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#ChildrenAtTheCenter: Protecting Our Children and their Future

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Our Mission:
To protect the developing child from environmental hazards and promote a healthy environment.

Our Work:
Promote preventive research
Educate and train into action
Promote child protective policies

Celebrating 28+ years!
Concerning Trends 1975-2011

Childhood Poverty

- 43% of children live in low income families
- 19% of children in the U.S. live in families that are considered officially poor.
- Child poverty rates are highest among black, Latino, and American Indian children.
- Across the states, official child poverty rates range from 11% in New Hampshire to 32% in Mississippi.
The number of uninsured children in America is on the rise. An estimated 3.9 million children were uninsured in 2017, according to new research from Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families, up from 3.6 million in 2016.
Blueprint for Protecting Children’s Environmental Health: An Urgent Call to Action

• Blueprint and vision used to assist in making the economic, public health, and policy case for children.
  • Social determinants of health
  • Justice and equity
Vision Statement

- The next generation must be better off than the last - it is our moral obligation to protect and nurture our children’s health
- Vision of a society that puts children at the center
- Crucial aspects include:
  - Mobilizing greater societal understanding of CEH, with a strong priority on children and families
  - Creating knowledge essential for action and using knowledge we have now
  - Marshaling the engine of the economy to achieve environments where children can thrive
  - Building the political will in our institutions for child centered policies
CEH Movement!
CEH Day 2019!
October 10th

- Over 35 National Partners
- Partner Videos
- DC Event Highlighting Youth Voices (live stream)
- Tracking Over 75 Activities for Children Across the Country
- Social Media Kit
Summary Points

- Room for Collective Improvement

- Effective Connections/Coordination
  - Identify key partners to leverage and learn from
  - Genuine community *partnership, listening, and engagement*

- Strong and Equitable Sharing of Resources
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