

WHO WE ARE

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to protect pregnant women and children from chemicals and pollutants that harm brain development and to eliminate disproportionate exposures to children of color and low-income children. We do this by joining scientific evidence with advocacy to inform and empower change makers to create policies ensuring no child is exposed to chemicals contributing to neurodevelopmental disorders.

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TENDR Scientists

Leading experts from diverse disciplines—including epidemiologists, toxicologists, and exposure scientists—who study the effects of toxic chemicals on children’s brain development. They direct research teams at major universities, publish studies in top peer-reviewed journals, and serve on national and international expert panels.



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- American Nurses Association
- American Public Health Association
- Child Neurology Society
- Developmental Neurotoxicology Society
- Endocrine Society
- International Neurotoxicology Association
- International Society for Children's Health and the Environment
- International Society for Environmental Epidemiology
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
- National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians
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- Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation
- Physicians for Social Responsibility

