

# THE COLLABORATIVE FOR WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IRVING MEDICAL CENTER



Throughout their lives, women's health is impacted by exposure to environmental contaminants and increasingly to the effects of climate change. Addressing environmental contributions to disease and health disparities is critically important to achieve optimal health for our patients, their families and their communities.

## We'll get there with:



### EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION

- Provide consultation to patients and providers about specific environmental exposures or concerns
- Increase environmental health literacy among women's health providers
- Translate women's environmental health science into relevant information for providers and the public



### ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT

- Partner with community-based organizations to advocate for cleaner and more just environments
- Engage and advise governmental leaders about environmental policies impacting women's health locally, regionally, globally
- Connect local environmental justice organizations with global women's initiatives



### RESEARCH

- Understand how environmental exposures and climate change impact women's and reproductive health
- Driven by community priorities, identify solutions and policies to reduce harmful exposures
- Train the next generation of women's environmental health scientists



### PROMOTING CLIMATE RESILIENCE

- Increase recognition of the significant impact of climate change on women's and reproductive health
- Lead regional preparations for climate emergencies such as extreme heat or floods
- Assist hospital-wide initiatives to reduce and eliminate carbon emissions

Creating a healthier, sustainable and more equitable environment for women and their families around the globe

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