacts of numerous persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemicals on wildlife and human health. A substantial amount of new scientific knowledge has been attained through these research activities. The GLAD webinar series is intended to provide a forum for GLAD Principal Investigators (PIs) to disseminate information on their respective research activities, including specific findings, recommended follow-up actions, and potential public policy actions to foster elimination of PBT threats to the region. David Evers, PhD, will present "Great Lakes mercury research synthesis" and Kevin Crist, PhD, will present "Mercury fate, transport, depositional patterns, and major source characterization in the Great Lakes region."

Price: free

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Contact: GLC, 734-971-9135

### **11) Are Vaccines Safe and Effective? An Educational Opportunity for Parents and Practitioners**

Wednesday October 13, 2010

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

New York, New York

at the Philip Coltoff Center, 219 Sullivan Street

Sponsor: Lawrence B. Palevsky, MD, FAAP

In this workshop, you will hear discussions on vaccine science: 1) What is current vaccine science and who is funding it and doing it? 2) How do vaccines work, and have they done, and do they do what we're told they do? 3) What role do vaccine ingredients play when injected into infants and children? 4) What do the ingredients do to our children once they're injected? 5) Do vaccines contribute to the development of chronic illnesses in children? 6) How do our children get into school if they're not vaccinated? 7) How does the immune system work in babies and children? Attendees will hear some of the answers to these questions, along with the research that questions whether vaccines are safe and effective, and whether the scientific process is even at work to prove the answers to these questions. Attendees will also be asked to look at the issues that drive us to make the decisions we make, many of which come to us through fear, bullying, uncertainty and a lack of knowledge, and to perhaps think alternatively about how illnesses occur and disappear.

Price: \$35 per ticket or \$60 per couple from the same household

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### **12) CDC Healthy Homes Meeting**

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 19 - 20, 2010

Atlanta, Georgia

at the Westin Atlanta Perimeter North

Sponsor: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

The goal of the meeting is to build on knowledge gained from our childhood lead poisoning prevention activities to enhance healthy homes program planning and facilitate dialogue around healthy homes initiatives. The agenda will be posted on the website.

Price: free

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## **News and Journal Articles**

### **[Study: Human Exposure to BPA 'grossly underestimated.'](#)**

*Tuesday, September 21, 2010*

Americans are likely to be exposed at higher levels than previously thought to bisphenol A, a compound that mimics hormones important to human development and is found in more than 90 percent of people in the United States, according to new research. New



York Times.

[See related articles: [BPA and a common phthalate may contribute to obesity, predicts a cell test](#); [Are we getting a bad wrap?: Plastic puzzle](#) and [Similarity of bisphenol A pharmacokinetics in rhesus monkeys and mice: Relevance for human exposure](#)]

### **2010 Heinz awards announced.**

*Tuesday, September 21, 2010*

This year's Heinz Family Foundation awards include honors for a scientist documenting the effects of endocrine disruptors, a champion on the global seed vault and one of the giants in the field of 'green,' or non-toxic, chemistry. USA Today.

### **Intellectual impairment in school-age children exposed to manganese from drinking water.**

*Monday, September 20, 2010*

The findings of this cross-sectional study suggest that exposure to manganese at levels common in groundwater is associated with intellectual impairment in children. Environmental Health Perspectives.

### **Most aspects of e-waste not regulated in U.S., Va.**

*Sunday, September 19, 2010*

No one is sure how much e-waste Virginians produce. No one tracks it closely, in Virginia or nationally. But everyone agrees it's a lot. Most aspects of e-waste are unregulated, federally and in Virginia. Richmond Times-Dispatch, Virginia.

### **Center integrates human, animal, environmental health.**

*Thursday, September 16, 2010*

The Center for One Health Illinois, established at the University of Illinois last year with a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will receive another \$500,000 in grants over several years from the USDA to pursue its mission of fostering collaborations and the free flow of information among those in the fields of medicine, public health, the environment and agriculture. Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News.

### **Lawsuit: Hydrofracking fluid ruined Pennsylvania water wells.**

*Wednesday, September 15, 2010*

Thirteen families in the heart of the gas-rich Marcellus Shale say their water wells have been contaminated by poisonous fluids blasted deep underground by a drilling company using a technique at the center of a fierce nationwide debate. Associated Press.

