



THE MID –ATLANTIC CENTER FOR CHILDREN’S HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT
A Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PESHU), Region III
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The Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health & the Environment (MACCHE) is pleased to announce that it has received the 2006 Children's Environmental Health Recognition Award from the US Environmental Protection Agency, for excellence in educational activities in issues involving children's environmental health. MACCHE was given the award in recognition of its success in reaching out to healthcare providers in Region III and for innovation in health risk communication for parents and the community. The award is one of 30 given out nationwide this year. It is a reflection of MACCHE's dedication and ongoing commitment to protecting children from environmental health risks.

(MACCHE) is one of 10 Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU) in the United States. The Center has a mission to create awareness and educate health care providers and the general public on environmental issues that affect children in EPA Region 3 (Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia). MACCHE is a joint effort of the George Washington University (GWU) and the Children's National Medical Center (CNMC), and is based within the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health of the GWU School of Public Health and Health Services. MACCHE is funded by the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC) through a cooperative agreement with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The MACCHE provides 4 major services: (1) health education on pediatric environmental health; (2) electronic and telephone consultations to health professionals and the public; (3) in person clinical consultations at Children's National Medical Center (CNMC); and (4) access to a library of educational materials on children's environmental health. The MACCHE develops training materials and disseminates authoritative information on children's health and the environment to health practitioners, professionals and other concerned individuals.

The staff of MACCHE consists of the 3 co-directors: Tee L. Guidotti, MD, MPH, an occupational medicine physician with expertise in pulmonology, and Jerome A. Paulson, MD and Benjamin A. Gitterman, MD both of whom are pediatricians. Aurora Amoah, MPH is the project coordinator.



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