

Tell about your work on climate change and children's health

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The [President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children](#) is seeking stories on policy actions and programs to protect children from the effects of climate change. The project is being called the policy roundup. NIEHS co-chairs the task force's Subcommittee on Climate Change, along with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.

"We know that children are among the most vulnerable to climate change's health effects, due to their developing bodies, dependence on others, and unique exposure scenarios," said NIEHS program analyst Kimberly Thigpen Tart, J.D., who serves as co-chair of the subcommittee. "The goal of the policy roundup is to highlight effective ways people are taking action to protect children's health."

The task force is gathering examples of policy actions and programs at the federal, state, local, and tribal levels, aimed at protecting children's health against the impacts of climate change. Any member of the public is welcome to submit a story, many of which will be highlighted on the task force website and at a special event during Children's Health Month in October. The stories will also be disseminated to raise awareness, share what is working, and encourage others to adopt similar policies.

Stories should describe the policy action, who initiated it and why, the goal, any evaluation metrics, the initiator's website address, and any other information that would be helpful to the community. The length should not exceed 500 words.

Submissions may be made online at [Climate Change and Children's Health Policy Roundup](#) and may include up to three photos, videos, or related materials, such as handouts, training tools, or apps. The deadline for submission is July 10.



The NIEHS [policy roundup Web page](#) provides examples of policy actions to help protect children's health from climate change effects.

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