

We are officially less than one month away from Children's Environmental Health Day 2024!

As of today, we're honored to celebrate with nearly 170 CEH Day Partners- the biggest and most diverse array of child health champion organizations, businesses, agencies, and offices ever! See who's already on the list, or sign up to confirm your 2024 Partnership [on the CEH Day website](#).

We look forward to commemorating the ninth annual Children's Environmental Health Day with you on October 10!



This month, we're shining the spotlight on a new Children's Environmental Health Day partner: the [Western States Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit](#) (WSPEHSU), which is leading the charge in addressing the environmental risk factors tied to childhood cancer. Their [Childhood Cancer & the Environment Program](#) initially grew out of POCES, the Pediatric Oncology Clinician Education Supplement, a collaborative education and training project between the PEHSU Network, led by the WSPEHSU, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Since its inception, the Childhood Cancer & the Environment Program and POCES Champions have worked tirelessly to educate and engage healthcare professionals, communities, and families about the preventable environmental exposures that contribute to childhood cancer.



Community Health Workers/Promotoras training held by representatives of the Childhood Cancer & the Environment Program at WSPEHSU.

The Childhood Cancer & the Environment Program uses innovative programs and tools to make the science of environmental health accessible. Their suite of resources, including [detailed science videos](#), [short animated films](#), [graphic novels](#), [training materials for Community Health Workers/ Promotoras](#), and an environmental health intake form (under development), strengthens a national movement to reduce cancer risks for children. They've even developed a continuing education course on childhood cancer, the [Story of Health eBook- Stephen's Story](#), which explores environmental risk factors through the personal story of a young leukemia patient. This content is not only deeply informative but also designed for wide audiences, with many materials available in both English and Spanish.

The program also provides training on childhood cancer and environmental risk factors to pediatric oncologists, nurse practitioners, and other health professionals, including a recent training at Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital (BCM/TCH). Now they are working with BCM/TCH to create a unique pediatric environmental health consulting team within the institution's pediatric oncology program to address families' questions and concerns about environmental exposures.

As a science translation leader, WSPEHSU's work highlights the critical need for collaboration across sectors to protect children's health. Their mission aligns perfectly with the goals of CEH Day, leveraging the power of partnerships to create a stronger, more unified movement focused on children's environmental health. WSPEHSU's advice to new CEH Day Partners, or those considering joining as a partner is simple but powerful: **"Do it! Join your people."**

Looking ahead, WSPEHSU plans to share its ongoing work during CEH Day 2024 through social media, joining [the annual #CEHchat](#), and distributing CEH Day-themed edition of [the quarterly Childhood Cancer & the Environment newsletter](#). Their dedication to improving the

environments in which children live, play, and learn is an inspiration to all of us in the fight against childhood cancer. For more information, please visit the [WSPEHSU website](#) and [Childhood Cancer & the Environment webpages](#).