

The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation

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New Asthma Guidelines Gain the Support of Medical and Nursing Organizations



NEETF released its *Environmental Management of Pediatric Asthma: Guidelines for Health Care Providers* in November 2005. The Guidelines were well-received by the health care provider community, and widely covered in the professional media.

Developed by the Pediatric Asthma Initiative's Steering Committee and peer-reviewed by experts, the Guidelines are designed to help pediatric primary care providers advise families about environmental interventions to reduce or eliminate triggers for children diagnosed with asthma, the nation's leading pediatric chronic illness. The document includes competencies, an environmental history form for the pediatric asthma patient, environmental intervention guidelines, and sample patient flyers. Additional resources for health care providers and patients are available online from the website below.

The *Environmental Management of Pediatric Asthma: Guidelines for Health Care Providers* has been endorsed by the Ambulatory Pediatric Association, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, and Association of Faculties of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners; and is supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics and National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.

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[Pediatric Asthma Initiative Website](#)

Children's Environmental Health Faculty Champions

NEETF will hold its first children's environmental health faculty champions train-the-trainer conference on July 14, 2006, to build a network of faculty champions in environmental health

The goal of NEETF's Health & Environment Program is to improve public health by advancing environmental health literacy among health care providers and the general public.

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The *Environmental Management of Pediatric Asthma: Guidelines for Health Care Providers* is available [online](#), in print, and on CD-ROM.

[Children's Environmental Health Faculty Champions Initiative Planning](#)

at medical and nursing schools. These faculty champions will take a leadership role in integrating children's environmental health into their academic institutions in a sustainable fashion, train their colleagues, teach courses, provide expertise and support in their institutions and surrounding communities, and serve as a model for how to integrate environmental health into health professional education. 20 medical and nursing faculty members will be invited from academic health centers across the country to participate in the conference.

The conference sessions will be led by medical and nursing experts in the field. The conference curriculum will include instruction on NEETF's health care provider materials and other environmental health resources. The curriculum will also be made publicly available online.

The long-term aim of this project is to institutionalize the teaching of environmental health and ensure future physicians and nurses are prepared to address environmental health issues in clinical practice. The project is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Children's Health Protection.

Upcoming Conferences and Events

March 29-April 2, 2006: National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners 27th Annual Conference on Pediatric Health Care in Washington, DC. NEETF's *Environmental Management of Pediatric Asthma: Guidelines for Health Care Providers* brochure will be distributed to all attendees.

April 3-9, 2006: American Public Health Association's National Public Health Week. NEETF is partnering with APHA to promote activities related to this year's theme: Designing Healthy Communities, Raising Healthy Kids.

April 29-May 2, 2006: Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. NEETF will participate as an exhibitor to display its pediatric environmental health resources.

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