

June 6-7, 2016 Conference Agenda
Environmental Health at School: New Solutions Put Children First
George Washington University/Marvin Center
Washington, DC

OVERVIEW

Monday, June 6, 8 AM - 5 PM: Conference
5 - 7 PM: Reception and National Healthy Schools Hero Awards
Tuesday, June 7, 8 AM - 3 PM: Conference

Conference Host: Healthy Schools Network

Conference Co-Organizers: Executive Director Claire L. Barnett;
Consultant Jerome A. Paulson, MD

Conference Facilitator: Maya Breitburg-Smith, RESOLV

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Recommended Reading: *Environmental Health at School: Ignored Too Long*, summary report, full proceedings and presentations found at <http://www.healthyschools.org/clearinghouse.html>

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Conference End Product: outlined in a brief report, a collaborative plan of action for NGOs to advance research, policies, and programs to understand, prevent and or track children at risk or with suspected environmental exposures in child care facilities and P-12 schools.

Conference attendees will:

- Review research and policy recommendations and goals identified at November 2015 *Environmental Health at School: Ignored too Long* panel and facilitated workshop
- Hear from parents and pediatricians about risks and exposures at schools and their impact on children
- Understand the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (National Center for EH/ATSDR) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA Office of Children's Health and Indoor Environments Division) perspectives on the urgency of action and their agencies' roles in children's environmental health protection and in school and child care environments
- Hear about state and regional perspectives on actions underway and opportunities to address environmental health of children in school
- Discuss approaches and develop a collaborative plan of action to advance the following research and policy recommendations and goals related to the environmental health of children in schools and child care facilities:
 - Establishing a National Healthy Children, Healthy Schools Commission
 - Conducting research and pilot studies of proposed prevention, intervention, and tracking programs
 - Identifying legislative and regulatory challenges
 - Commissioning high level reports to review existing information on children's environmental health in schools and providing recommendations on actions
 - Responding to Civil and Disability Rights challenges to children in child care facilities and P-12 schools

Monday June 6 Plenaries & Concurrent Breakouts

8:00 Coffee and Registration

8:30 Welcome - *Lynn Goldman MD, MPH, Dean, GWU/SPH (invited)*

Introductions and Housekeeping (facilitator)

8:45 Meeting Background and Goals

- **November 2015 Workshop: Recommendations & Goals**

Jerome A Paulson, MD

- **Integrating Policy: Coalition for Healthier Schools' Platform**

Claire L. Barnett, Executive Director, Healthy Schools Network and Coordinator,
Coalition for Healthier Schools

9:45 Reality Check Panel: Risks & Exposures at School

Moderator: J. Paulson, MD

Panelists: Jessica Escobar*; Maida Galvez, MD, MPH* Region 2 PEHSU; Luke
Gard, BS, Region 7 PEHSU

10:45 Health Break

**11:00 Roundtable - 1: Reflections on and Opportunities for Public Health Agencies to
Protect the Environmental Health of Children from Environmental Threats in
Schools**

Moderator Surili Patel, MPH, APHA

Panelists: Jen Li, NACCHO; Melissa Jordan, CSTE; Susan Goekler, DHPE

Q&A

11:45 Conference Keynote: An Urgent Call to Action

Introduction: Claire Barnett

CDC NCEH/ATSDR Director Patrick Breyse, PhD

Q&A

12:45 Networking Lunch

**1:30 Roundtable - 2: State and Local Agency Experiences and Challenges in Advancing
Healthy Schools and Healthy Children**

Moderator – Ron White, MS

Panelists: Michele Herdt-Losavio, NYS DoH; Mandy Burkett and Chris Alexander,
Ohio DoH*; Kenny Foscue, CT DPH*

Q&A

2:15 Health Break

Monday, June 6, continued

2:30 Concurrent Break-outs

Break Out 1

Public Health Prevention/Intervention Systems for Children at Risk or with Suspected Exposures at child care facilities or at P-12 schools.

Moderator: Janet Phoenix, MD, MPH, GWU SPH

Lead discussant Melissa Jordan, FL DPH for CSTE

How might existing PH agencies coordinate logging in, tracking, and following up on public health complaints from parents and personnel? What do public health and health care providers need to know about risks to children and children with suspected exposures, and how can they work together? What are the next steps?

Break Out 2

Advancing the Rights of Children at School/Child Care (ADA, 504, IDEA).

Moderator: Mark Mitchell, MD, NMA

Kick off speaker: Rebecca Shore, AFC-NY

Can disability rights/civil rights laws help prevent harm to children with asthma and other chronic conditions impacted by environmental factors? What do public health agencies and health care providers need to know to effectively use these protections? What do education policy makers need to know? What are the next steps?

3:45 Plenary: Break Out Reports and Facilitated Discussion

5 - 7 Reception and Awards at Marvin Center

National Healthy School Hero Awards

Mary Filardo, 21st Century School Fund

Angelo Bellomo, Los Angeles County DPH

Dinner on your own

***Presentations by video conference**

Tuesday June 7 Plenary Sessions

- 8:00 Coffee and Registration
- 8:30 Welcome - Chip Halverson, ND, President, Healthy Schools Network Board
Housekeeping and Goals for the Day (facilitator)
Conference End Products
- 8:45 Panel US EPA's Roles in Children's Health and in School/Child Care
Introductions - Leyla McCurdy
Office of Children's Health Protection Director Ruth Etzel, MD
Office of Air and Radiation/Indoor Environments Michele Curreri
Q&A
- 9:45 Recap Monday (facilitator)
- 10:00 Health Break
- 10:15 Plenary Facilitated Discussion 1
- High Level Reports and Public-Private Commission
- Identify specific reports and papers; commission steps; advocates' actions
- 11:45 Working Lunch
- 12:00 Plenary Facilitated Discussion 2
- Collaborations for Near Term Impact
- Organizational roles and opportunities post conference
- 1:30 NGOs identify points of consensus, summarize, map next steps
- 3:00 ADJOURN CONFERENCE

Post Conference, Tuesday, June 7, 3:30-4:30 PM

PREVIEW NEW REPORT

As interested, conference attendees are invited to preview a new national data and policy report from Healthy Schools Network and to consider co-release opportunities. The report's narrative discussion will incorporate selected recommendations from this conference.

"Towards Healthy Schools: Reducing Risks to Children" (tba), is the 4th edition of this national state by state report. The previous edition is Towards Healthy Schools 2015, the 3rd edition national report released in early 2013. See THS 2015 at: <http://www.healthyschools.org/HealthySchools2015.pdf>