



Title: Children's Environmental Health Partnership

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Organization: North Carolina A&T, Extension/EPA, EPA Region 4

State: GA **Region:** Southern

Year of Funding: 2000

Theme: Drinking Water and Human Health

Situation: This program promotes Children's Environmental Health at the state level through a partnership between USDA - Cooperative, State Research, Education and Extension Service, through the Land Grant Universities in EPA Region 4 and EPA Region 4.

Objectives: Promote Children's Environmental Health at the state level. Establish a State Contact in each state to promote State CEH activities between EPA Region IV and state agencies. Develop State specific Environmental Health Resource List. Develop a State specific project. Organize an EPA Region IV State CEH Working Group. Prepare a final report that outlines state specific activities. Annual Regional EPA/State Partnership Meeting.

Methods: EPA Region 4 established an Interagency Agreement with the CSREES through the Regional Liaison, Lisa McKinley. The IAG is managed by the Extension Service at Georgia, which subcontracts with the other 7 states. Lisa serves as a Co-PI with Wayne Garfinkel, EPA. All eight states provide materials to every county in Region 4, 203 counties and the Cherokee Reservation held local events.

Partnerships: EPA Region 4 established an IAG with CSREES to enhance outreach capacity in its 8 states and increase awareness of concerns associated with drinking water and environmental health hazards faced by children.

Research: Each state program builds on traditional Land Grant Research as well as EPA Research Programs and several states are partnering with their Schools of Pharmacy. Another unique partnership is that each state has an opportunity to interact with the EPA - Pediatric Environmental Specialty Unit (PESHU) at Emory University. The PESHU consists of a network of pediatricians with expertise in all areas associated with environmental medicine.

Resources: Funds are leveraged from a variety of program areas varying from state to states.

Results: Statewide efforts that provide support to every county in Region 4, 203 counties and the Cherokee Indian Reservation held local events.



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