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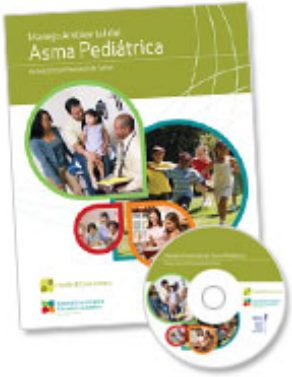
Greetings!

Health & Environment News is a quarterly update on our activities designed to advance environmental health knowledge among health professionals. Please read on for our latest program news.

Spanish Environmental Health Tools for Health Care Professionals



The National Environmental Education Foundation's (NEEF) pediatric environmental health tools are available in Spanish for health care professionals serving Hispanic communities.

The tools include "Environmental Management of Pediatric Asthma: Guidelines for Health Care Providers," designed to help pediatric primary care providers advise families about environmental interventions to help reduce or eliminate triggers for children with asthma. Pediatric Environmental History Forms are also available in Spanish. The set of forms consist of a screening form, a one-page questionnaire to capture most of the common

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The goal of the Health & Environment Program is to advance environmental knowledge among health professionals in order to improve public health. Through a variety of initiatives, we facilitate the integration of environmental health into health care provider education and practice, with a special emphasis on children and other populations disproportionately impacted by environmental disparities.

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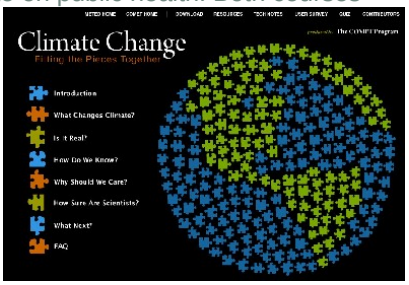
environmental exposures to children and a follow-up survey with in-depth questions that can be administered to collect more information on specific types of exposures.

Additional resources include Spanish-language online presentations and supplemental resources for clinicians on environmental history taking and controlling environmental triggers of asthma.

NEEF translated the materials in partnership with the National Hispanic Medical Association to ensure that the documents were adapted in a culturally appropriate manner. The project was funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York Community Trust.

Climate Change Resources for Health Professionals

NEEF has created a climate change webpage for health professionals that gives an overview of the potential health effects as well as a list of additional resources. Two new online courses developed by NEEF and the Cooperative Program on Operational Meteorology Education and Training are included among the resources. Climate Change: Fitting the Pieces Together provides a basic overview of climate change science and answers frequently asked questions. Weather and Health was created to help meteorologists, health care professionals and others broaden their understanding of the impacts of weather and climate on public health. Both courses are offered at no cost, and require free registration. If you are interested in partnering with a local meteorologist who covers health and environment stories in your area, contact Ann Posegate.



NEEF is a partner of EPA's Climate for Action campaign, a climate change and children's health education effort designed to encourage middle and high school students to take actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The campaign tools include a ready-to-use presentation and a sample proclamation that can be issued by community, school or organizational leaders. EPA also released Climate Change, Wildlife, and Wildlands Toolkit for Formal and Informal Educators to educate middle school students on climate change impacts on wildlife.

Climate Chaos: Your Health at Risk, a new book by Cindy Parker, MD, MPH and Steven Shapiro, PhD, explains how climate change and its many facets affect human health and how we can change our behavior to deter the risks.

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