



CHE

The Collaborative on Health and the Environment

An international collaborative...acts as a catalyst for civil discourse and collaborative initiatives among researchers, health professionals, health-affected groups and others concerned with social and environmental impacts on human health.



CHE-WA

The Collaborative on Health and the Environment – WA Chapter

<http://washington.chenw.org/>



CHE-WA CEHWG

**The Collaborative on Health and the
Environment –WA Chapter**

**Children’s Environmental Health
Working Group**

Work collaboratively...

To eliminate toxic exposures to kids...

In their most critical years: pre-conception to age 8.



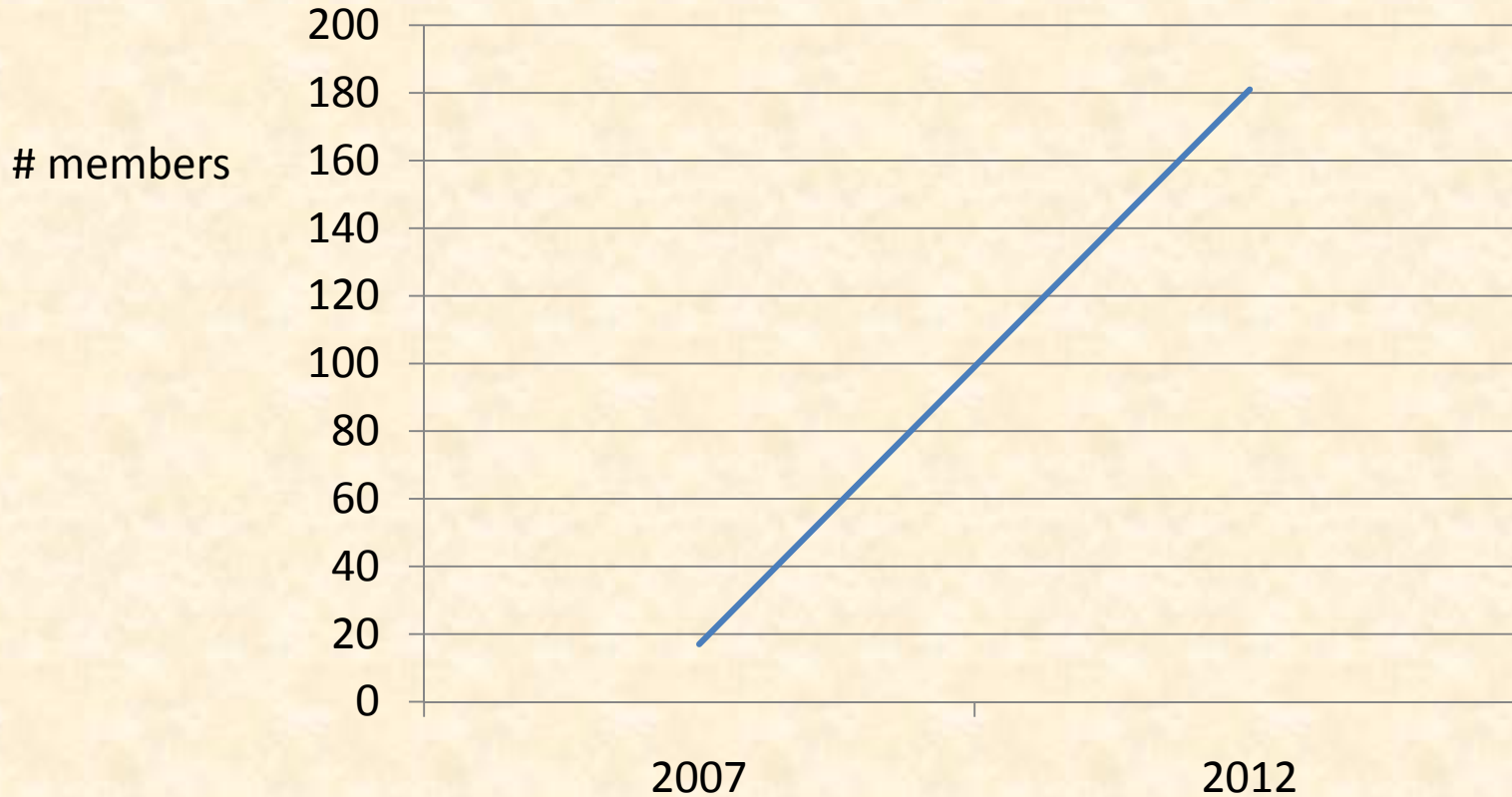
Mission



Created in 2007

