

ECHO Symposium: Translating Science to Action

Plastics, Air Quality, and Child Health

2026

Wednesday, May 6
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET
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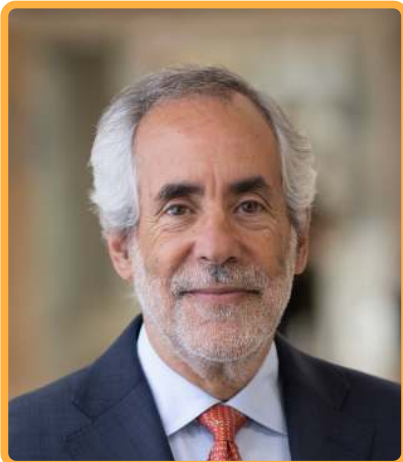
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Opening Keynote



Nsedu Witherspoon, MPH
Executive Director
*Children's Environmental
Health Network*

Closing Keynote



Andrew Racine, MD, PhD,
FAAP
President
American Academy of Pediatrics

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Children are exposed daily to a wide range of chemicals through the food they eat, the products they use, and the air they breathe. Understanding how these exposures affect child health and development—and translating that science into meaningful action—is essential to enhancing the health of children for generations to come.

The 2026 ECHO Translating Science to Action Symposium will explore the impact of chemical exposures on child health, with a focus on plastics and plasticizers as well as air quality.

This hybrid event brings together researchers, policymakers, health professionals, advocates, and community partners to connect cutting-edge science with real-world solutions.

Featuring three can't miss sessions:

Plastics

Air Quality

Crosscutting panel

highlighting how to move science into action for children's health and

In-person networking sessions to engage with organizations translating evidence into impact!

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Join us in person at the NIH Main Campus,
Porter Building #35
Bethesda, MD 20892
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Meeting Agenda

TIME (ET)	SESSION DETAILS
8:00 AM-8:30 AM	NETWORKING COFFEE In-person attendees: Visit interactive information stations hosted by researchers, advocates, professional organizations, and community partners.
8:30 AM-9:35 AM	WELCOME & OPENING KEYNOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew Gillman, MD, SM, <i>NIH Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Program</i> Nsedu Witherspoon, MPH, <i>Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN)</i>
9:35 AM-11:00 AM	SESSION 1: PLASTICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philip Landrigan, Md, MSc, FAAP, <i>Boston College</i> Sheela Sathyanarayana, MD, MPH, <i>University of Washington; ECHO Cohort Consortium</i> Veena Singla, PhD, <i>University of California San Francisco</i>
11:00 AM-11:30 AM	Fireside Chat: Microplastics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily Hilz, PhD, <i>The University of Texas at Austin</i> Leonardo Trasande, MD, MPP, <i>NYU Langone; ECHO Cohort Consortium</i>
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	LUNCH & NETWORKING In-person attendees: Visit interactive information stations hosted by researchers, advocates, professional organizations, and community partners.
12:30 PM-2:10 PM	SESSION 2: AIR QUALITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Kate Bender, <i>American Lung Association</i> Catherine Karr, MD, PhD, <i>University of Washington; ECHO Cohort Consortium</i> Erin Semmens, PhD, MPH, <i>University of Montana; ECHO IDeA States Pediatric Clinical Trials Network</i>
2:10 PM-2:20 PM	BREAK
2:20 PM-3:55 PM	CROSSCUTTING PANEL: TRANSLATING SCIENCE TO ACTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kimberly Gray, PhD, <i>National Institute of Environmental Health Science</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mindy Bierwag, <i>Community Medical Center</i> Jennifer Cama, <i>Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)</i> Emily Oster, PhD, <i>Brown University; ParentData</i> Sindhu Srinivas, MD, MSCE, <i>Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine</i> Shirlee Tan, PhD, <i>Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee</i>
3:55 PM-4:00 PM	BREAK
4:00 PM-5:00 PM	CLOSING KEYNOTE Andrew Racine, MD, PhD, FAAP, <i>American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)</i>