



# Eco-Healthy Child Care®

EHCC helps early childhood learning environments to be as healthy, safe and green as possible by reducing children's exposure to toxic chemicals.

## Eco-Healthy Child Care® (EHCC)

is a national program that partners with child care professionals to eliminate or reduce environmental health hazards found in child care facilities, thus improving the environmental health of children. EHCC supports child care providers as they make simple choices that benefit the health and well-being of all children in their care. The program offers training, technical assistance, resources, marketing and an endorsement. By reducing exposure to toxics, the program creates healthier environments in and around child care facilities, and in doing so, it creates healthier kids.

EHCC covers the following content areas:

- Pesticides and Pest Prevention
- Air Quality ♦ Household Chemicals
- Lead ♦ Mercury ♦ Radon ♦
- Art Supplies ♦ Furniture and Carpets
- Plastics and Plastic Toys
- Arsenic: Treated Wood and Water
- Recycling and Garbage Storage
- Education and Awareness

Specific objectives include:

- ♦ Educating child care professionals on how to provide environmentally healthy settings and services.
- ♦ Assisting facilities in making changes in practices and purchasing.
- ♦ Promoting endorsed facilities to parents via our Website, earned media and paid advertisements.

EHCC emphasizes low-to no-cost solutions to common environmental health hazards and empowers providers to maximize their children's potential. EHCC is made possible through generous support from funders including: the Cedar Tree Foundation, the Kresge Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, HUD, CDC and EPA.

EHCC's 30+ member National Advisory Committee (NAC) supports the development and growth of this program. The NAC includes representatives from Child Care Aware of America, the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Children's Health Protection, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Head Start Association (NHSA), and the National Association For Family Child Care (NAFCC), among others.

- ♦ More than 2,200 facilities, serving over 110,000 children within 48 states, 5 Canadian provinces, 5 Australian states and Puerto Rico have qualified as Eco-Healthy
- ♦ EHCC has trained over 2,200 child care providers, trainers, directors, administrators, child care consultants and child care licensing staff
- ♦ Every year, thousands of visitors come to our Website seeking information about Eco-Healthy Child Care®
- ♦ EHCC received the US Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 *Children's Environmental Health Excellence Award*
- ♦ EHCC received the 2010 *Childcare and School IPM Recognition Award* from the IPM Institute of North America, Inc.
- ♦ EHCC received the 2013 *Environmental Health Innovation Award* from the National Environmental Health Association

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Originally created by the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) in 2005, Eco-Healthy Child Care® is now managed by Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN).



## Children's Environmental Health Network

A national multi-disciplinary non-profit organization whose mission is to protect the developing child from environmental health hazards and promote a healthier environment.

### The Network focuses on policy, education and research. Our goals are to:

- Promote the development of a sound public health and child-focused national policy; with an emphasis on children most at risk;
- Elevate public awareness of environmental hazards to children;
- Educate health professionals, policy makers, and community members in preventive strategies; and
- Stimulate prevention-oriented research.

### Children are uniquely vulnerable to harmful chemicals

Children's developing systems, exposure patterns and behaviors put them at risk of harm from chemicals in their environments.

Thus, the Network has been working since 1992 to protect children from exposure to potentially harmful chemicals. We are proud to serve as the voice for children's environmental health in our nation's capital.

The Network's Board and committee members include internationally-recognized experts in children's environmental health science and policy who serve on key Federal advisory panels and scientific boards.

### Funders and Sponsors

The Network is a non-partisan, 501(c)(3) organization and receives funding from federal sources, private foundations, and individual contributions.

### Our projects include:

**Child Safe Policy:** The nation's principal law regulating most chemicals was drafted more than 30 years ago and does not adequately protect human health. CEHN educates policy makers and engages health care professionals to assure that children are protected under this law and others.

**Communicating Science:** CEHN's "Children's Environmental Health Article of the Month" brings emerging science to broader audiences and highlights the science that supports increased protection of children in policy and practice. CEHN supports the creation and submission of review articles for peer-reviewed journals on pediatric environmental health topics.

**Eco Healthy Child Care® (EHCC):** Many U.S. children spend 40 hours a week or more in a child care setting, yet child care providers and administrators are not routinely trained about the range of environmental hazards commonly found in child care facilities. EHCC's comprehensive program fills this critical need. (See reverse)

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You can also join the *CEHN Community List*, which provides discussion about general advocacy within the field of children's environmental health. Scientists and academicians are invited to join the *CEHN Science List*.

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