



## Children's Environmental Protection Alliance Community Forum

Protecting Schoolchildren from Environmental and Chemical Hazards  
June 11, 2011, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Semmes Branch of the Mobile Public Library Meeting Room

The public and those interested in child health and safety are encouraged to attend, including: child-care providers, child-recreation leaders, disaster-relief volunteer coordinators, educators, healthcare providers, school officials, lawmakers and community and government decision-makers. Admission is free.

### Speakers

**Claire Barnett** will speak about the ABC's of environmental problems in schools ("Asthma, Bugs, and Chemicals") and highlight the simple prevention steps that schools can take to reduce risks and reduce costs. Ms. Barnett is founder and Exec.Dir. of Healthy Schools Network, Inc, Coordinator of Coalition for Healthier Schools, and in partnership with the EPA, coordinates National Healthy Schools Day annually. Claire Barnett, whose younger son was pesticide-injured at school while she served on a New York State Governor's commission, has a BA from Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA and a MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY.

**Dr. Anne Turner-Henson** will give a presentation on the impact on child-health from exposure to poor environmental conditions and hazardous chemicals and address need for prevention in K-12 schools, Head Start programs, preschools, and for protection of special needs children. Dr. Turner-Henson is a Professor at the University of Alabama School Of Nursing, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). She holds joint adjunct faculty appointments in the UAB Schools of Medicine (General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine) and Public Health (Maternal Child Health Division) and is a member of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee.

**Nancy Swan**, founder and host of Children's EPA Community Forums, will tell about her chemical exposure and injury while teaching school and the difficulties faced by parents of children injured by environmental and chemical substances. Since 2009, Mrs. Swan initiated the signing of three consecutive Alabama National Healthy Schools Day Proclamations, including two from then Governor Bob Riley and one from Governor Robert Bentley. Mrs Swan has also secured NHSD proclamations from Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour and Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam.

Preregistration is not necessary, but encouraged. Attendees may email questions and concerns in advance. Please email Nancy Swan at [cepaorg@gmail.com](mailto:cepaorg@gmail.com).