

# Healthy Living Resources

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*Note: The following list is not exhaustive but we hope it will provide some starting points for you. All descriptions are taken from the organizations' own websites. Inclusion in this resource guide does not imply support or endorsement. This list has been limited to nonprofits or public agencies.*

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## Aging

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**The AGS Foundation for Health in Aging** is a national non-profit organization established in 1999 by The American Geriatrics Society. It aims to build a bridge between the research and practice of Geriatrics and the Public, and to advocate on behalf of older adults and their special health care needs: wellness and preventive care, self-responsibility and independence, and connections to the family and community.

[www.healthinaging.org](http://www.healthinaging.org)

**Alliance for Aging Research**, a private, not-for-profit, is a citizen advocacy organization for improving the health and independence of Americans as they age.

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

**Alliance for Retired Americans** is a national senior advocacy organization with chapters in more than 30 states.

<http://www.retiredamericans.org>

**American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)**, with over 35 million members is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization for people age 50 and over dedicated to enhancing quality of life for all people as they age. The organization leads positive social change and delivers value to members through information, advocacy and service. AARP also provides a wide range of unique benefits, special products, and services for our members. Active in every state, the District of

Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP celebrates the attitude that age is just a number and life is what you make it.

<http://www.aarp.org>

**American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging** examines and responds to law related issues of aging, including health and long-term care, income maintenance, housing, guardianship and alternatives, court access, due process rights in government programs, and the rights of older persons generally.

<http://www.abanet.org/aging>

**The American Geriatrics Society (AGS)** is a not-for-profit organization of over 6,700 health professionals devoted to improving the health, independence and quality of life of all older people. The Society provides leadership to healthcare professionals, policy makers and the public by implementing and advocating for programs in patient care, research, professional and public education, and public policy.

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

**American Society on Aging** is an association of diverse individuals bound by a common goal: to support the commitment and enhance the knowledge and skills of those who seek to improve the quality of life of older adults and their families. The membership of ASA is a multidisciplinary array of professionals who are concerned with the physical, emotional, social, economic and spiritual aspects of aging. They range from practitioners, educators, administrators, policymakers, business people, researchers, students, and more.

<http://www.asaging.org/index.cfm>

The **Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS)** functions as the central coordinator for Jewish sponsored homes and residential facilities throughout North America. The small national office is located on Capital Hill, and provides educational programs, support and advocacy for over 125 member organizations. AJAS works directly with the top management staff and boards of directors of member organizations. AJAS also works in collaboration with other national and local organizations concerned with issues of aging.

<http://www.ajas.org>

**The Center for Social Gerontology** is a non profit research, training and social policy organization dedicated to promoting the individual autonomy of older persons and advancing their well-being in society. TCSG has pursued this goal through a wide variety of projects, including serving since 1985 as an Administration on Aging-funded National Support Center in Law & Aging.

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

**Center on an Aging Society** at Georgetown University is a Washington-based, non-partisan public policy institute that fosters critical thinking about the implications of an aging society. The Center studies the impact of demographic changes on public and private institutions and families of all ages. To encourage innovative and responsible thinking, the Center conducts and synthesizes research on a broad range of topics related to income and health security and conveys the findings to policy makers. Thus, the Center serves as a source of information on issues often associated with the Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid programs. Particular topics that have been the focus of Center projects also include labor market changes, employer-provided health and pension benefits, the

health care market, health literacy, and access to health and long-term care.

<http://ihcrp.georgetown.edu/agingsociety/>

**Civic Ventures** is leading the call to engage millions of baby boomers as a vital workforce for change. Through an inventive program portfolio, original research, strategic alliances, and the power of people's own life stories, Civic Ventures demonstrates the value of experience in solving serious social problems – from education to the environment and health care to homelessness. Founded in 1998 by social entrepreneur and author Marc Freedman, Civic Ventures works to define the second half of adult life as a time of individual and social renewal.

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

**Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement (EASI)** is a national nonprofit coalition of environmental, aging and volunteer organizations established in 1991 as the result of a visionary agreement between the US Environmental Protection Agency and the American Association of Retired Persons. EASI's mission is to increase opportunities for older adults to play an active, visible role in protecting and improving the environment in their communities. EASI's national partners include over 300 national, state and local public and private organizations.

<http://www.easi.org>

**Gerontological Society of America** is a non-profit professional organization with more than 5000 members in the field of aging. GSA provides researchers, educators, practitioners, and policy makers with opportunities to understand, advance, integrate, and use basic and applied research on aging to improve the quality of life as one ages.

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

**Global Action on Aging (GAA)** is a non-profit organization with special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, was founded in 1994. GAA carries out research on critical emerging topics and publishes the results on its website. GAA staff and interns research aging policy and programs, both in the US and worldwide: income support, health access, and human rights. Interns post their research daily to our website, [www.globalaging.org](http://www.globalaging.org), one of the largest in the aging field. GAA posts materials in all six UN official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. It monitors United Nation activity on aging through the "Aging Watch at the UN" web-section and documents the situation of older persons caught in armed conflict.

<http://www.globalaging.org/index.htm>

**Gray Panthers** works for social and economic justice and peace for all people, and to create a humane society that puts the needs of people over profits, responsibility over power, and democracy over institutions.

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

**Institute for the Future of Aging Services (IFAS)** is an independent research organization dedicated to bridging the worlds of policy, practice and research to advance the development and diffusion of high-quality aging and long-term care services and supports. IFAS is the applied research arm of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA). IFAS pursues its mission in close collaboration with AAHSA's nonprofit senior housing, nursing home, assisted living and aging services members-enabling researchers to work alongside real-world providers to change the landscape of aging services to support older adults' desire to

maintain their autonomy and control their own lives as they age.

<http://www.aahsa.org/ifas.aspx>

**Leadership Council of Aging Organizations** is a coalition of national nonprofit organizations concerned with the well-being of America's older population and committed to representing their interests in the policy-making arena. The purpose of the LCAO is to foster communication and resource sharing among its member organizations, to serve as a source of information about issues affecting older persons, to initiate joint advocacy strategies as appropriate, and to provide leadership and vision as America meets the challenges and opportunities presented by its aging society.

<http://www.lcao.org/default.htm>

**National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA)** has a mission to serve as the leading national advocacy organization committed to the dignity, well-being and quality of life of Asian Pacific Americans (APA) in their senior years.

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

**National Association of Area Agencies on Aging** is the leading voice on aging issues for Area Agencies on Aging across the country and a champion for Title VI-Native American aging programs in our nation's capital. Advocates on behalf of the local aging agencies to ensure that needed resources and support services are available to older Americans and their caregivers.

<http://n4a.org>

**National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs** is a professional membership organization with members drawn primarily from persons working in or interested in the field of aging, community-based services, and nutrition and the elderly.

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

**National Association of State Units on Aging** is a non-profit association representing the nation's 56 officially designated state and territorial agencies on aging.

<http://www.nasua.org/index.html>

**National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. (NCBA)** is the only national organization whose major focus is improving life for African American and other minority elderly. NCBA is one of the largest minority focused organizations in the country, with chapters and employment offices in over 15 states and the District of Columbia, and with nine owned or managed housing projects. NCBA has a respected voice on Capitol Hill and in the White House as an advocate and "voice" for the elderly, especially low income persons, 50 years of age and older.

<http://www.ncba-aged.org/>

**National Council on Aging (NCOA)** is a nonprofit organization that includes 3,200 members and a national network of more than 14,000 organizations and leaders. Members include senior centers, area agencies on aging, adult day service centers, faith-based service organizations, senior housing facilities, employment services, consumer groups, and leaders from academia, business, and labor. Programs help older people remain healthy and independent, find jobs, increase access to benefits programs, and discover meaningful ways to continue contributing to society. NCOA is the parent organization of the **Center for Healthy Aging**, an organization which encourages and assists community-based organizations serving older adults to develop and implement *evidence-based* health promotion/ disease prevention programs.

