



CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

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Children's Environmental Health Commitment Statement

The Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN) is a national organization that works to protect the developing child from environmental health hazards. Today, CEHN is the voice of children's environmental health in the nation's capital, one that is uniquely informed by a strong basis in pediatric and environmental health science. To achieve this mission, the Network has had several goals:

1. To promote the development of sound public health and child-focused national policy
2. To stimulate prevention-oriented research
3. To educate health professionals, policy makers and community members in preventive strategies
4. To elevate public awareness of environmental hazards to children

CEHN is a leading voice on the impacts of [climate change on children's health](#) and identifies climate change as one of its top 5 children's environmental health issues. CEHN's climate change work includes:

Technical assistance for state and local climate adaption plans.

- Preparedness is essential for our communities to not only survive but thrive in a changing climate. Planning by local and state governments can save lives, businesses, and millions of dollars. We offer assessment and assistance for government bodies climate adaptation plans through a children's health lens

- Climate change preparedness, response, and recovery technical assistance for childcare providers and early learning settings – Eco-Healthy Child Care® is able to offer specialized technical assistance for childcare providers protecting children from environmental hazards of a changing climate.

Speaking engagements – CEHN offers keynote presentations, workshops, and webinars on children's environmental health and climate change.

Advocacy – CEHN is vocal in congressional hearings and briefings, as well as providing support and advocacy through our outreach and communications.

Convening – CEHN has expertise in convening diverse stakeholders around children's health. We leverage this experience and our vibrant network of change-makers to delve into meaningful conversations and drive change for children and families in a changing climate.

Research and Resource Clearinghouse- CEHN compiles, hosts, and disseminates research and educational resources for childcare, health care, climate action and advocacy.

Writing Engagements- CEHN pens guest blog posts, articles, and opinion pieces on climate change and children's health.

In addition, CEHN has an active social media presence and following (which includes, pediatricians, public health, and healthcare professionals as well as childcare workers) and disseminates a monthly e-newsletter and often includes pieces about climate change and children's health.

As part of the collaborative, CEHN would include messaging in its education and communication to health care workers and others about the importance of decarbonizing health care. CEHN would also emphasize the health and equity benefits of climate actions with a focus on benefits to children (this is already a part CEHN's messaging).