[See another article about legal recourse for exposures: [Lawmaker to open new front in case of soldiers exposed to carcinogen in Iraq](#) and other articles about water contamination: [Oklahoma residents weigh in on toxic fly ash at EPA hearing in Dallas](#); [Coal ash: Is one resource destroying another?](#); [Bad water? It's the cheese. Hilmar Cheese brings good jobs to California farm town, but polluted water, too](#); [Team studying source of Rialto-area water contamination gets funding](#); [Obscure regulator hits brakes on northeast shale drilling rush](#); [Oyster Creek nuclear plant to remove tritium-tainted water from South Jersey aquifers](#); [Duke Energy fighting new coal ash rules: two Gaston plants produce byproduct](#); [Sick fish: scientists, aboriginals want Ottawa to monitor oilsands fish](#); [VA says no link yet between water, illnesses at Marine base](#); [Mon River's unsafe levels of bromide prompt probe](#); [Polluters must pay](#) and [Cotter Corp. refuses to pay state fine for uranium contamination](#)]

### **Aging gas pipe at risk of explosion across US.**

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

An ominous theme has emerged from the wreckage of a deadly pipeline explosion in California: There are thousands of pipes just like it around the U.S. Associated Press.

[See a related article: [San Bruno fire debris brings health, environmental hazard, a follow-up report about health assessment from the Gulf oil spill](#): [NIOSH ongoing health hazard evaluation](#) and an article about the Kalamazoo River spill: [Officials: hidden oil from spill a looming health threat](#)]

### **States push for chemical reform.**

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

On Sept. 2, 2010, a coalition of state agency environmental directors called the Environmental Council of the States adopted a resolution that called on the federal government to enact chemical regulation that really regulates. E Magazine.

[See a related article: [New York to force household cleaner giants to reveal chemical ingredients](#)]

### **No link found between vaccine mercury and autism.**

*Monday, September 13, 2010*

A new government study adds to the evidence that thimerosal, a mercury-based preservative until recently found in many vaccines, does not increase children's risk of autism. Reuters Health.

### **Studies try to assess arsenic's hidden toll.**

*Sunday, September 12, 2010*

Maine and parts of southern New Hampshire have become the focus of several studies looking at how arsenic may impact health. In Maine, 56 percent of residents live in homes with private wells, which are exempt from federal regulation. Portland Press Herald, Maine.

### **Tainted AI Gore School seen as 'poster child' for national toxics debate.**

*Sunday, September 12, 2010*

That media coverage of the school has focused on the irony of its namesake does not deter its critics -- rather, they welcome the national focus on the broader issue of environmentally unhealthy schools. New York Times.

[See related articles: [Toxic chemicals used to build older Mass. schools](#) and [Danger below? Schools weigh land risks](#)]

### **Detroit and Los Angeles most stressful U.S. cities: poll.**

*Sunday, September 12, 2010*

Portfolio.com, a national business and news website for small business executives, looked at unemployment rates, personal finance data, environmental, health and living standards and crime rates to compile the ranking of 50 cities. Reuters.

### **Cadmium in Chinese jewelry raises alarms.**

*Friday, September 10, 2010*

The cupcake-shaped pendants came in shades of blue and pink, studded with rhinestones. Meant for little girls, they cost as little as \$8. And they were potentially deadly, according to consumer advocates. Los Angeles Times, California.

[See related articles: [Govt urged: Act on use of cadmium in kids' jewelry](#) and [Cadmium-jewelry bill awaits Gov's signature](#)]

### **Drugs seen as 'new' pollutants.**

*Friday, September 10, 2010*

U.S. authorities say water pollution by "emerging contaminants" -- antidepressants, antibiotics, birth-control pills and cosmetics -- threatens public health. UPI.

[See a related event: [Unwanted medications take-back Sept. 25 in Pepin County](#) and a related article: [The fate of dairy antibiotics in ground water](#)]

### **EPA to study chemicals used to tap natural gas**

*Friday, September 10, 2010*

The Environmental Protection Agency sent letters to nine drilling companies on Thursday requesting detailed information about the chemicals contained in fluids used to crack open underground rock formations in the hunt for oil and natural gas. New York Times.

[See related articles: [No need for EPA to regulate gas drilling](#) and [Report finds possible health risks from drilling](#)]

### **The plastic plague: 21 days of rubbish.**

*Thursday, September 09, 2010*



Marine animals all over the world are ingesting plastic bits. Plastic is not a problem that persists exclusively in the ocean either. It impacts every part of our earth, from oceans to mountains to deserts and, of course, urban areas. Kane County Chronicle, Illinois.

### **How safe is the air we breathe?**

*Thursday, September 09, 2010*

In southern Arizona the total population breathes in 4.5 million cubic yards of air a day. Eileen Belove of Sahuarita questions whether the air she breathes is safe. Earlier this year, a thick blanket of dust blew over her Rancho Resort community from the Asarco mine about a quarter mile away. Tucson KGUN9 TV, Arizona.

