



Priming for Prevention: An Ecological Approach to Research, Education and Policy

The Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative's 2007 National Conference

Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

DRAFT AGENDA

revised 1-29-07

Thursday, May 10th

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration** (continental breakfast available)
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome**
- *Elise Miller, MEd*, Executive Director, Institute for Children's Environmental Health
- 8:45 a.m. **Opening remarks** – An ecological approach for understanding and enhancing child development
- *Ted Schettler, MD, MPH*, Science Director, Science and Environmental Health Network
- 9:30 a.m. **Plenary panel** – Overview of the science and contributors to child development
- *Leslie Rubin, MD*, President, Institute for the Study of Disadvantage and Disability and Visiting Scholar, Department of Pediatrics Morehouse School of Medicine.
 - *David Bellinger, PhD, MSc*, Harvard School of Public Health and Children's Hospital – lead, socioeconomic factors and development
 - *Jane Houlihan*, Vice President for Research, Environmental Working Group – toxics in cord blood and body burden studies
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Plenary panel – Research in relation to specific learning and developmental disabilities**
- *Martha Herbert, MD, PhD*, Pediatric Neurologist, Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Morphometric Analysis/Pediatric Neurology – autism
 - *Susan Schantz, PhD*, professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – mercury, PCBs and learning disabilities
 - *Alison Davis, PhD, RN*, Director of Nursing and Project Development, The Arc of Anne Arundel County – developmental disabilities

Questions and answers

12:30

Lunch

- *Keynote: David Satcher, MD, PhD*, Director, the National Center for Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine and former Surgeon General of the United States

2:00

Plenary panel – A Matrix of other emerging research

- *Yvonne Fry-Johnson, MD*, Chief of Maternal and Child Health at the National Center for Primary Care – fetal alcohol syndrome
- *Virginia Rauh, ScD*, Professor of Public Health and Deputy Director, Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health, Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University – contamination in the urban environment
- *Tom Zoeller, PhD*, Professor and Chair, Biology Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst – thyroid disruptors
- *Issac Pessah, PhD*, Director, Center for Children's Environmental Health, University of California, Davis – gene-environment interactions

3:30

Break

3:45

**Leading learning and developmental disabilities organizations:
New environmental health initiatives**

- *Elise Miller, MEd*, Executive Director, Institute for Children's Environmental Health and national coordinator of the Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative
- *Maureen Swanson*, Director, Healthy Children Project, Learning Disabilities Association of America
- *Laura Abulafia, MHS*, Director, Environmental Health Initiative, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- *Lee Grossman*, President and CEO, Autism Society of America

5:00

Adjourn

6:00 -

8:30 p.m

Reception at Sheraton Hotel - Interior Courtyard

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- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
- *Elise Miller, MEd*, Executive Director, Institute for Children's Environmental Health
- 8:45 a.m. **Innovative approaches – What do a chemist, an environmental design analyst and a doctor have in common?**
- *Lorraine Maxwell, PhD*, Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Design and Environmental Analysis, Cornell University – noise, density and their impact on learning in schools
 - *Terry Collins, PhD*, Lord Professor of Chemistry, Carnegie Mellon University - green chemistry, acting on early warnings
 - *Lynn Goldman, MD, MPH, MS*, Professor, Environmental Health Sciences, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University – policy reform opportunities (*invited*)
- 10:15 a.m. **Multi-disciplinary problem solving**
- *Barbara Sattler, RN, DrPH*, Director and Associate Professor, Environmental Health Education Center, University of Maryland School of Nursing (facilitator)
- (Participants will divide up into small groups of 8-10 people each to discuss one of six questions related to research-oriented, educational and policy opportunities that groups might address individually and collectively.)*
- 11:45 a.m. **Creative next steps** – Report back from small group discussions highlighting one or two ideas from each that seemed to have the most energy and promise.
- 12:15 **Future generations – Call to action**
Brief videos by high school students on environmental health actions they are taking in their schools and communities.
- 12:30 **Adjourn**

(Box lunches available)