

Learning Laboratory Session Description

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)
72nd Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition

Children's Environmental Health

Monday, June 23

1:00 – 1:50pm

Update and Feedback Session: Children's Environmental Health Program for Health Professionals and Educators

Charles J. Lichon, RS, MPH, CP-FS, Director, Midland County Health Dept., MI

At last year's conference, attendees learned of this Children's EH Program and the creation of PowerPoint presentations that would be made available to health professionals and educators for use. At this session, attendees will view clips of some of the PowerPoint presentations, which will be posted on NEHA's Web site, *neha.org*. A discussion will ensue to get attendee feedback concerning the content, additional educational needs, and potential usage.

2:00 – 2:50pm

Home Visits Aren't Just for Nurses: A Sanitarian's Guide to Successful Environmental Health Education

Judy Olsen, EH Specialist I, Tacoma Pierce County Health Dept., WA

Learn how to use home visits as an effective tool for environmental health education and risk reduction. In this tabletop exercise, attendees will be taken through a visual home visit walk-through, perform an assessment, and break into groups to discuss their findings. Attendees will also have the opportunity to play with some tools used in home visits, such as hygrometers, moisture meters, and other basic air measurement equipment.

Food Safety and Protection

Monday, June 23

1:00 – 2:50pm

Pooches, Patios, Politics, and Public Health: A Tabletop Exercise Dealing with Dogs in Outdoor Dining Areas

Bob Custard, REHS, EH Manager, Alexandria Health Dept., VA

Learn from one health department's first-hand experience through several group exercises that will put attendees in the situation and make them work through how they would respond. Attendees will learn from each other and the session instructor, and they will walk away with the model developed by the health department to address this issue.

General Environmental Health

Monday, June 23

1:00 – 1:50pm

Stories from the Field: Providing Services in a Down Economy

Stephen R. Tackitt, RS, MPH, DAAS, Health Officer, Barry-Eaton District Health Dept., MI

In this down economy are service demands putting pressure on your ability to deliver? Change your glasses and see opportunities to improve and expand services by attending this session.

1:00 – 2:50pm

Small Wares: How to Tell a Memorable Story

Steven J. Lipton, MEd, LEHP, CP-FS, President, Biotest Services Inc., IL

The ability to tell a good story is a powerful compliance tool in a regulator's toolkit. In this hand-on session, attendees will learn the seven core components of a good story. Attendees will then apply these principles through telling stories in one-on-one and group settings.

2:00 – 5:00pm

Exhibitor Education Forum (EEF)

Please see the conference addendum for a list of participants.

The Exhibitor Education Forum is new in 2008, and is the opportunity for you to LEARN from exhibitors. Exhibitors will educate you on how they can be your partners in environmental health. The format is a roundtable discussion.

3:00 – 3:50pm

Don't Ever Do This!—Session #1

They say we learn from our mistakes...why not learn from the mistakes of your colleagues from across the country. For this session, the attendee becomes the expert and presenter. Attendees are encouraged to share stories of their unsuccessful moments for the benefit of the others in attendance. Learn what hasn't worked, avoid the same pitfalls, and possibly come up with solutions that could work.

3:00 – 4:50pm

Inspector Idol

From Atlanta to Zanesville, Chicago to LA—health inspectors are in the news! Inspector Idol is a fun, interactive session that will teach you how to deal with reporters and the ever-growing media spotlight on health inspections. Participants will face an on-camera interview where they'll be evaluated by a panel of experts. All attendees will receive information and tools (like a custom-produced DVD) to assist them in knowing what reporters are looking for, what's the best way to answer questions about inspection results, and what's the *wrong* way to deal with reporters.

4:00 – 4:50pm

Pecha Kucha: A Different Presentation Format – Experiment #1

Please see the conference addendum for a list of this session's presentations and speakers.

Who says there's only one way to give a PowerPoint presentation? The Japanese have proved this wrong through the creation of a new presentation format called Pecha Kucha (which means "chatter" in Japanese). This 20-slides-with-just-20-seconds-per slide format delivers content in a quick and succinct way, and only last six minutes and 40 seconds! You don't want to miss this format debut and see if the presenters can keep up. After the presentations, attendees will then have the opportunity to sit down with presenters to ask questions and get more in-depth information.

Hazardous Materials and Toxic Substances

Monday, June 23

2:00 – 2:50pm

Stories from the Field: What Never to do with a Mercury Spill and What We Did When "Never" Happened at a Local Restaurant

Gene Smith, RS, Public Health Sanitarian I, Columbus Public Health, OH

Come hear how Columbus Public Health handled the discovery of mercury in a toilet at a local restaurant. From mishandling of the toxic substance to worker and patron exposure, attendees will be captivated by the story of the challenges and successes this local health department in Ohio experienced.

Institutions and Schools Environmental Health

Monday, June 23

3:00 – 4:50pm

Don't Have Your School be in the Headlines: Work as a Team and Help Prevent Foodborne Outbreaks Using the *Food-Safe Schools Action Guide*

Solange Morrisette, General Manager, Pawtucket, Newport & Jamestown School Lunch Programs, RI

Elizabeth Bugden, MS, Food Safety Trainer, Paster Training, Inc., NH

Vanessa De Arman, Food Safety Project Specialist, NEHA, CO

Collaborate with other environmental health, food safety, and school health and nutrition professionals by working together to respond to a mock school foodborne illness outbreak and other activities using the *Food-Safe Schools Action Guide* toolkit. USDA, Food and Nutrition Service in collaboration with CDC and other partners of the National Coalition for Food-Safe Schools, developed this science-based toolkit that contains tools and resources to help schools identify strengths and weaknesses in their food safety programs.