**5 short years...
many accomplishments**

Goal #1: Be **inclusive** of varied groups.



97 organizations

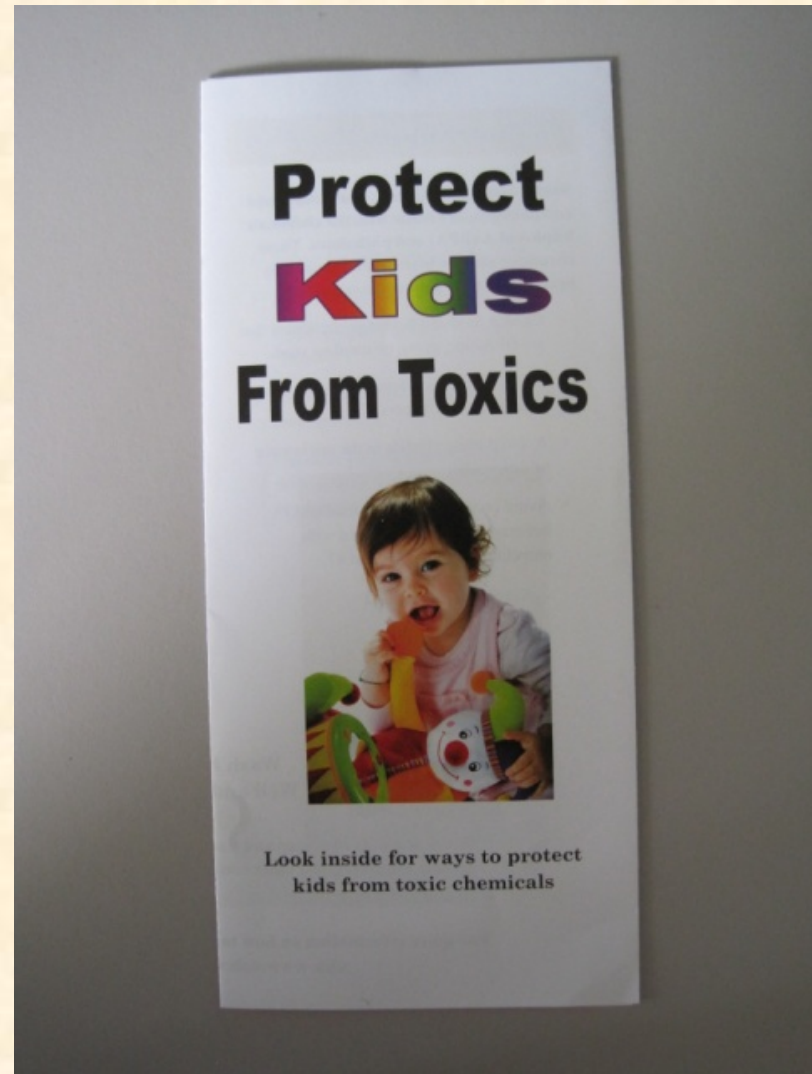
Goal #2: Identify gaps and overlaps
in messages, services, and campaigns.



Goal #3:

Identify **most important messages.**

Collaborate to get them out to the public .



Goal #3: Provide education -- **conferences**



2009 conference

Over 300 people



... I think that your conference was one of the best- in terms of how it was developed, managed and results- that I have ever attended. Truly an effective team.

(From a U.S. Housing and Urban Development staff person. HUD's Healthy House exhibit was at the Forum, and Ron Sims, then HUD's Deputy Secretary, was the keynote speaker.)