<http://www.ncoa.org/index.cfm>  
<http://www.healthyagingprograms.com/index.asp>

**National Hispanic Council on Aging** has as its Mission to improve the quality of life for Hispanic elderly, their families and their communities. NHCOA represents a network of 42 community-based organizations across the continental U.S., the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. NHCOA also maintains a broader network of 7,000 individuals and reaches 10 million Hispanics each year through its work and that of its affiliates.

<http://www.nhcoa.org>

**National Indian Council on Aging, Inc. (NICOA)** was founded in 1976 by members of the National Tribal Chairmen's Association that called for a national organization to advocate for improved, comprehensive health and social services to American Indian and Alaska Native Elders. In addition to providing service through several grants from agencies within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NICOA operates as a National Sponsor of the federal Senior Community Service Employment program (SCSEP) in seven states through a grant from the Department of Labor. For over 30 years, the organization has provided service as the nation's foremost advocate for American Indians and Alaska Native Elders.

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

**National Senior Citizens Law Center** advocates nationwide to promote the independence and well-being of low-income elderly individuals and persons with disabilities. NSCLC advocates through litigation, legislative and agency representation and assistance to attorneys and paralegals in field programs. NSCLC's functions vary with the needs of our clients. NSCLC maintains a national reputation for professional quality and successful advocacy.

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

**Older Women's League (OWL)**, as the only national grassroots membership organization to focus solely on issues unique to women as they age, strives to improve the status and quality of life of midlife and older women. OWL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that accomplishes its work through research, education, and advocacy activities conducted through a chapter network.

<http://www.owl-national.org/Welcome.html>

**Population Reference Bureau of Washington, D.C.** informs people around the world about population, health, and the environment, and empowers them to use that information to advance the well-being of current and future generations. We focus our work around four "core themes": Population and the Environment; Reproductive Health and Fertility; Children and Families; and Population Futures - Aging, Inequality and Poverty, Migration and Urbanization, and Gender. We also emphasize two strategic approaches: Building Coalitions and Mobilizing Civil Society.

<http://www.prb.org>

**Setting Priorities for Retirement Years (SPRY Foundation)** is an independent nonprofit operating foundation that carries out research and educational activities. SPRY's mission is to help people age successfully. Our work is centered around 4 interrelated areas: health and wellness, mental wellbeing, financial security, intellectual fulfillment and social engagement. SPRY also seeks to bridge the gap between age groups through intergenerational programming.

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

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## Alzheimer's Disease

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**AD Research Foundation** is designed to help patients, family members, and caregivers gain a better understanding about Alzheimer's disease.

<http://www.alzheimers-research.org/>

**Alzheimer's Association** is a leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Mission is to eliminate AD through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

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

**Alzheimer's Foundation of America** has as its mission "to provide optimal care and services to individuals confronting dementia, and to their caregivers and families—through member organizations dedicated to improving quality of life."

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

**Alzheimer's Society of Canada** identifies, develops and facilitates national priorities that enable its members to effectively alleviate the personal and social consequences of Alzheimer's and related diseases, promotes research and leads the search for a cure.

[www.alzheimer.ca](http://www.alzheimer.ca)

**Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation** has a website that serves as a comprehensive portal for caregivers, family members, and people living with Alzheimer's and the general public.

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

**The Alzheimer Research Forum** is an independent online community and resource center offering professionals and the general public access to: an annotated index of thousands of scientific papers, research news stories written by Forum staff, real-time, moderated discussions on high-interest scientific topics, libraries of animal models and antibodies, directories of clinical trials, conferences, jobs and research funding sources.

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

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## Environmental Health Information, Education, and Advocacy

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**Alliance for Healthy Homes** is a national, nonprofit, public interest organization working to prevent and eliminate hazards in our homes that can harm the health of children, families, and other residents. These hazards include lead, mold, carbon monoxide, radon, pests, and pesticides. The web site offers advice on prevention strategies and holistic approaches to maintaining a healthy home and community. They also provide information on legal tenant rights, landlord responsibilities and various housing laws.

<http://www.afhh.org>

**American Lung Association (ALA) in Washington** has developed a Home Environmental Assessment List (HEAL) consisting of a 10 page checklist used by Master Home

Environmentalists volunteer when doing a general environmental assessment in a community member's home. It's also available in a 5 page Do-It-Yourself version. For copies, contact your local ALA at 1-800-LUNGUSA - American Lung Association - Master Home Environmentalist Program.

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

**Beyond Pesticides**, a service of the National Coalition against the Misuse of Pesticides (NCAMP), provides access to a national directory of least toxic service providers and has programs on pesticide use in schools and public buildings, pesticide legislation, exposure of children to polluted soils around public utility poles. The site includes a fact sheet on *What to Do in a Pesticide Emergency*.

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

**Bio-Integral Resource (BIRC)** is a nonprofit organization offering over 25 years of insight experience, and leadership in the development and communication of least-toxic, environmentally sound, integrated pest management (IPM) methods and policies of urban and agricultural applications.

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

**Center for Environmental Health** since 1996 has worked at the intersection of health and the environment, reducing pollution and promoting alternatives to toxic chemicals that are linked to diseases like cancer, asthma, learning disabilities and birth defects. We work with individuals and organizations across the country to prevent exposures to hazardous chemicals, and to create markets for healthier products and practices. Our cutting-edge work moves major industries to greener practices, helping them see the value in business that protects public health.

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

**Center for Informed Decision-Making** has as its objective to help citizens make informed decisions about important environmental, health, and safety issues. Their web site explains the basics of environmental and health assessments, provides case studies, offers expert forums, and links to additional resources.

<http://cygnus-group.com/CIDM/index.html>

**Center for Health, Environment and Justice (CHEJ)** was founded in 1981, by Lois Gibbs, the community leader at Love Canal. CHEJ seeks to help local citizens and organizations come together and take an organized, unified stand in order to hold industry and government accountable and work toward a healthy, sustainable future. CHEJ's campaigns focus on environmental health threats to children and building public support for preventive action to protect public health, the environment and our economy. These efforts focus tools, resources and media attention on local grassroots struggles and support organizing around state and local policy initiatives. The web site offers many environmental reports and a slide show on protecting children from environmental threats.

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

**Children's Environmental Health Network** is a national project dedicated to pediatric environmental health. The Network's mission is to promote a healthy environment and to protect the fetus and the child from environmental hazards. Three areas of concentration for the Network are education, research, and policy. Publications include numerous fact sheets in English and Spanish on toxic chemicals, as well as the CEHN Training Manual on Pediatric Environmental

Health. In addition to explaining children's vulnerability, routes of exposure, absorption, metabolism, etc., it also explains adult teaching methods and effective learning techniques.  
<http://www.cehn.org>

**Healthy Child Healthy World** is a charitable, nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public, specifically parents and caregivers, about environmental toxins that affect children's health.

<http://healthychild.org/>

- **HealthHouse** is Healthy Child Healthy World's "interactive resource for information on how to reduce environmental health risks to children in and around the home". Here there is a *Virtual House* that shows where dangerous everyday household products can be found and eliminated, a *Quiz* for personalized information about what you're doing right, what you can change and how, a *Resource Room* with how-to's, articles, and a chemical database, and six simple House Rules for keeping a healthy home.  
<http://healthychild.org/programs/healthhouse/>
- **The Blue Butterfly Campaign** is an initiative to help spread the word about the *5 Easy Steps to a Healthier Home* that everyone can easily follow to create a cleaner, healthier environment for their children.  
<http://healthychild.org/5steps>
- Healthy Child Healthy World also offers **First Steps**, a monthly email program for pregnant women or the parents of a newborn, to provide information on protecting baby's health. First Steps is designed to provide timely information to minimize the fetus' or baby's exposure to toxic chemicals. Monthly emails identify common sources of toxic exposure at each stage of development followed by simple steps you can take to minimize the risk to your baby.  
[http://healthychild.org/programs/first\\_steps/](http://healthychild.org/programs/first_steps/)

**Collaborative on Health and the Environment**, is a diverse partnership of individuals and organizations working collectively to advance knowledge and effective action to address growing concerns about the links between human health and environmental factors. Underlying all of CHE's activities is a commitment to strong, uncompromised science. CHE Partners share the conviction that under conditions of scientific uncertainty, when evidence of the potential for harm to human health and the environment is scientifically compelling, precautionary measures that emphasize exposure prevention should be undertaken.

