Pollution Prevention Through Child Care Provider Engagement

Clean and Healthy New York (CHNY) advances broad policy and market changes to promote safer chemicals, a sustainable economy, and a healthier world. CHNY represents, connects and taps into the power of otherwise isolated constituencies, such as scientists, nurses, lawyers, organized labor, health-affected people, teachers and businesses.

Project Description:
CHNY partnered with Child Care Council (CCC) and Family Enrichment Network (FEN) to educate child care providers in the Southern Tier of New York State in concrete pollution prevention strategies. In collaboration with the Children’s Environmental Health Network (CEHN), CHNY and CCC adapted CEHN’s award-winning Eco-Healthy Child Care (EHCC) curriculum to include information about New York State regulations and infused a focus on persistent toxic chemicals. This adapted EHCC curriculum was utilized to train providers in the tri-county area. The goals of the program were to build a broad network of child care providers in New York State who engage in pollution prevention through toxics reduction efforts to create safer child care environments; and to integrate EHCC curriculum into the Child Care Resource and Referral training menu so that EHCC education in the state continues after project completion.

Project Highlights:
- An EHCC train-the-trainer course was provided to five (5) FEN professional trainers.
- Four (4) EHCC trainings were conducted, reaching 75 child care providers. Each provider received a training packet that included a training manual, 12 fact sheets, presentation slides, pre- and post-survey, and CD with project information.
- CHNY will continue to provide support and outreach education to providers as interested.

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