



"Supporting health promoters to foster healthy people and communities."

Call for Applications: National Training Program in Children's Environmental Health

Application Deadline: March 30th 2012 - 5pm CST

Are you a Canadian researcher, community advocate or policy influencer invested in improving children's environmental health in urban settings?

Does your work include a focus on the wellbeing of lower-income or marginalized children and youth living in urban areas?

Are you interested in becoming part of a national network of knowledge leaders who support a greater focus on health equity in children's environmental health?

The Centre for Environmental Health Equity (CEHE), in collaboration with the Canadian Partnership for Children's Health and Environment (CPCHE) and the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), is calling for applications to our one-week national collaborative training program in children's environmental health.

Why a training program? While research and knowledge of children's environmental health in urban settings is growing, there is little examination of how problems become prioritized, what social and historical mechanisms have led to present-day health problems, and what strategies are best suited to resolve them.

Although disproportionate environmental health risks to socioeconomically marginalized children have been documented, very little research prioritizes health equity or has engaged community-driven, participatory approaches to gathering and analyzing information.

Low-income communities may bring attention to their environmental health concerns only to encounter institutional barriers to change. Similarly, academic and policy leaders interested in inter-sectoral collaboration to address children's environmental health inequities are confronted with institutional cultures that prevent meaningful opportunities to build relationships, exchange knowledge, and advocate for improved policies.

The goal of our national training program is to develop and nurture a deliberate Knowledge Mobilization Network that supports collaborative learning and relationship building among actors in research, policy and advocacy to address children's environmental inequity in urban settings.

Complete details including application instructions: www.cehe.ca/CEHEproject