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

**Duke University Occupational & Environmental Medicine** hosts a very large and diverse web site with multiple links to sources of environmental and occupational health information. It offers one of the best listserves on the Web for clinicians and public health professionals to instantly communicate with one another.

<http://dukeocmed.mc.duke.edu/>

**EnviroLink** is a nonprofit organization that attempts to link all grassroots organizations and volunteers through an online community. The site provides information and referral links through the Library on a variety of topics including activism and education. Current awareness on environmental topics worldwide is done through the News Service. The Sustainable Business Network is a marketplace for information about and resources from businesses that practice

environmentally sound operations.

<http://www.envirolink.org>

**Environmental Defense** provides a wonderful site, **Scorecard.org**, for geographically specific information about toxic chemicals in the United States: where they come from in your community, what their human health effects are, and what actions you can take.

<http://www.scorecard.org>

**Environmental Information on the WWW** lists non-commercial sites on specific environmental topics. Links are provided for waste management and recycling, air and water pollution, chemicals and toxic substances, sustainable development, and other topics.

<http://www.ovam.be/jahia/Jahia/pid/25>

**Environmental Research Foundation (ERF)** was founded in 1980 to provide understandable scientific information about the influence of toxic substances on human health and the environment. ERF provides information to grass-roots community activists, environmentalists, journalists, librarians, and others to further environmental justice at the local level. It specializes in information on hazardous substances and technologies, including landfills, incinerators, pesticides, organochlorine compounds, risk assessments, and their effects on human and environmental health. A newsletter, *Rachel's Democracy and Health News* is available by e-mail.

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

**Health Care Without Harm** is an international coalition of 473 organizations in more than 50 countries, working to transform the health care sector worldwide, without compromising patient safety or care, so that it is ecologically sustainable and no longer a source of harm to public health and the environment. Its goals are to create markets and policies for safer products, materials and chemicals in health care; promote safer medical waste treatment practices; transform the design, construction and operations of health care facilities to minimize environmental impacts; encourage food purchasing systems that support sustainable food production and distribution; secure a safe and healthy workplace for all health care workers; ensure patients, workers and communities have full access to information about chemicals used in health care and can participate in decisions about exposures to chemicals; and promote human rights and environmental justice for communities impacted by the health care sector.

<http://www.noharm.org>

**Healthy Schools Network (HSN)** is a nationally recognized, state-based advocate for the protection of children's environmental health in schools. HSN strives to build awareness of children's environmental health needs and assure every child and school employee an environmentally healthy school, through research, information and referral, advocacy, and coalition building.

<http://www.healthyschools.org>

**Indiana Department of Environmental Management** offers Simple Steps for Families (to make the environment a better place) available to download from their website. Included is a series of posters and brochures that are very well illustrated to demonstrate household hazards.

<http://www.in.gov/idem/>

**Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)** is a Minnesota-based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting resilient family farms, rural communities and ecosystems around the world through research and education, science and technology and advocacy. IATP raises awareness about pollutants in food and from food production, their sources, and their demonstrated or possible impacts on human health. IATP helps consumers make safe food choices by providing tools like the Eat Well Guide and the Smart Fish Guide. IATP advocates for health protective public policies and pollution prevention and provides information for the public and providers on the following issues: use of antibiotics in animal agriculture, public health impacts of factory farming, pesticides, toxins in sludge and fertilizers, children's environmental health and persistent toxic pollutants, such as mercury, brominated flame retardants and dioxins. IATP provides key leadership in the following initiatives: Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), Keep Antibiotics Working, the Collaborative on Health and the Environment and Mercury Free Minnesota.

<http://www.iatp.org>

**Institute for Children's Environmental Health (ICEH)** is a non-profit educational organization working to ensure a healthy, just, and sustainable future for children. The primary mission of ICEH is to foster collaborative initiatives to mitigate environmental exposures that can undermine the health of current and future generations. Their site includes a primer on Environmental Health Basics that lists multi-media resources and hotlinks. ICEH hosts a Partnership for Children's Health and the Environment that organizations can join.

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

Partnership for Children's Health & the Environment: <http://www.partnersforchildren.org>

**Institute for Global Communications** provides a gateway to five online communities of activists and organizations working for peace, conflict resolution and negotiation, labor force representation, women in development, and environmental health and ecology (through EcoNet). Each network provides worldwide coverage for current awareness. IGC also maintains a member's directory.

<http://www.igc.org>

**International Joint Commission (IJC)** is a collaboration between the U.S. and Canada to address water quality along boundary waters between the two nations. The IJC Health Professionals Task Force offers Environmental Health in Family Medicine modules on lead, outdoor air, indoor air, pesticides, water quality, and persistent organic pollutants that can be downloaded at no charge. Also available free on their site is The Health Effects Review, a quarterly review and summary of the scientific literature on human health effects and environmental pollutants.

[http://www.ijc.org/en/home/main\\_accueil.htm](http://www.ijc.org/en/home/main_accueil.htm)

**Minnesota Department of Health** has created a web site to improve access to information about children's environmental health. The site describes MDH programs and activities related to a variety of children's environmental health issues, including cancer surveillance, school indoor air quality, chemical exposures, health professional education and asthma. The site also provides information about practical steps to prevent and reduce children's exposures to common chemicals.

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/children/national.html>

**National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEFUSA)**, chartered by Congress in 1990, is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing environmental education in its many forms. They aspire to build a nationwide environmentally literate community that cares for and protects the environment at home, at work, and in its communities. NEETF provides environmental health training tools for pediatric health care providers on a dedicated web site. The site was developed as part of the *Children's Environmental Health Faculty Champions Initiative*, which aims to build health professional capacity to address children's environmental health issues. The website features PowerPoint Presentations and Resources developed by leading experts in the field of pediatric environmental health education. The presentations offer an overview of many of the environmental health topics most frequently encountered by pediatric health care providers, including: children's unique vulnerabilities to environmental health risks, environmental history taking, asthma, tobacco smoke, ultraviolet light, pesticides, lead and mercury. The website also includes a comprehensive list of NEEFUSA's environmental health publications for health care providers, as well as selected environmental health resources from a variety of other sources. These tools can be accessed through the *Children's Environmental Health Faculty Champions Initiative* website:

<http://www.neefusa.org/health/champions/index.htm>.

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

**National Safety Council** provides information to improve public understanding of the significant health risks and challenges facing modern society. Their website has useful articles about emergency planning and management, environmental hazards, children's health, radioactive and solid waste, as well as air and water quality.

<http://www.nsc.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

**Our Stolen Future.** The book *Our Stolen Future* brought world-wide attention to scientific discoveries about endocrine disruption and the fact that common contaminants can interfere with the natural signals controlling development of the fetus. This website tracks the most recent developments. Our Stolen Future is hosted by **Environmental Health Sciences**, a not-for-profit organization founded in 2002 to help increase public understanding of emerging scientific links between environmental exposures and human health. EHS publishes 2 other websites - [www.EnvironmentalHealthNews.org](http://www.EnvironmentalHealthNews.org) is a resource for new news, science and reports on environmental health and is an easy-to-use and powerful search engine.

[www.ProtectingOurHealth.org](http://www.ProtectingOurHealth.org) (in partnership with the Collaborative for Health and the Environment - CHE) is an archive of science content from CHE.

<http://www.ourstolenfuture.org>

**Pesticide Action Network of North America (PANNA)** advocates the adoption of ecologically sound practices as an alternative to pesticide use. With other groups, it promotes sustainable agriculture, food security, and social justice. In addition to action alerts, connections to other organizations, fact sheets, and reports, the PESTIS database is available to search online for information on specific pesticides and alternatives. Another feature maintained is the PANNA Pesticides and Children Web Page that offers links to information and resources regarding children's unique vulnerability to pesticides.

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

**Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR)** is a leading public policy organization with over 30,000 members representing the medical and public health professions and concerned citizens, working together for nuclear disarmament, a healthful environment, and an end to gun violence.

