

# Environmental Health & the CHAP Program

Environmental health (EH) is connected to all aspects of the natural and built environments that affect human health.

Some health issues your patients experience may be caused or worsened by EH conditions at home and in the community. Education and good EH practices can reduce and prevent disease, injury and disability.



## EH concerns at home

- Home sanitation
- Indoor air quality
- Hygienic practices
- Water use, reuse and availability
- Sewage and solid waste disposal
- Food safety and security
- Injury prevention
- Hazard awareness and safety



## EH concerns in the community

- Solid waste and sewage disposal
- Water availability
- Community sanitation
- Utility infrastructure
- Animal control
- Weather and climate events and emergencies



## What can you do?

- Educate patients about EH concerns in their homes and communities
- Report concerns or illness trends to your regional EH office
- Reach out to your regional EH office to help educate your community
- Educate yourself - review CHAM Sections about EH

## Regional Environmental Health Contacts

There are EH offices at your Tribal Health Organization that can provide assistance and education to help prevent environmental health-related illness.

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