



ECO-HEALTHY CHILD CARE®

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Eco-Healthy Child Care® (EHCC) is an award winning and science-based program of the Children's Environmental Health Network. It is the only national environmental health endorsement program for early care and education providers. EHCC partners with child care professionals to reduce environmental hazards such as pesticides, lead and unsafe plastics found in and around child care facilities.

42% OF U.S. CHILDREN SPEND 35 HRS+ A WEEK IN CHILD CARE

Thus, creating environmentally healthy early learning environments is key to protecting the well-being of our nation's children. Science links chemicals found in child care settings to allergies, asthma, developmental disabilities and cancer. Children are at risk because their bodies are still developing and because of increased exposures due to certain behaviors.

EHCC offers a 2-year endorsement to child care facilities (both center and family child care) that qualify as "Eco-Healthy" by complying with 24 of 30 simple, free or low-cost environmental health best practices.

MORE THAN 2,700 FACILITIES SERVING OVER 70,000 CHILDREN HAVE QUALIFIED AS ECO-HEALTHY.

DRIVING THE MARKET FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY HEALTHY CHILD CARE SETTINGS

Our website features a [map](#) of Eco-Healthy endorsed facilities. These programs are leading the industry, and going above and beyond required child care standards and regulations to protect the health of the children within their care. [Search](#) for an endorsed child care program near you!

BENEFITS OF BEING ECO-HEALTHY ENDORSED

- Access **Free** Fact Sheets and FAQs covering 16+ environmental health topics.
- Participate in an EHCC Site Assessment.
- Be highlighted in EHCC's provider Spotlight Series--featuring providers that have shown an exemplary commitment to protecting the well-being of the children within their care.

EHCC's 30+ member National Advisory Committee supports the development and growth of this program, and includes representatives from Child Care Aware of America, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and the National Head Start Association.