PSR is the United States Affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. PSR has mobilized an Environment and Health Network that links activists and issue experts around the world to address serious environmental threats to human survival. The national PSR website has information for the public and providers on topics of medical waste, persistent toxic pollutants, health effects of global climate change, incineration and dioxin, pesticides, safe food and drinking water, clean air and water, and children's environmental health.

<http://www.psr.org>

- **Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility (GBPSR)** is a regional chapter of **PSR**. GBPSR has over 1400 members in Eastern Massachusetts who individually and collectively work on a variety of issues relating to human and ecosystem health, including environmental pollution and degradation, quality and access to health care, energy security, community and personal violence, and social justice and human rights. GBPSR's Human Health and the Environment Project (HHEP) has been a leading voice nationally on public health issues relating to children's health and the environment, including noted programs *Generations at Risk: Reproductive Health and the Environment*, *In Harm's Way: Toxic Threats to Child Development*, and the *Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit*, endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.  
<http://www.psr.org/Boston>

**REPROTOX**, the Reproductive Toxicology Center, contains summaries on the effects of medications, chemicals, infections, and physical agents on pregnancy, reproduction, and development. The REPROTOX® system was developed as an adjunct information source for clinicians, scientists, and government agencies. Several levels of subscriptions available.

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

**Science & Environmental Health Network (SEHN)** assists communities and governments in the effective application of science to restore and protect public and ecosystem health. SEHN operates as a virtual organization, with six staff members working from locations across the country. Since 1998, SEHN has been a leading proponent in the United States of the Precautionary Principle as a new basis for environmental and public health policy. SEHN also pioneered the concept of Ecological Medicine, whereby we understand human health and the health of the Earth to be inextricably linked.

<http://www.sehn.org>

**Sustainable Communities Network** promotes communications and collaborations among grassroots and community-based programs. Groups involved in environmental protection efforts such as recycling, conservation, watershed and wildlife protection share case studies and resources. The Sustainable Communities Network is for those who want to help make their communities more livable. On their website, a broad range of issues are addressed, innovative examples of creating sustainable communities are referenced, and resources are provided to help make sustainability happen.

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

**University of California at Berkeley** maintains a resource guide to Toxicology and Occupational Health Resources. The site links to agencies, publications and databases.

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/PUBL/tox.html>

**University of Wisconsin Extension** offers *Help Your Self to a Healthy Home*, a 24-page booklet, including five short home environment checklists - "Questions to Ask" on air, lead, drinking water, hazardous household products, and pesticides. Designed as a self-assessment screening tool for parents and other caregivers.

Home Assist: <http://www.uwex.edu/homeasyst/>

Booklet: <http://www.uwex.edu/homeasyst/hasorder.html>

**Washington Toxics Coalition** is dedicated to protecting public health and the environment by identifying and promoting alternatives to toxic chemicals. They advance research, grassroots organizing, publications and presentations, conferences, and provide a Toxics Hotline to provide reliable information about preventing pollution in homes, schools, workplaces, agriculture, and industry. You can also access online their guide, **Protecting Children from Toxic Exposures**, that includes facts on topics such as air, lead, drinking water, hazardous household products, and pesticides.

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

## Chemical Fact Sheets

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**EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics** provides Chemical Fact Sheets and technical summary documents. Some of these fact sheets are available through the Internet.

<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/chemfact>

**EXTOXNET** is a cooperative effort of the University of California, Davis, Oregon State University, Michigan State University, and Cornell University. Together, they maintain Pesticide Information Profiles, a databank of profiles on over 160 pesticides. Each profile covers acute and chronic toxicity, environmental effects, manufacturing information, and references. These profiles are not based on an exhaustive literature search; nevertheless, they are highly informative and supplement the information found on pesticide product labeling and other sources.

<http://ace.orst.edu/info/extoxnet/>

**Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)** contains EPA carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic health risk assessment and regulatory information on over 500 chemicals. The risk assessment data have been scientifically reviewed by groups of EPA scientists and represent EPA consensus. IRIS also contains EPA Drinking Water Health Advisories and literature references.

<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?IRIS>

**Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB)** is a comprehensive, scientifically reviewed, factual database containing records for over 4500 toxic or potentially toxic chemicals. It contains extensive information in such areas as toxicity, environmental fate, human exposure, chemical safety, waste disposal, emergency handling, and regulatory requirements.

<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?HSDB>

**Material Safety Data Sheets** are designed for workers and emergency personnel to provide guidance on proper procedures for handling and working with toxic substances. The sheets include physical data, toxicity, health effects, first aid, storage and disposal procedures, and more. Many sites on the Internet include MSDS.

<http://www.ilpi.com/msds/index.html>

**New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Right to Know Program** provides online access to hundreds of chemical fact sheets. Information on each fact sheet includes: identification, hazard summary, how to determine exposure, workplace exposure limits, ways of reducing exposure, acute and chronic health hazard information, workplace controls and practices, personal protective equipment, safe handling and storage, definitions of terms, information on flammability and reactivity, and recommended first aid practices.

<http://web.doh.state.nj.us/rtkhsfs/indexfs.aspx?lan=english>

**ToxFAQs** is a series of over 50 summaries of hazardous substances being developed by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Division. Each fact sheet provides answers to frequently asked questions about exposure to substances found around hazardous waste sites and corresponding human health effects.

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html>

## Hotlines and Clearinghouses

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### Air and Radiation

#### **U.S. EPA Air RISC Hotline**

Risk Information Support Center

(919) 541-0888

Health, risk, and exposure information.

#### **U.S. EPA National Indoor Air Quality Information Hotline**

(800) 438-4318

Health information, on passive smoke, formaldehyde, and other indoor air quality issues.

### Lead

#### **National Safety Council's National Lead Information Center**

(800) 424-LEAD

Information, publications, referrals, and technical assistance in English or Spanish on lead-related issues.

### Community Right-to-Know

#### **U.S. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCRA) Information Hotline**

(800) 424-9346

Information on community right-to-know and emergency planning regulations.

### RTK-Net

A Project of **OMB Watch**

(202) 234-8494, <http://www.rtknet.org/>

Call for information about this computer network that provides access to TRI data, health facts on chemicals, census data, and other information and data on hazardous waste, air, and water.

## **U.S. EPA TRI User Support Service**

(202) 566-0250

Support obtaining and using the Toxics Release Inventory.

## **Environmental Justice**

### **Office of Environmental Justice Small Grants Program**

(202) 564-2515, (800) 962-6215

Grants to fund Environmental Justice projects by community-based organizations.

## **Consumer Product Safety**

### **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Hotline**

(800) 638-2772

Information and educational materials on consumer product safety, including children's toys and electrical products. Spanish speaking staff available.

## **Electromagnetic Fields**

### **U.S. EPA Electromagnetic Field (EMF) Infoline**

(202) 343-9370

Current information and answers to questions on electric and magnetic fields.

## **Hazardous Emergencies**

### **Chemtrac Emergency Spill Information**

(800) 424-9300

Emergency number providing information regarding large chemical spills and leaks.

## **Health**

### **March of Dimes**

1-888-MODIMES (663-4637)

National Women's Health Network

(202) 628-7814

Women's health advocacy group with general women's health information and a resource center.

## **Occupational Safety and Health**

**Clearinghouse for Occupational Safety and Health Information** (at Centers for Disease Control)

Technical Information Service: (800) 323-4636 or (800) CDC-INFO

Access to NIOSH (National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health) information, resources, and activities.

Library: (513) 533-8321

Interlibrary loans, catalog available. Maintains an automated database and library open to the public.

## **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Referral Service**

(800) 321-OSHA

Referral service concerning occupational safety and health complaints and emergencies. Call with life threatening emergencies.

## **Pesticides and Toxicants**

### **National Pesticide Information Center**

(800) 858-7378 (<http://npic.orst.edu>)

## **Pollution Prevention**

### **U.S. EPA Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse**

(202) 566-0799

Technical, policy, and grant information for companies and communities seeking to reduce use and production of hazardous materials.

### **Technology Transfer Center at the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute, University of Massachusetts Lowell**

(978) 934-3275, Fax (978) 934-3050

Clearinghouse and research library, and literature search service for reports, case studies, and fact sheets on pollution prevention and toxics use reduction.

