

PROTECTING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN FROM ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS: PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

Date: Friday, February 10, 2006
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Elliot Hospital, One Elliot Way, Manchester, NH
03103 (see below for directions)

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PURPOSE:

To provide nurses and other health professionals serving children, particularly those who are minority or low-income children, with the knowledge and skills to better identify, manage, and prevent environmental health risks as well as provide a forum for networking to address the challenges of pediatric environmental illness.

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS WORKSHOP,

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Identify pathways and routes of exposure to environmental health hazards.
- Describe the relationship between individuals or populations and the community environment, including work environment.
- Identify the populations made vulnerable by personal characteristics to environmental health hazards.
- Understand the mechanisms and pathways of exposure to environmental health hazards.
- Describe prevention and control strategies for environmental hazards.
- Complete an environmental health history assessment, recognize potential environmental health hazards and sentinel illnesses, and make appropriate referrals for conditions with probable environmental etiology.
- Access and provide environmental health related information to individuals and communities, and to locate appropriate referral sources.
- Describe the role of advocacy, ethics, and risk communication in individual care and community intervention with respect to potential adverse effects of the environment on health.
- Understand the policy framework and major pieces of legislation and regulations related to environmental health.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 Introduction to Environmental Health
Dr. S. Chalupka
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Environmental Hazards in the Air, Water and Soil
Dr. S. Chalupka
- 10:45 Environmental Pollutants and Disease in American Children:
New Pediatric Morbidity
Dr. J. Tickner
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:45 Safer Environments for Children: Homes, Child Care Settings
& Schools
D. Turcotte, MS
- 2:00 Environmental Health Resources
Mathew Cahillane DHHS/DPHS/Bureau of Disease Control
Lindsay Dearborn, M.Ed., MPH NH Department of Health
and Human Services
Kelly Laflamme Children's Alliance of New Hampshire
Dennis Pinski New Hampshire Department of Environmental
Services
Brooke Stebbins Healthy Child Care New Hampshire
Kirk Stone NH Partnership for High Performance Schools
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Safer Environments for Children: Waste Sites, Workplaces &
Waste Sites/Brownfields
D. Turcotte, MS
- 3:00 Putting It All Together: Protecting Children in an Age of
Uncertainty
- 3:30 Adjourn

Registration Deadline: January 27, 2006

This seminar is being offered at no charge by invitation only. Registration is on a first come basis. The registration form (see below) must be completed by January 27, and faxed to Julie Villareal at 978-934-3026 or mailed to Julie Villareal, UMass Lowell, Center for Family Work and Community; 600 Suffolk St. 1st Fl.; Lowell, MA 01854. Any additional questions, please call Julie Villareal at 978-934-4772 or view our website <http://www.uml.edu/childrenshealth>. Please only register if you can commit to attending, as seating is limited.

Nursing CEUs will be provided through University of Massachusetts Lowell.



Children Need Protection Where They Live, Learn, & Play

Each day, children may be exposed to a variety of environmental contaminants at home, school, and outdoors. Environmental exposures like air pollution, lead, mercury, and pesticides can have harmful effects on children's health and behavior, and the amount and timing of exposure can influence the magnitude of these effects. Children need our protection. Learning about children's environmental health is the first step to protecting them from environmental risks.

Protecting New Hampshire's Children From Environmental Risks: Problems & Solutions

Registration Form

Name:

Social Security Number or RN License Number:

Address:

(Please check one: Home or Business)

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Company/Affiliation:

Daytime Phone: () _____

Email Address:

Preferred means of contact: Email or Postal Mail

If you have any special needs, please contact us as soon as possible at (978) 934-4772 or by email at Julie_Villareal@uml.edu. We cannot guarantee access accommodations without 2 weeks notice.

