

Children's Environmental Health Symposium

February 17, 2026

Free Educational Opportunity

Children's Health Specialty Center
Independence Conference Room, 1st Floor
2350 N Stemmons Fwy
Dallas, TX 75207



The Southwest Center for Pediatric Environmental Health (SWCPEH), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) Department of Emergency Medicine and Children's HealthSM are proud to sponsor a Children's Environmental Health Symposium in Dallas, Texas.

The Children's Environmental Health Symposium will provide important information about environmental impacts on children's health. Programming will cover topics such as children's increased risk for environmental hazardous exposures, understanding lead, keeping your family protected from pesticides, childhood cancer as it relates to our environment, and more.

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This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*

Registration Information Space is limited. No-cost registration is now open:

https://elpasottuhsc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1FGIkfiXU2oVrls

For questions or concerns, please send an email to SWCPEH@ttuhsc.edu



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Conference Overview & Target Audience

The Children's Environmental Health Symposium will provide important information about environmental impacts on children's health. Physicians, advanced practice providers, registered nurses, social workers, public health practitioners, community health workers, policy makers, academics, teachers, school nurses, counselors and others in the community will be informed about the critical links between the environment and health, an important step towards improving health outcomes.

Objectives

Following the conference, the participant will be able to:

- Prevent children's environmental exposures at home and at school.
- Recognize the continuing threat of lead poisoning to children.
- Identify and prevent emerging environmental threats to children's health.
- Minimize triggers to environmental illnesses, such as asthma, through preventive methods.

| February 17 | TOPIC | CE |
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| 8:30am-8:50am | Registration & Breakfast | - |
| 8:50am -9:00 am | Welcome to Children's Environmental Health Symposium Virginia Vietti, Children's Environmental Health Coordinator, & Scott Mason IV, Regional Administrator, US EPA Region 6 | - |
| 9:00am-9:30am | Introduction to Children's Environmental Health and the Southwest Center for Pediatric Environmental Health Stormy Monks, Ph.D., MPH | .50 |
| 9:30am-10:00am | Child and Adolescent Poisoning Emilio Saenz, B.S. & Vannia Atao, MPH, CHW | .50 |
| 10:00am-10:15am | Break | - |
| 10:15am-11:15am | Lead and Heavy Metals: Threats to Children's Environmental Health James Dahze Cao, MD | 1.0 |
| 11:15am-11:45am | Environmental Exposures and Childhood Cancer Erica Guerrero, M.S., MPAS, PA-C | .50 |
| 11:45am-12:00pm | Grab Lunch & Break | - |
| 12:00pm-12:45pm | The Impact of Extreme Weather Events on Children Scott Crawford, MD, FACEP | .75 |
| 12:45pm-1:15pm | Assessing Public Health in Communities: The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) Norka Paden, PhD | .50 |
| 1:15pm-2:15pm | Drugs of Abuse and Their Impact on Children's Health Andrea Nillas, MD | 1.0 |
| 2:15pm-2:30pm | Break | - |
| 2:30pm-3:30pm | Chemical and Biological Terrorism and its Impact on Children Sing-Yi Feng, MD | 1.0 |
| 3:30pm-4:15pm | Indoor Air Pollution: Risks to Children's Health Kapil Sharma, MD | .75 |
| 4:15pm-5:00pm | Asthma Care and Social Determinants of Health Folashade Afolabi, MD | .75 |

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

There is no fee for this conference. If you have any questions regarding this conference, you can email SWCPEH@ttuhsc.edu. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso reserves the right to cancel this conference or make speaker substitutions in the event of unforeseen or extenuating circumstances.

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