## **Water and Wastewater**

### **National Drinking Water Technical Assistance Unit, West Virginia University**

(800) 624-8301, Option 3

Collects, develops, and provides information about drinking water issues.

### **U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline**

(800) 426-4791

Information about EPA's drinking water regulations and other related drinking water and ground water topics.

### **U.S. EPA Water Resource Center**

202-566-1729 (24-hour voicemail)

Distributes EPA Office of Water publications.

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## **Federal Government Sites**

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**Alzheimer's Disease Centers (ADCs)**, located at major medical institutions across the U. S. and funded by The National Institute on Aging, offer diagnosis and medical management; clinical research and drug trials; and information about the disease, services and resources." Areas of investigation range from the basic mechanisms of AD to managing the symptoms and helping families cope with the effects of the disease. Center staff conduct basic, clinical, and behavioral research and train scientists and health care providers who are new to AD research.

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/Alzheimers/ResearchInformation/ResearchCenters/>

**Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center (ADEAR)** maintains information on Alzheimer's disease research, diagnosis, treatments, clinical trials and federal government programs and resources. AD Lib, ADEAR 's literature database, has nearly 8,500 materials related to Alzheimer's disease that includes fact sheets, textbook chapters, journal articles, brochures, teaching manuals, directories, videos and other media, bibliographies, program descriptions, monographs, newsletters and reports.

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/Alzheimers/>

**Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)** is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. THE department includes more than 300 programs, covering a wide spectrum of activities.

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** works to protect public health and safety by providing information to enhance health decisions, and it promotes health through partnerships with state health departments as well as other organizations. It focuses national attention on developing and applying disease prevention and control, environmental health, occupational safety and health, prevention and education activities designed to improve the health of the people of the United States.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/>

- **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)**, based in Atlanta, Georgia, is a federal public health agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ATSDR serves the public by using the best science, taking responsive public health actions, and providing trusted health information to prevent harmful exposures and diseases related to toxic substances. ATSDR is directed by **congressional mandate** to perform specific functions concerning the effect on public health of hazardous substances in the environment. These functions include public health assessments of waste sites, health consultations concerning specific hazardous substances, health surveillance and registries, response to emergency releases of hazardous substances, applied research in support of public health assessments, information development and dissemination, and education and training concerning hazardous substances. Their web site leads to summaries and reports of hazardous substances, guidebooks, and HazDat (a database of information about Superfund sites, hazardous substance releases, and health effects). The site is also useful for the links it provides through the ATSDR Information Center Bookmarks.

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/>

- **Healthy People 2010**, managed by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides a framework for prevention for the Nation. It is a statement of national health objectives designed to identify the most significant preventable threats to health and to establish national goals to reduce these threats.

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/>

- **National Center for Environmental Health** is part of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provides leadership to promote health and quality of life by preventing or controlling those diseases, birth defects, or disabilities resulting from interaction between people and the environment. Their site has information and education resources on a broad range of topics, including asthma, birth defects,

radiation, sanitation, and lead in blood.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh>

- **National Center for Health Statistics** is the nation's principal health statistics agency, compiling statistical information to guide actions and policies to improve the health of the people of the United States. The statistics allow them to document the health status of the population and of important subgroups, identify disparities and monitor trends in health status and delivery, and provide information for making changes in public policies and programs.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>
- **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research. Helping to lead the way toward important medical discoveries that improve people's health and save lives, NIH scientists investigate ways to prevent disease as well as the causes, treatments, and even cures for common and rare diseases. Composed of 27 Institutes and Centers, the NIH provides leadership and financial support to researchers in every state and throughout the world.  
<http://www.nih.gov/>
- **National Institute on Aging**, one of the 27 Institutes and Centers of NIH, leads a broad scientific effort to understand the nature of aging and to extend the healthy, active years of life. In 1974, Congress granted authority to form NIA to provide leadership in aging research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs relevant to aging and older people. Subsequent amendments to this legislation designated the NIA as the primary Federal agency on Alzheimer's disease research.  
<http://www.nia.nih.gov/>
- **National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)** is one of the National Institutes of Health within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The mission of the NIEHS is to reduce the burden of human illness and disability by understanding how the environment influences the development and progression of human disease. To have the greatest impact on preventing disease and improving human health, the NIEHS focuses on basic science, disease-oriented research, global environmental health, and multidisciplinary training for researchers.

NIEHS publishes *Environmental Health Perspectives (EHP)*, a monthly journal of peer-reviewed research and news on the impact of the environment on human health.

Its content is free online: <http://www.ehponline.org/>

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov>

- **The National Toxicology Program (NTP)** and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences established the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction in 1998 to serve as an environmental health resource to the public and to regulatory and health agencies. The Center provides scientifically-based, uniform assessments of the potential for adverse effects on reproduction and development caused by agents to which humans may be exposed. This is accomplished through rigorous evaluations of the

scientific literature by independent panels of scientists.

<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>

- NIEHS and EPA operate the **Superfund Basic Research Program (SBRP)** which offers funding support for research on hazardous waste sites and their health effects as well as networking opportunities for researchers and partnering organizations. The NIEHS and the U.S. EPA website for the programs posts research summaries and grant opportunities. You can join a listserv to learn about current research by sending your e-mail address to [inhof@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:inhof@niehs.nih.gov).  
<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/srp/>  
Research Briefs:  
<http://list.niehs.nih.gov/pipermail/sbrp-brief/2004-January/000047.html>

- **National Library of Medicine (NLM)** hosts the Toxicology and Environmental Health Information Program (TEHIP) which provides a wealth of health, toxicological, chemical, and chemical release information. TEHIP databases are available on the Toxicology Data Network (TOXNET), a free web-based search system. It is also a gateway to MEDLINE. Among the many databases available from Toxnet are:

- **CCRIS (Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System)** contains evaluated data and information, derived from bioassays on nearly 8,000 chemicals. Studies relate to carcinogens, mutagens, tumor promoters, cocarcinogens, metabolites and inhibitors of carcinogens.
- **DART/ETIC (Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology/Environmental Teratology Information Center)** is a bibliographic database covering teratology and developmental toxicology literature published since 1950.
- **EMIC (Environmental Mutagen Information Center)** are bibliographic databases covering agents tested for genotoxic activity in literature from 1965 to the present.
- **GENE-TOX** a data bank created by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with genetic toxicology test results on over 3,000 chemicals.
- **TOXLINE** a bibliographic database covering the biochemical, pharmacological, physiological, and toxicological effects of drugs and other chemicals. It contains over 2.5 million citations, almost all with abstracts and/or index terms and CAS Registry Numbers.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>

- **Medline** is a bibliographic database of abstracted medical literature. The National Library of Medicine offers it free.  
[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/databases\\_medline.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/databases_medline.html)

**Environmental Health Project (EHP)** was established by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Its goal is to assist the agency to achieve reductions in illness and death among children under five in developing countries from major diseases related to environmental conditions.

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

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** provides a wealth of information about EPA activities, products, recommendations, and requirements on its extensive website. The site leads to information about community participation, resources for environmental education, grant information, chemical fact sheets, pesticides, software and database resources, hotlines, EPA libraries, regional and state contacts, and more. The EPA Office of Children's Health Protection serves as a clearinghouse for EPA's initiatives and information on children's health. Contains links to fact sheets on a range of exposures, provides information on current research, where you can get additional information.

