

Mission Statement

MACCHE strives to improve the recognition, evaluation, and management of environmental health problems among the children living in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region 3, which includes: Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Contact MAACHE if your child or pediatric patients are experiencing problems with:

- Indoor air pollution – mold, formaldehyde-laden building materials, asbestos, sick building issues, and asthma triggers.
- Outdoor air pollution – asthma triggers and pollutants including: air borne toxins, chemical waste, exhaust and fumes, carbon monoxide
 - Water pollution – toxic bacteria, lead
 - Agriculture and lawn pollutants – fertilizers, pesticides
 - Work related exposure (for employed teens) – solvents, chemicals, sick building issues
 - Other toxic exposures – mercury, lead, arsenic, solvents, hazardous waste



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Contact Us

Toll Free at **1-866-MACCHE1 (622-2431)**
or **202-471-4829**. Also visit
www.ChildrensNational.org/MACCHE

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The Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment (MACCHE) is one of ten Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSUs) in the US. MACCHE serves Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

MACCHE pediatricians have extensive expertise in children's environmental health issues. Working with a toxicologist, an occupational and environmental medicine physician, and a health education specialist, MACCHE addresses the environmental health needs of children who are uniquely vulnerable to environmental pollutants. Children on whom the MACCHE program professionals consult have symptoms or chronic, undiagnosed illnesses that may result from exposure to molds, pollutants, or various toxic substances. In some cases, many children from the same area present with similar symptoms that may be related to large-scale environmental hazards.

The MACCHE is a joint effort of the Child Health Advocacy Institute at Children's National Medical Center and the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health of The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services.

Resources

The MACCHE serves as a resource to health care providers, parents, and the public on children's environmental health issues. The MACCHE provides:

- Telephone consultations for parents, health professionals, school personnel and others. Call toll free 1-866-622-2431 or 202-471-4829.
- Clinical consultations and evaluation of children with health problems that may be related to their environment
- Referrals to occupational and environmental medicine physicians for parents
- Education and outreach through speaking engagements at hospital grand rounds, conferences, schools, professional and community meetings

