

**IMPROVING CHILDREN'S HEALTH
THROUGH FEDERAL COLLABORATION
WEBINAR SERIES**

Children Grow Best in Healthy Environments

Join us on Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM MST

This session will present an overview of

- children's special vulnerabilities to environmental exposures;
- prenatal and developmental windows of susceptibility;
- common children's environmental hazards such as air quality, asthma triggers, lead, asbestos and pesticide exposure;
- and, resources to help you protect children from these exposures.

After registering you will receive a confirmation e-mail with instructions for joining the Webinar.

Agenda:

2:00 PM to 2:10 PM – Welcome and Introductions

Alicia Aalto, Children's Environmental Health Coordinator, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

Cherri Pruitt, Maternal and Child Health Regional Consultant, US Health Resources and Services Administration, Region VIII

2:10 PM to 2:40 PM – Children's special vulnerabilities to environmental exposures including prenatal and developmental windows of susceptibility

Kristen Keteles, Ph.D., Toxicologist, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

2:40 PM to 3:10 PM – Common children's environmental hazards and what you can do to protect children from these exposures

Alicia Aalto, Children's Environmental Health Coordinator, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

3:10 PM to 3:30 PM – Events/Initiatives/Updates/Opportunities for Collaboration

Facilitator: Cherri Pruitt, Maternal and Child Health Regional Consultant, US Health Resources and Services Administration, Region VIII

Speakers Bios:

Alicia Aalto is the Children's Environmental Health Coordinator for the US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8. She assists Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies, to develop capacity in children's environmental health protection. She also works with health professionals, care givers, community health workers, educators, parents and the general public to identify, prevent, and reduce environmental health threats to children where they live, learn and play. Alicia is an Environmental Engineer and has worked at EPA for over 31 years in various programs including NEPA, Construction Grants, Drinking Water, Wastewater, and Air.

Dr. Kristen Keteles is a toxicologist in the Pollution Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxics Program at EPA Region 8 Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance. Dr. Keteles' research and expertise entails the investigation of biological (including early life stage) and environmental factors that influence the availability of contaminants, as well as the occurrence and effects from endocrine disrupting chemicals. She has a Ph.D. in biology from Louisiana State University in Biology with an emphasis in environmental toxicology.

Cherri Pruitt is the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Consultant for Region VIII. Prior to coming to HRSA, Cherri was a Policy Analyst with the Colorado State Primary Care Association supporting Colorado's federally qualified health centers. Cherri also spent over 20 years working directly with families and patients in a variety of settings, including a federally qualified health center, a county-wide mental health facility, a Title X funded women's health center, and in various hospitals as a certified childbirth educator.

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