Ron Sims, then H.U.D.'s Deputy Secretary, opened the second day. His theme: *Your health should not depend on your zip code.*

2011 mini-conference

130 people



Welcome

**Northwest Children's
Environmental Health
Forum**

**Stepping It Up
Together**

Keynote Speaker:
Howard Frumkin, PhD, MD
Dean, School of Public Health
University of Washington

November 29, 2011
8:30am-12pm
Women's
University Club

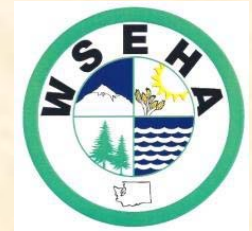
<http://www.chenw.org/>

Goal #3:

Provide education -- **training for others**



Jointly with the
Washington State
Environmental Health
Association



<http://washington.chenw.org/CEHgroup.html#professionals>

Inspectors practice identifying sources of lead

Goal #3:

Provide education – **Training for us**

Ex. PEHSU



<http://depts.washington.edu/pehsu/>

Blood Lead Level Reporting

			FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
			DOH ID Number	Date Received
PATIENT INFORMATION				
Patient's Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)			Telephone	
Street Address				
City		State	Zip	
County		Age	Date of Birth	
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				
Race <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
<input type="checkbox"/> Refugee <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant <input type="checkbox"/> International Adoptee		If yes, country from	Arrival Date	
PROVIDER INFORMATION				
Medical Provider			Telephone	
Clinic Name and Street Address			County	
City		State	Zip	
LABORATORY RESULTS				
Reporting Laboratory			Telephone	
Laboratory Performing Tests (If different from reporting laboratory)			Telephone	
Date Sample Received	Blood Lead Level $\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$	Sample Type <input type="checkbox"/> Venous <input type="checkbox"/> Capillary <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
OTHER INFORMATION				
Reason for Test <input type="checkbox"/> Childhood Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Suspicion <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			Follow-up Test <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Occupation (If patient is more than 15 yrs; Of parents if less than 15 yrs)			Industry	
Employer (If patient is more than 15 yrs; Of parents if less than 15 yrs)			Telephone	
MAIL or FAX COMPLETED FORM TO:			FOR MORE INFORMATION:	
Washington State Department of Health PO Box 47848 Olympia, WA 98504-7848 Fax: 360-236-3059			Call 1-800-909-9898 (Toll Free in WA) http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/lead	

Ex. WA Tracking Network...

Washington Tracking Network
A partner in the National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network

Environmental and Health Information | Tracking Network Toolbox

Help | Definitions | FAQs | Index

Find Trainings and Events

The Collaborative on Health and the Environment—Washington (CHE-WA) provides a searchable clearinghouse of training resources available in Washington State. This clearinghouse includes in-person and online trainings, presentations, and posters that members may want to use when conducting their own trainings. Users can search by the type of resource, the target audience, and/or the location of the resource.

CHE-WA is a state network of researchers, healthcare providers, members of health-affected groups, environmental health and justice advocates, and other concerned citizens committed to addressing environmental health issues linked to chronic health concerns in Washington State. CHE-WA's goal is to promote the cross-pollination of ideas and opportunities between different sectors concerned with environmental contributors to chronic health problems in order to create a safe and healthy future for all in the Northwest.

For environmental health training resources, go to the [Collaborative On Health And The Environment—Washington](#) Website.

THE COLLABORATIVE ON HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT - WASHINGTON

A Partnership Network for Environmental Health
Established and Coordinated by the Institute for Children's Environmental Health

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Overview

The Collaborative on Health and the Environment - Washington (CHE-WA), established originally as CHE-Northwest in 2003, is a state network of over 400 researchers, healthcare providers, members of health-affected groups, environmental health and justice advocates and other concerned citizens committed to addressing environmental health issues linked to chronic health concerns in Washington State. Our overarching goal is to promote the cross-pollination of ideas and opportunities between different sectors concerned with environmental contributors to chronic health problems in order to create a safe and healthy future for all in the Northwest.