DIRECTIONS TO ELLIOT HOSPITAL

From the North:

Take Interstate 93 South, bear right after the Hooksett tollbooth to remain on Interstate 93. Take Exit 8 (Wellington Road) off I-93. At the end of the exit ramp (traffic light), take a right. At the next set of traffic lights, take a left onto Mammoth Road. You will pass the Derryfield Country Club on your left. Proceed through two sets of traffic lights. Take your next right onto Nelson Street. At the end of Nelson Street, there is a stop sign. Elliot Hospital is directly across the street. Go straight across Tarrytown Road and enter the Elliot Campus onto Elliot Way. Elliot Hospital is straight ahead.

From the South (Derry/Salem/Londonderry area):

South of Manchester, the highway divides (93 & 293). Stay on 93 and then take Exit #6 (Candia Road). Left at the first set of traffic lights. Stay on Candia Road about 1 mile and take a right at the next set of traffic lights. Go straight at next set of traffic lights and take a left onto Nelson Street. Go straight to the stop sign and across Tarrytown Road. This positions you onto Elliot Way, which leads to the hospital.

From the West:

Take 101 East to 293 South. Turn onto I-93 North to Exit #6 (Candia Road). Take a left at the first set of traffic lights. Stay on Candia Road about 1 mile and take a right at the next set of traffic lights. Go straight at next set of traffic lights and take a left onto Nelson Street. Go straight to the stop sign and across Tarrytown Road. This positions you onto Elliot Way, which leads to the hospital.

From the East:

Take 101 West. Bear right onto I-93 North to Exit #8 (Wellington Road). Bear right at end of exit. Go straight through two sets of traffic lights. Take left at second set of traffic lights, then continue through two more sets of traffic lights. Take next right onto Nelson Street. Go straight to the stop sign and across Tarrytown Road. This positions you onto Elliot Way, which leads to the hospital.

Once in the hospital, go to the basement/ground level where the Conference Center is located.

Biographies of Speakers

Stephanie M. Chalupka, Ed.D, A.P.R.N., B.C., C.N.S. is a Professor of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Dr. Chalupka also holds an appointment as a Visiting Scientist in Occupational and Environmental Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. She is a certified community health clinical specialist who served as a municipal health department director for 14 years before becoming a nurse educator. Dr. Chalupka has extensive experience training health professionals in environmental health, particularly children's environmental health. She is the author of many peer-reviewed publications in environmental health nursing, including the Core Curriculum in Environmental Health for Nurses that was funded by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Dr. Chalupka has taught the Core Curriculum in 26 states, and completed an extensive evaluation of its impact on professional practice and institutional policy. Dr. Chalupka serves as a member of the American Nurses Association Task Force to revise the *ANA Public Health Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice*. She has provided public health nursing consultation to several state health departments including the Vermont Department of Health in the Environmental Health Nurse Designee Program.

Dr. Joel Tickner is Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health and Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts Lowell where he is also a Principal Investigator at the Lowell Center For Sustainable Production. His training is in toxics chemicals policy, epidemiology, risk assessment, and pollution prevention. He teaches and conducts trainings in a variety of environmental health topics including risk assessment, toxic substances policy, children's environmental health and pollution prevention. He has over 100 publications and conference presentations on the topics of pollution prevention, risk assessment, toxic chemicals policy, and uncertainty and the precautionary principle. He serves on the editorial boards of several journals, is a peer reviewer for journals and government documents and serves on the EPA's National Pollution Prevention and Toxics Advisory Committee.

David Turcotte, MS is a program manager at the University of Massachusetts Lowell's Center for Family, Work, and Community and has over 20 years experience in developing and organizing training and education programs for a variety of professionals. He directed a healthy homes demonstration program that trained home health care professionals and other staff on the detection and prevention of residential environmental health hazards. Mr. Turcotte conducts workshops on a variety of healthy homes issues and health hazards and serves as project evaluator for NIEHS funded initiative to address environmental and occupational hazards facing the Brazilian immigrant community. He is also a doctoral candidate in Work Environmental Policy/Pollution Prevention within the UMASS Lowell, Department of Work Environment with a strong research interest on the health impacts of the built environment.