

Environmental Impact

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Presentation Overview

This session will discuss the impact that environmental factors play on pregnant women, families and communities. Insights from the Children's Environmental Health Network and the Healthy Birth Initiative in Multnomah County Oregon will be shared.

Highlights

- “Despite the many successes and advancements in the field of children’s environmental health over the past few decades, today’s children face an epidemic of illnesses and chronic diseases linked to environmental exposures and our changing climate. There is an urgent need to put children and families back into the forefront of our nation’s actions regarding health and environment. All working in the field of children’s environment health must rally and work together to meet this need.” – A Blueprint for Protecting Children’s Environmental Health: An Urgent Call to Action
- An example of environmental health services influencing policy in Portland Oregon was shared.
- Consider framing toxic stress of racism, implicit bias and institutional racism as an environmental health issue.
- Ponder narrative practice as an enhancement to programs serving African American mothers.

Resources

- 2015 Blueprint for Protecting Children’s Health (<http://www.cehn.org/our-work/blueprint-for-protecting-childrens-health/>)
- Children’s Environmental Health Day is **October 13, 2016**
(<http://www.cehn.org/join-us/cehday/>)