EPA Homepage: <http://www.epa.gov>

- **Office of Children's Health Protection (OCHP)** was established in May 1997 to make the protection of children's health a fundamental goal of public health and environmental protection in the United States. OCHP supports and facilitates Agency efforts to protect children's health from environmental threats.  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/homepage.htm>
- **Aging Initiative** provides a wealth of information about the EPA's efforts to protect the environmental health of older persons. A major goal of the Aging Initiative is the development of a National Agenda for the Environment and the Aging. The National Agenda will prioritize environmental health hazards that affect older persons, examine the environmental impact of an aging population in a smart growth context, and encourage civic involvement among older persons in their communities to reduce hazards. The National Agenda for the Environment and the Aging, being developed through a public participatory process, will help guide the Agency's work to protect the health of older persons now and in the future.  
<http://www.epa.gov/aging/index.htm>
- **Envirofacts** contains data from five EPA systems that are used to assist the Agency in monitoring and overseeing compliance with federal regulations. The general public can use this source to obtain information about facilities in their community. The five systems represented are: 1) Aerometric Information Retrieval System Facility Subsystem (which contains air pollution data for about 150,000 regulated facilities), 2) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (Superfund data on hazardous waste sites), 3) Permit Compliance System (water discharge permit information for over 75,000 facilities), 4) Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (data used to track handler permit or closure status for over 450,000 facilities and transporters), and 5) Toxic Release Inventory System (data on releases of over 600 toxic chemicals by over 33,000 reporting facilities). Online queries and mapping tools are also available through this site.  
<http://www.epa.gov/enviro/index.html>
- **National Pesticide Information Service**  
NPIC is a cooperative effort of Oregon State University and the U.S. EPA.  
1-800-858-7378  
Questions on pesticides to: [npic@ace.orst.edu](mailto:npic@ace.orst.edu)  
<http://npic.orst.edu/>
- **Risk Screening Environmental Indicators** is a computer-based (Windows) model that is also available through the EPA to help interpret the information that you find. The model permits screening-level analysis of risk-related impacts of toxic chemical releases and transfers in the U.S.  
<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/rsei>

- **TEACH Website (Toxicity and Exposure Assessment for Children's Health)** contains summaries of scientific literature and U.S. federal regulations relevant to children's environmental health. TEACH currently focuses on information that pertains to 18 chemicals of concern.

The goal of the TEACH project is to complement existing children's health information resources by providing a listing and summary of scientific literature applicable to children's health risks due to chemical exposure. The focal point of this children's health project is the TEACH Web site, which has two main components: 1) a searchable database that contains references from the relevant scientific literature pertaining to children's chemical exposure, and summarizes key points of that literature; and 2) TEACH Chemical Summaries (for all chemicals listed in the TEACH database, as they become available, see Note below) which condense essential points from the reference summaries provided in the TEACH database.

<http://www.epa.gov/teach/>

- **U.S. EPA Directory Assistance**  
(202) 272-0167  
Directory assistance to EPA offices that have information on the environment and EPA: brochures, fact sheets, consumer guides, and educational materials.
- **U.S. EPA National Service Center for Environmental Publications**  
(800) 490-9198  
Clearinghouse, publication information, and ordering service for EPA publications, including ACCESS EPA, an extensive yearly directory of EPA and other public sector information resources including hotlines, libraries, and databases.
- **Public Affairs/Technical Communication and Outreach Staff**  
(513) 569-7377 or (513) 569-7311  
Part of National Risk Management Research Laboratory (NRMRL), which offers "many opportunities to inform stakeholders, partners, technology organizations, the public, and others through its Technology Transfer and Outreach Program."  
<http://www.epa.gov/tbncrmrl>

**Healthfinder®** is a free gateway to reliable consumer health and human service information developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Healthfinder can lead you to select online publications, clearinghouses, databases, web sites, and support and self-help groups, as well as the government agencies and not-for-profit organizations that produce reliable information for the public.

<http://www.healthfinder.gov>

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** is entrusted with overseeing worker protection and enforcement of workplace standards. Web site offers information and links on programs and services, compliance assistance, standards, and technical information.

<http://www.osha.gov>

**Public Health Training Network (PHTN)** is a distance learning system that takes training to the learner. PHTN uses a variety of instructional media ranging from print-based to videotape and multimedia to meet the training needs of the public health workforce nationwide.

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

### **National Technical Information Service (NTIS)**

5285 Port Royal Road  
Springfield, VA 22161  
Title Identification Service / Document Ordering Service  
(703) 605-6000

To research a title or to order documents from government agencies.

**USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)** works to improve the health and well-being of Americans by developing and promoting dietary guidance that links scientific research to the nutrition needs of consumers. CNPP is an agency of USDA's Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

<http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/default.htm>

### **U.S. Government Printing Office**

Washington DC 20402  
(866) 512-1800, (202) 512-1530

Supplies documents from government agencies.

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## **Health Provider Networks and Resources**

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**American Academy of Pediatrics** provides networks and resources in children's environmental health, including the handbook *Pediatric Environmental Health - 2nd Edition*. Created in recognition that environmental hazards are among parent's top health concerns for their children, yet little time is spent training physicians to recognize and treat ailments resulting from exposure to harmful substances and environments

<http://www.aap.org>

Handbook: [Pediatric Environmental Health - 2nd Edition](#)

**American Association of Occupational Health Nurses** provides professional resources, educational activities and standards of care and practice.

<http://www.aaohn.org>

**American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine** serves as a professional organization of occupational medicine physicians.

<http://www.acoem.org>

**American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM)** is the national professional society for physicians committed to disease prevention and health promotion. ACPM's 2,000 members are engaged in preventive medicine practice, teaching and research. Many serve on ACPM committees and task forces and represent preventive medicine in national forums, contributing to the organization's role as a major national resource of expertise in disease prevention and health promotion. ACPM was established in 1954.

<http://www.acpm.org/about.htm>

**American Lung Association** has a proven commitment to environmental health. Topics of air quality, chemical hazards in school and workplace settings, and tobacco control are covered in depth on their website with recent statistics available. Materials available (several also offered in

Spanish) include: Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Action Kit, Protecting Yourself from Air Pollution, Working Safely With Chemicals, How to Read a Material Safety Data Sheet, as well as tobacco material targeted to youth and adults.

<http://www.lungusa.org>

**American Nurses Association (ANA)** is the only full-service professional organization representing the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses (RNs) through its 54 constituent member associations. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the economic and general welfare of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

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

The ANA Center for Occupational and Environmental Health provides expertise on issues related to the nursing professional and healthcare industry. The mission of the Center is to protect the health and well-being of nurses and their patients and communities through policy advocacy, programs, and training on the prevention and control of occupational and environmental hazards in relation to healthcare settings.

<http://nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/OccupationalandEnvironmental.aspx>

**American Public Health Association** has a section on Environment that "works to focus attention on human health effects of environmental factors and helps to shape national environmental health and protection policies." Among APHA's useful resources available from their website is an Advocacy Manual for Health Professionals.

<http://www.apha.org>

Environment Section:

<http://www.apha.org/membersgroups/sections/aphasections/env/>

Advocacy Manual:

[http://www.apha.org/NR/rdonlyres/A5A9C4ED-1C0C-4D0C-A56C-C33DEC7F5A49/0/Media\\_Advocacy\\_Manual.pdf](http://www.apha.org/NR/rdonlyres/A5A9C4ED-1C0C-4D0C-A56C-C33DEC7F5A49/0/Media_Advocacy_Manual.pdf)

**Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics** includes 55 clinics across the United States and Canada that specialize in occupational and environmental health issues. Provides referrals to clinics for medical advice and care, conducts educational activities, and maintains a lending library. <http://www.aoec.org>

- **Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSUs)** "As part of its ongoing cooperative agreements with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), AOEC has formed a project establishing Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSUs). The PEHSUs include the collaboration between the pediatric clinic and the AOEC occupational and environmental clinic at each site. The PEHSU's have been developed to provide education and consultation for health professionals, public health professionals and others about the topic of children's environmental health. AOEC coordinates the activities for all of the PEHSUs. Primary funding for the PEHSUs comes from the ATSDR and EPA."