CHE-WA began as CHE-Northwest, a regional offshoot of [CHE National](#). With our Oregonian colleagues starting their own state CHE in February 2005 (CHE-OR), CHE-NW became CHE-WA. An umbrella CHE-NW website with sections for each of the state sites continues to facilitate information sharing and collaboration on regional issues.

CHE-WA holds quarterly, face-to-face meetings. During these meetings, we highlight emerging science in the environmental health field, share information on our respective activities, incubate new ideas and opportunities, and invite partners to present on a particular environmental health theme. To access meeting notes and documents, please visit our [Meetings page](#).

CHE-WA has hosted several [working groups](#):

- the [Children's Environmental Health Working Group](#) is working to eliminate children's harmful environmental exposures.

Highlights

Children's Environmental Health Group Meetings

CHE-Washington's Children's Environmental Health (CEH) Working Group holds regular meetings. You can learn about upcoming meetings on our [Meetings page](#) and review materials from past meetings on the [CEH group page](#).

Clearinghouse of Environmental Health Resources

CHE-WA is pleased to provide our members the following service: a searchable clearinghouse of health-related resources available in Washington State. This clearinghouse was supported by a grant from the Washington Tracking Network, a CDC-funded program working to improve the availability and interpretation of environmental public-health information.

WA Tracking Network website points to the CHE-WA page on Environmental Health Resources.

This resource page was developed by our working group supported by WTN funds. See <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/wtn/wtnportal/EPH/TrainingAndEvents.aspx>

Ex. Legislation related to children's environmental health...



Ex. Personal-care products and 3rd-party certification...



Ex. The controversy over fluoridated water...



Goal #4: Eliminate exposures by **consumer education**



For local community folks and health professionals, such as La Leche League members

A children's environmental health exhibit



For conference attendees

Lead-safe education booth



**Eco-Healthy
Child Care®**



**For childcare providers:
Assisted in Eco-Healthy Childcare trainings**



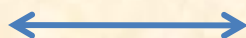
**Most important –
Connections, connections, connections!**



Helped connect two huge organizations with joint interests in children's environmental health



**EPA Region 10
(Pacific Northwest)**



**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration**

Revived the NW Kids Environmental Health listserv

<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=NW-KIDS-ENV-HEALTH>



**Helped fund a member to do a
small research project on least toxic
whiteboard markers**



**Found a parent blogger
within the group to help
with feedback on a project**





Connections...

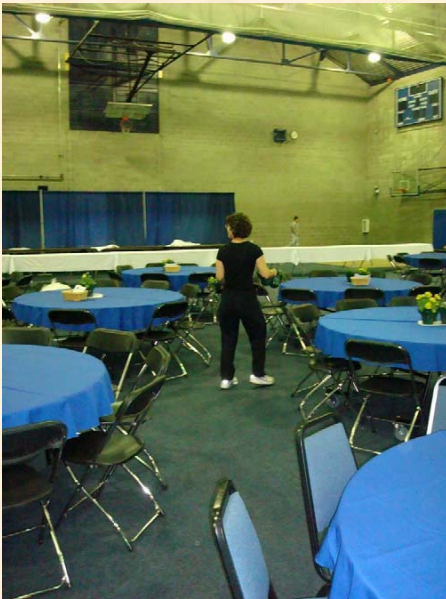
**get dialogue
moving...**

**and build
trust.**



Keys to our success

1. One organization provides some dedicated staff time...



2.CHE-WA, our parent organization, has a website we post on. Their staff maintain the website.



3. Members steer the direction...how often to meet, whether to have speakers, what topics to focus on.



4. Participants are willing to share time, \$, decision making.



Most important:



**Members continue to find it adds value
to their work.**

Next steps:

Plan a 2013 Forum.

Collaborate with other organizations?

Continue to....

- meet monthly
- work with medical health providers
- support each other's organizations' work
- grow the organization, bringing in more diverse groups
- better educate ourselves.



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**CHE-WA Children's Environmental Health Working
Group**

<http://washington.chenw.org/CEHgroup.html>

We're happy to help!