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Policy-Making in Children's Health and the Environment

Children's Environmental Health Collaborative – New Brunswick

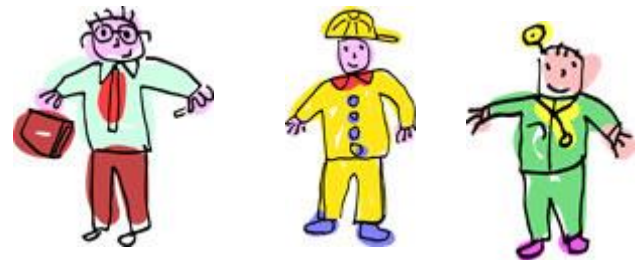


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Vulnerable Populations Office

Works within the federal government, with other levels of government and stakeholders to better understand and take action to reduce environmental health risks to vulnerable populations; including children.

- Purpose of the Office is to reduce environmental health risks to pregnant women, children and seniors.
- Currently considering approaches to other vulnerable groups who have unique sources of exposure such as Aboriginal peoples (with FNIHB), immigrants etc.
- Works with Health Canada's Regional Office (James Van Loon and Jacinthe David)



Policy cycle

Getting to the Policy Agenda

- *Values and cultural beliefs*
- *Emergence of problem or issue*
- *Knowledge and development of research*
- *Public Awareness*

Moving into Action

- *Political engagement*
- *Interest group activation*
- *Public Policy deliberation and adoption*
- *Regulation, experience and revision*



Values and cultural beliefs



by Ceppi and Corra



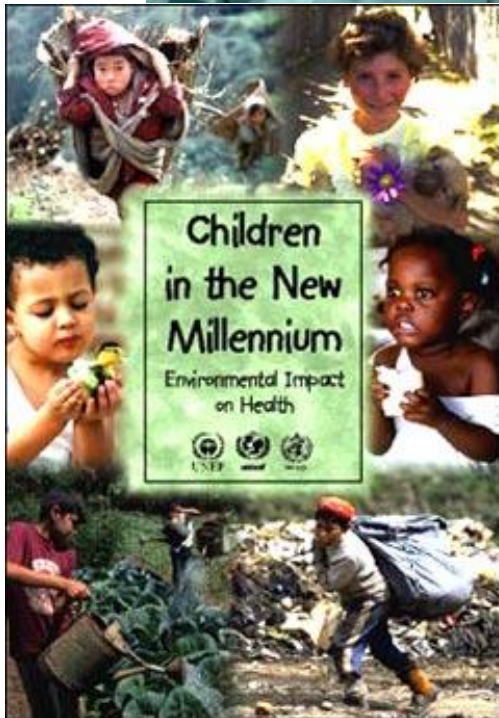
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Emergence of problem or issue

Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks (Clinton, 1997)



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For every child



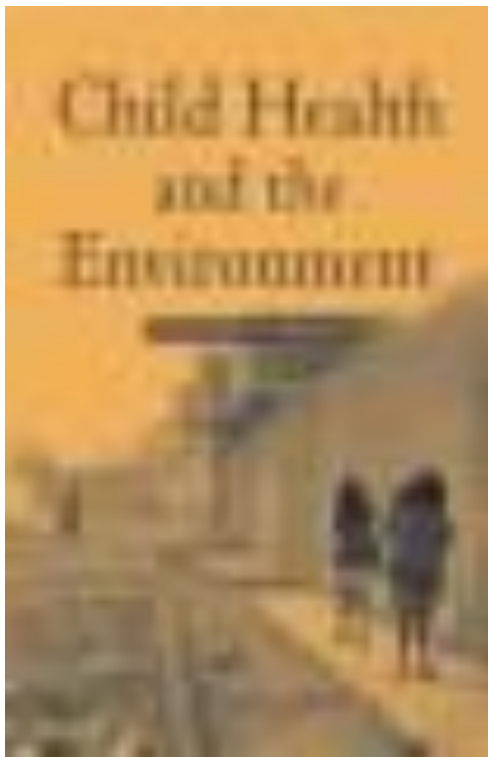
World Health
Organization

Knowledge and development of research

IMPROVING THE HEALTH
OF AMERICA'S CHILDREN



HEALTH GROWTH ENVIRONMENT



MIREC

Maternal-Infant Research
on Environmental Chemicals

Étude mère-enfant
sur les composés chimiques
de l'environnement

Funding agencies
Health Canada
Ontario Ministry of the Environment
Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Project initiated by Health Canada,
in collaboration with CHU Ste-Justine
Organismes subventionnaires
Santé Canada
Ministère de l'Environnement de l'Ontario
Institut de recherche en santé du Canada
Une initiative de Santé Canada,
en collaboration avec le CHU Ste-Justine



CHU Sainte-Justine
Mater and Child
University Research Center
For the care of children
Le centre hospitalier
universitaire mère-enfant
Pour le soin des enfants



Public awareness

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Political engagement



**Kellie Leitch
Reaching for the
Top:
A Report by the
Advisor
On Healthy
Children and
Youth**

Interest group activation



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New Brunswick Environmental Network



Welcome !

Children's Environmental Health

Public policy deliberation and adoption

- ***2007 Speech from the Throne***

Improving the Environment and Health of Canadians:

“ Our Government believes that action is needed now to ensure our quality of life, particularly for those most vulnerable to health threats from the environment—our **children and seniors.**”

Regulation, experience and revision

- ***Chemicals Management Plan***

“Considering the way in which children are exposed when evaluating chemical substances.”

“The Government of Canada will conduct research and monitoring to better understand how pregnant mothers and their unborn children are exposed to contaminants.”

- ***Parliamentary Review of Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999***

–Recommendations from the Parliamentary Committee to incorporate consideration of pregnant women and children’s vulnerabilities in the *Act*. Consideration of this idea is included in Government Response to the Committee’s₁₁ recommendations

What's next?



Questions?

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