<http://aoec.org/PEHSU/index.html>

**Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE)** is concerned about ecosystem health, human health and sustainable development. Major goals are to educate physicians on environmental issues, providing them with both accurate information and a framework for thinking about environmental problems; to prepare spokespersons to comment on the health implications of environmental issues in an accurate and rigorous manner; to serve as a "think tank" for considering the health implications of environmental issues; to provide a forum in which physicians can meet and discuss health issues associated with environmental problems together with non-physician colleagues who have the knowledge and insight they need; and to advocate certain positions or courses of action. They have some excellent resources on the site.  
<http://www.cape.ca/>

**EnviroDX** is a multimedia, case-focused, computer-based learning program on environment-related diseases. The organizing metaphor for EnviroDx is an exploratory "virtual clinic" affiliated with a busy medical school. The program user takes the part of a practicing physician faced with a patient with an unknown disease or condition that is possibly caused by exposure to environmental factors. Upon completion of the program, the user should be familiar with: the components of an environmental history, the steps required to diagnose a specific type of environmental disorder tests required to make specific diagnoses, sources of information on industrial chemical product ingredients and their potential health effects, activities of federal, state, and local organizations that address occupational and environmental issues in health, measures a physician might recommend to treat or prevent a specific environmental-related disorder. Created by a team under Eddy Bresnitz, M.D., M.S., EnviroDX is hosted by the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah.  
<http://library.med.utah.edu/envirodx/index.html>

**National Gerontological Nursing Association** is dedicated to the clinical care of older adults across diverse care settings. Members include clinicians, educators, and researchers with vastly different educational preparation, clinical roles, and interest in practice issues. A striking feature is the substantial number of certified gerontological clinical nurse specialists who select NGNA for membership.  
<https://www.ngna.org/>

**Organization of Teratology and Information Services** maintains pregnancy and environmental hot lines throughout the country to answer questions regarding prenatal exposures. Centers and hot lines can be found on their website.  
<http://www.otispregnancy.org>

**Teratology Society** is a multidisciplinary scientific society founded in 1960, the members of which study the causes and biological processes leading to abnormal development and birth defects at the fundamental and clinical level, and appropriate measures for prevention.  
<http://www.teratology.org/>

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## Healthy Living

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**Citizens for Health** is the national nonprofit consumer advocacy group working to broaden health care options, create an integrative health system based on wellness, and advance the freedom to make health choices. We promote the fundamental policies needed to improve health choices and

information in the U.S. and the world. We work with grassroots and education organizations and the private sector to insure consumer access to a wide range of therapies, a healthy environment, safe foods, and the dietary supplements of their choice. We foster active citizen leadership and organize natural health consumers to create political solutions that support these rights.

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

**The National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity (NANA)**, a part of Center for Science in the Public Interest, advocates national policies and programs to promote healthy eating and physical activity to help reduce the illnesses, disabilities, premature deaths, and costs caused by diet- and inactivity-related diseases such as heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity.

NANA promotes within the legislative and executive branches of government a better understanding of the importance of healthy eating, physical activity, and obesity control to the nation's health and health-care costs. One of the primary goals of NANA is to cultivate champions for nutrition, physical activity, and obesity prevention in Congress and federal agencies. Efforts include supporting effective education programs, advocating adequate funding for programs, and promoting environmental changes that help Americans eat better and be more active.

NANA is made up of more than 275 organizations--steering committee members, national organizations, and state/local organizations.

<http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/nana.html>

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## Intergenerational

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**Generations Incorporated** is a nonprofit organization committed to intergenerational awareness through clubs, after school and other programs.

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

**Generations United (GU)** is the only national membership organization focused solely on promoting intergenerational strategies, programs and public policies. GU was founded in 1986 by the National Council on the Aging, the Child Welfare League of America, AARP, and the Children's Defense Fund, all of which are represented on GU's Board of Directors. GU serves as a resource for educating policymakers and the public about the economic, social, and personal imperatives of intergenerational cooperation. GU provides a forum for those working with children, youth, and the elderly to explore areas of common ground while celebrating the richness of each generation. One of GU's core initiatives is its National Center on Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children. We're also developing an on-line resource center.

<http://www.gu.org>

**Intergenerational Initiative**, a project of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, is a partnership of more than 70 organizations representing, retirees, students, service organizations, business, state agencies, and education at all levels. The long-term goal is to establish an infrastructure of retiree involvement that reaches schools and campuses throughout Illinois. The project is housed in the Office of the Associate Chancellor for Diversity at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

<http://www.siu.edu/offices/iii/index.html>

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## Nature and Health

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**Children & Nature Network (C&NN)** was created to encourage and support the people and organizations working to reconnect children with nature. C&NN provides access to the latest news and research in the field and a peer-to-peer network of researchers and individuals, educators and organizations dedicated to children's health and well-being.

[www.childrenandnature.org/](http://www.childrenandnature.org/)

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## Nutrition and Food

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**American Dietetic Association**, with more than 68,000 members, is the nation's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. ADA is committed to improving the nation's health and advancing the profession of dietetics through research, education and advocacy.

<http://www.eatright.org/Public/content.aspx?id=4294967309>

**American Society for Nutrition (ASN)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing together the world's top researchers, clinical nutritionists and industry to advance our knowledge and application of nutrition for the sake of humans and animals. Our focus ranges from the most critical details of research and application to the broadest applications in society, in the United States and around the world.

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

**Center for Science in the Public Interest** has been a strong advocate for nutrition and health, food safety, alcohol policy, and sound science since 1971. Its award-winning newsletter, Nutrition Action Healthletter, with some 900,000 subscribers in the United States and Canada, is the largest-circulation health newsletter in North America.

CSPI is a consumer advocacy organization whose twin missions are to conduct innovative research and advocacy programs in health and nutrition, and to provide consumers with current, useful information about their health and well-being.

<http://www.cspinet.org/index.html>

**International Food Information Council (IFIC) and the IFIC Foundation.** The IFIC Foundation is the educational arm of IFIC. IFIC's mission is to communicate science-based information on food safety and nutrition to health and nutrition professionals, educators, journalists, government officials and others providing information to consumers. IFIC is supported primarily by the broad-based food, beverage and agricultural industries.

IFIC's purpose is to bridge the gap between science and communications by collecting and disseminating scientific information on food safety, nutrition and health and by working with an extensive roster of scientific experts and through partnerships to help translate research into understandable and useful information for opinion leaders and consumers. These groups find the IFIC reservoir of science and health data a valuable and easily accessed resource.

Based in Washington, DC, the IFIC Foundation and IFIC focus primarily on U.S. issues. It also participates in an informal network of independent food information organizations in Europe,

Asia, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and South Africa.

<http://www.ific.org/index.cfm>

**Organic Consumers Association (OCA)** is an online and grassroots non-profit 501(c)3 public interest organization campaigning for health, justice, and sustainability. The OCA deals with crucial issues of food safety, industrial agriculture, genetic engineering, children's health, corporate accountability, Fair Trade, environmental sustainability and other key topics. We are the only organization in the US focused exclusively on promoting the views and interests of the nation's estimated 50 million organic and socially responsible consumers.

The OCA represents over 850,000 members, subscribers and volunteers, including several thousand businesses in the natural foods and organic marketplace.

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

**Society for Nutrition Education (SNE)** represents the unique professional interests of nutrition educators in the United States and worldwide. SNE is dedicated to promoting healthy, sustainable food choices and has a vision to be recognized as the premier organization for food and nutrition education professionals. SNE provides forums for sharing innovative strategies for nutrition education, expressing a range of views on important issues, and disseminating research findings. Members of SNE educate individuals, families, fellow professionals, and students, and influence policy makers about nutrition, food, and health.

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

**Vegetarian Resource Group (VRG)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public on vegetarianism and the interrelated issues of health, nutrition, ecology, ethics, and world hunger. In addition to publishing the Vegetarian Journal, VRG produces and sells cookbooks, other books, pamphlets, and article reprints.

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

### **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agriculture Library, Organic Production and Organic Food: Information Access Tools**

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Website: <http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/ofp/ofp.shtml>

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## **Parkinson's Disease**

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**American Parkinson Disease Association** was founded to 'ease the burden and find a cure' for PD. Research, patient support, education and raising public awareness of the disease.

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

**The Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia & Parkinson Foundation** often provides "seed money" to help explore the most promising hypotheses. Funded through annual grant awards, this helps to leverage new ideas and advances in the fields. To date, the Foundation has allocated close to \$8 million dollars to 146 grants around the world. These grants have helped to bring greater insight into the causes and-we hope-cures for dystonia and Parkinson's disease.

<http://www.dystonia-parkinsons.org/>

**The Michael J. Fox Foundation** is dedicated to finding a cure for Parkinson's disease within the decade through an aggressively funded research agenda and to ensuring the development of improved therapies for those living with Parkinson's today.

