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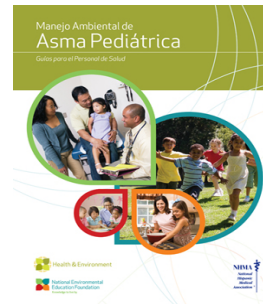
## Our Program

The goal of the Health & Environment Program is to advance environmental knowledge among health professionals in order to improve public health. Through a variety of initiatives, we facilitate the integration of environmental health into healthcare provider education and practice, with a special emphasis on children and other populations disproportionately impacted by environmental pollutants.

## Environmental Health Tools Now Available in Spanish User-friendly tools help clinicians and parents keep kids healthy

NEEF's pediatric environmental health tools are now available in Spanish for health care professionals serving the Hispanic community.

Children are highly susceptible to environmental pollutants. Furthermore, minorities and low income families are disproportionately exposed to a variety of environmental hazards, leading to higher rates of adverse health outcomes. Hispanic children are almost twice as likely to be hospitalized for asthma as white children, and those under six are nearly three times as likely to have elevated blood lead levels.



The tools include "[Environmental Management of Pediatric Asthma: Guidelines for Health Care Providers](#)," designed to help pediatric primary care providers advise families about environmental interventions to help reduce or eliminate triggers for children diagnosed with asthma, the nation's leading pediatric chronic illness. Also available in Spanish are the [Pediatric Environmental History Forms](#). This includes the screening form, a five-minute, one-page questionnaire administered by primary health care providers to capture most of the common environmental exposures to children and a follow-up survey, with more in-depth questions, that can be administered to collect more information on specific types of exposures.

NEEF translated the materials in partnership with the [National Hispanic Medical Association](#) to ensure that the documents were adapted in a culturally appropriate manner.

Additional resources include Spanish-language online presentations and [supplemental resources](#) for clinicians on environmental history taking and controlling environmental triggers of asthma. The project was funded in part by the New York Community Trust and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



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