

2020 Children's Healthy Learning Environments Grant

Two grantees were awarded a total of \$290,000 through the agency's FY 2020 Children's Healthy Learning Environments Grant Initiative. These EPA grants support capacity-building to address children's environmental health in school and childcare settings.

Learn more about the awardees:

The **New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH)** will work to expand and implement statewide the Clean, Green, and Healthy Schools Program. This multi-disciplinary program provides resources to school employees, students, and parents best practices to increase knowledge and empower school occupants to improve their school's environmental health. The program is designed to help school employees, volunteers, students, parents, and guardians contribute to improving their school's environmental health and gain the opportunity and knowledge to improve environmental health in schools. Adoption of this school environmental health program will improve environmental conditions in school buildings across New York and support improved health, attendance, and academic performance for approximately 3.2 million school aged children.

The **Community Development Institute (CDI)**, a non-profit organization based in Colorado, will collaborate with childcare administrators to improve policies and practices in early childhood settings. CDI will provide trainings, facility assessment tools and information to reduce environmental hazards to over 200 Head Start/Early Head Start centers across 22 states, as well as least 20 Tribal childcare centers/family childcare homes in California.