*[See other articles about air quality: [Air you breathe may cause cancer](#); [Energy companies aim to better air along Anticline](#); [Region's coal mining past takes toll on air quality, study says](#); ['Dead cattle and propane'](#); [Air pollution: Houston's other environmental disaster](#); [Diesel picks up speed](#); [In-home coal and wood use and lung cancer risk: A pooled-analysis of the International Lung Cancer Consortium](#); [Local agencies can't limit train emissions, court rules](#); [Altered cardiac repolarization in association with air pollution and air temperature in myocardial infarction survivors](#); [Coal plant permit expected this year](#); [Testers 'fabricating air pollution reports'](#); [Air pollution linked to deadly cardiac arrests](#); [Just outside Chicago, a major polluter lurks](#); [Metro air quality worsening](#); ['Toxic' cabin air: Legal victory for sick flight attendant](#) and [Shell, UN to back \\$100 million plan for clean energy cookstoves](#)]*

### **WTC Environmental Health Program.**

*Thursday, September 09, 2010*

Thousands of people who say they became physically or mentally ill following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks have turned to the World Trade Center Environmental Health Program for help. Fox Television.

*[See related articles: [Nine years later: Exposures after the World Trade Center attacks, with Paul Lloy](#) and [Almost 5,000 treated for WTC sickness](#)]*

### **Lead and PCBs as risk factors for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.**

*Thursday, September 09, 2010*

Studies conducted to date suggest that lead may impact both attention and response inhibition, whereas PCBs may impair response inhibition to a greater degree than attention. Environmental Health Perspectives.

*[See a related article: [Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder: A focused overview for children's environmental health researchers](#) and other articles about lead exposures: [EPA slaps landlord with lead paint fine](#), [Lead poisoning in samurai kids linked to makeup](#), [The toll lead takes on Mt Isa's infants](#) and [Visibility of EPA lead-based paint standards still lacking](#)]*

### **New state law bans pesticides on school grounds.**

*Wednesday, September 08, 2010*

The law, "An Act Banning Pesticide Use on School Grounds," went into effect July 1st. Grassroots Environmental Education.

*[See a related article: [How schools are dealing with a ban on synthetic pesticide use for some lawns](#) and other articles about pesticides: [Dengue control: DDT back in reckoning](#); [Organochlorine pesticides and endometriosis](#); [Calif. pesticide opponents deploy Florida report](#); [Home pesticides harmful to unborn babies, says expert](#); [Two firms each fined \\$51,000 for spraying toxic chemical](#); [Caught in the carrot crossfire](#); [EPA slaps fine on discount store chain](#); [Mosquito fogging set for Sept 21-23 in Florence](#); [Are pesticides turning into poison spray?](#) and [Indiana jury awards \\$23 million in pesticide case](#)]*

### **Secondhand smoke exposure 'striking' in the U.S.**

*Wednesday, September 08, 2010*

More than half of U.S. children between ages 3 and 11 show signs in their blood of exposure to secondhand smoke, according to a report released Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which examined blood samples from more than 1,300 children. CNN.

*[See related articles: [U.S. smoking rate hasn't changed, CDC says](#); [St. Louis study finds](#)*

[smoking ventilation systems don't work](#); [Smoking, bad for your fertility and your child's](#); [E-smokes gaining steam amid calls for a ban](#); [Smoking ban linked to survival, drop in kids' asthma](#). and ['Snus' tobacco linked to stillbirth risk](#)]

### **Endocrine profiling and prioritization of environmental chemicals using ToxCast data.**

Wednesday, September 08, 2010

Combining multiple data sources into an overall, weight-of-evidence 'ToxPi' (Toxicological Priority Index) score for prioritizing further chemical testing resulted in more robust conclusions than any single data source taken alone. Environmental Health Perspectives.

The Collaborative on Health and the Environment offers this information as a service but does not endorse any of the events, articles or announcements.

Companion bulletins are available for different audiences:

- For those interested in general children's environmental health: [http://www.healthandenvironment.org/working\\_groups/childrens\\_health/bulletins](http://www.healthandenvironment.org/working_groups/childrens_health/bulletins)
- For those interested in environmental health in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest: <http://washington.chenw.org/bulletins.html>

While there is overlap with this bulletin, there are some events and announcements unique to those bulletins.

If you would like to join the Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE) and the LDDI Working Group, please complete the application on the CHE website:

<http://www.healthandenvironment.org/application> Joining CHE means receiving up to four email messages a month from the CHE National listserv. CHE costs nothing to join and the benefit is shared information and opportunities for further engagement, if you choose. Be sure to mark that you want to join the Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative Working Group at the bottom of the application.

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