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

**The Michael Stern Parkinson's Research Foundation** sponsors research at leading academic centers in the U.S. The centers are headed by the foremost leaders in Parkinson's research and were chosen for the high quality of their research programs. Each has already made significant contributions to the understanding of the disease and possible treatment therapies.

<http://parkinsoninfo.org/>

**National Parkinson Foundation** has as its mission to find the cause of and the cure for Parkinson disease through research, to improve the quality of life for persons with Parkinson and their caregivers, to educate persons with Parkinson, their caregivers, healthcare professionals, and the general public about Parkinson disease and its treatment.

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

**Parkinson Alliance** is a national non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to help finance the most promising research to find the cause and cure for Parkinson's disease.

<http://www.parkinsonalliance.org>

**Parkinson's Action Network (PAN)** serves as the voice of Parkinson's on numerous public policy issues affecting the Parkinson's community. In addition to continuing their work on NIH funding and research, the Parkinson's community is now a powerful voice on many crucial issues including Parkinson's-specific programs at the Departments of Defense and Veteran's Affairs, FDA drug approval issues, HHS programs (Medicare and Social Security), and their continuing struggle to achieve research freedom for stem cell research.

<http://www.parkinsonsaction.org>

**Parkinson's Disease Foundation (PDF)** is a leading national presence in PD research, education and public advocacy. They are working for the nearly one million people in the US living with Parkinson's by funding promising scientific research and supporting people with Parkinson's, their families and caregivers through educational programs and support services.

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

**Parkinson's Institute**, founded in 1988, is America's only independent non-profit organization that provides basic and clinical research, clinical trials and a comprehensive movement disorder patient clinic for Parkinson's disease (PD) and related neurological movement disorders, all under one roof. Their mission is to find the causes, provide first class patient care and discover a cure. Their unique freestanding organization supports a strong collaboration of translational medicine designed to more directly connect research to patient care – from the 'bench to bedside.'

<http://www.thepi.org>

**Parkinson's Resource Organization** was the first, and remains exclusively, psych-social organization in the Parkinson's world. Their mission is to help families affected by Parkinson's forge through the journey of the disease's progression with as much quality as life can provide.

<http://www.parkinsonsresource.org>

**WE MOVE (Worldwide Education & Awareness for Movement Disorders)** is a not-for-profit organization that utilizes creativity, innovation, and collaborative approaches to improve awareness, diagnosis, and management of movement disorders among people living with these conditions and the professionals who care for them. Their mission is to facilitate the communication of emerging clinical advances and therapeutic approaches to the management and treatment of movement disorders.

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

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## Sustainable/Healthy Communities

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**Active Living by Design** is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is a part of the North Carolina Institute for Public Health at the UNC School of Public Health in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. This program establishes innovative approaches to increase physical activity through community design, public policies and communications strategies. Active Living by Design is funding 25 community partnerships across the country to demonstrate how changing community design will impact physical activity.

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

**Association for the Study and Development of Community (ASDC)** is a research and evaluation organization helping government, foundations and non-profits use science to create and implement innovative solutions to social problems. ASDC represents a network of leading community development practitioners and scientists in the United States and Europe, with offices in Maryland, Italy and Portugal. They combine the principled, rigorous use of scientific methods with practical tools to foster learning and improved capacity for social change.

<http://www.capablecommunity.com/>

**Bioneers** was conceived to conduct programs in the conservation of biological and cultural diversity, traditional farming practices, and environmental restoration. Their vision of environment encompasses the natural landscape, cultivated landscape, biodiversity, cultural diversity, watersheds, community economics, and spirituality. Bioneers seeks to unite nature, culture and spirit in an Earth-honoring vision, and create economic models founded in social justice.

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

**Center for Community Change** strengthens, connects and mobilizes grassroots groups to enhance their leadership, voice and power. They believe that vibrant community-based organizations, led by the people most affected by social and economic injustice, are key to putting an end to the failed "on your own" mentality of the right and building a new politics based on community values. Founded in 1968 to honor the life and values of Robert F. Kennedy, the Center is one of the longest-standing champions for low-income people and communities of color. Together, their expert staff and dynamic partners confront the vital issues of today and build the social movements of tomorrow.

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

**Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC)** is a North American organization of social and economic justice, environmental, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, community development, labor, anti-poverty, anti-hunger, and other groups. The Coalition has 325 organizational members in 41 states, 4 Canadian provinces and the District of Columbia. They are dedicated to

building strong, sustainable, local and regional food systems that ensure access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food to all people at all times. CFSC seeks to develop self-reliance among all communities in obtaining their food and to create a system of growing, manufacturing, processing, making available, and selling food that is regionally based and grounded in the principles of justice, democracy, and sustainability.

<http://www.foodsecurity.org/index.html>

**Institute for Sustainable Communities** believes in the power of communities—and their ability to help themselves grow stronger, healthier, more stable, more prosperous and more peaceful. They believe that every community has within it the ability to find creative solutions to complex problems, and we help people realize this potential. They build capacity and infrastructure from the top-down and the bottom-up leaving a legacy of leadership as well as enduring results.

Bringing together best practices from the public and private sector, ISC uses creative, flexible training and mentoring to help communities produce breakthrough results.

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

**Leadership for Healthy Communities** (formerly Active Living Leadership) is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The program supports state and local policy leaders in efforts to create healthier communities by promoting policies and programs that will improve access to affordable healthy foods, increase opportunities for safe physical activity, and improve the social environments that shape how children perceive and relate to healthy eating and active living.

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

**PolicyLink** is a national research and action institute advancing economic and social equity by Lifting Up What Works®. PolicyLink work is guided by the belief that those closest to the nation's challenges are central to the search for solutions. With local and national partners, PolicyLink is spotlighting promising practices, supporting advocacy campaigns, and helping to bridge the traditional divide between local communities and policymaking at the local, regional, state, and national levels. By developing and implementing multifaceted strategies, PolicyLink seeks to ensure that everyone—including low-income communities of color—can contribute to and benefit from local and regional growth and development.

<http://www.policylink.org/default.html>

**Prevention Institute** is a non-profit national center dedicated to improving community health and well-being by building momentum for effective primary prevention. Primary prevention means taking action to build resilience and to prevent problems before they occur. The Institute's work is characterized by a strong commitment to community participation and promotion of equitable health outcomes among all social and economic groups. Since its founding in 1997, the organization has focused on injury and violence prevention, traffic safety, health disparities, nutrition and physical activity, and youth development.

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

**Sustainusa** transforms complex issues into compelling projects and campaigns so that the public, media, business, and policymakers take action to create a healthy, sustainable society. Through public and private partnerships Sustain encourages sustainable economic development that creates jobs and revitalizes communities in an environmentally sound manner.

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

**Sustainability Institute** focuses on understanding the root causes of unsustainable behavior in complex systems to help restructure systems and shift mindsets that will help move human society toward sustainability. Their staff includes biologists, writers, social scientists, system dynamics modelers, and facilitators bringing a wide variety of experiences and skills to our work.  
<http://www.sustainer.org/>

**Sustainable Communities Network (SCN)** website connects citizens with the resources they need to implement innovative processes and programs to restore the economic, environmental, and social health and vitality of their communities. It addresses a wide range of issues related to community sustainability, including creating communities, smart growth, growing a sustainable economy, protecting natural resources, living sustainably, and governing communities.  
<http://www.sustainable.org/>

**The Surface Transportation Policy Project** is a diverse, nationwide coalition working to ensure safer communities and smarter transportation choices that enhance the economy, improve public health, promote social equity, and protect the environment. STPP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization funded by individual donations and a range of national and regional.  
<http://www.transact.org/>

**Viable Futures Toolkit** is a comprehensive, user-friendly resource that turns the challenges of an aging population into opportunities for all ages to thrive. It offers guidance to planners, policymakers, service providers, and funders about how to create solutions for older generations that simultaneously address needs of younger generations and their communities.  
[http://www.viablefuturescenter.com/VFC\\_Site/AgeProducts.html](http://www.viablefuturescenter.com/VFC_Site/AgeProducts.html)