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Title:

Engaging Health Care Professionals: Working with Nurses

Description: This Partnerships for Environmental Public Health webinar will focus on Engaging Health Care Professionals. The webinar will feature **Jeanne B. Hewitt**, faculty in the School of Public Health and the College of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and **Mark Catlin**, Industrial Hygienist and National Coordinator with the SEIU Education and Support Fund's Hazardous Waste Worker Training Program. Their presentation titles and abstracts are presented below.

'Engaged Learning' of Environmental Public Health in Nursing Education and Practice, Jeanne B. Hewitt: The COEC at UW-Milwaukee uses both formal and informal (continuing) education to help practicing nurses and undergraduate nursing students gain knowledge about environmental health and skills to apply that knowledge in nursing practice. Active learning activities include a graduate level assignment that uses national data on human exposures (lead, mercury, cotinine, bisphenol A) and an undergraduate course that uses a chapter on the principles of environmental health, as well as a field trip that emphasizes the natural and built environments. This field trip gives students the opportunity to demonstrate the application of many of these principles. We use the same types of engaged learning to provide continuing education. Our example is the game, 'Environmental Jeopardy,' which we created for public health nurses' continuing education, but which is now being field tested in undergraduate courses.

Partnering with Nurses in Promoting Environmental Public Health: A Union-based Approach, Mark Catlin: Nursing professionals are trusted sources of information by their patients and the public. Given that nurses often do not receive sufficient training on environmental health topics in nursing school, they need additional training and sources of credible information about environment public health issues. For several years, the SEIU Education and Support Fund has been providing such training and sources of information through its involvement in the NIEHS Partnerships for Environmental Public Health (PEPH) program's Worker Education Training Program (WETP). The SEIU Education and Support Fund provides customized workshops for nurses, trainer classes to improve adult education skills and access to credible information sources on environmental health topics including hazardous materials, bioterrorism and infectious diseases. This presentation will report on examples of this work – bioterrorism training in Nevada, hazardous materials training in New York State and H1N1 trainer classes in California and Pennsylvania. Evaluations and impacts of this work will be provided. On-going challenges that have been identified, such as finding the time and assessing information sources, will be discussed. Finally, recommendations for expanding this existing work and areas for new work will be made.

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