



The Fisk University Community Environmental Toxics Awareness and Sustainability Program is funded by the the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) through the Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training.



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## Main Program Details

The Fisk Environmental Toxics Awareness & Sustainability Program is an interactive community program designed to spread awareness about environmental and climate justice, environmental health, sustainability, and worker safety. It administers emergency preparedness training to various communities and age groups within the Middle Tennessee area. We offer a variety of worker awareness and safety training courses to the community. The focus of the program is on environmental hazards specific to the area such as flooding, thunderstorms, and tornadoes. We teach individuals how to prepare their families and communities for these emergencies.

## Community Program Topics

- **Family and Community Preparedness-** provides an overview of the hazards that can impact the local community, and steps that individuals and families can take to become more prepared to deal with them. This includes guidance on how to develop a disaster plan, build a disaster supply kit, and organize with your neighbors to become better prepared.
- **Toxic Use Reduction-** This workshop is for residents and community groups who want to reduce their exposure to toxic substances within their homes, at work, or in the community. The overall objective is to identify opportunities for toxic use reduction.
- **Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxics (PBTs)-** PBT pollutants pose risks because they are toxic even in small quantities, persist over time, accumulate in the food chain, and can travel great distances. The workshop covers sources of exposure in your community and ways to reduce exposures in your home/ workplace and those of neighbors and coworkers
- **Green Resources-** Protect yourself, your family, your pets, and our local watersheds from harmful chemicals. This workshop teaches participants how to replace toxic cleaning and landscaping products with safe green products or products they can make from everyday household ingredients.
- **Pandemic Preparedness-** This workshop focuses on emerging public health issues that have a large impact and are global in nature. This includes COVID-19 awareness training which covers disparities in health outcomes, mental health, vaccination development, building resiliency, hierarchy of controls to reduce transmission, and epidemiological data.

## Community Program

We extend this program and its services to community groups and welcome all invitations! We aim to provide outreach and education to eliminate individual risk, maintain safety and protect the environment of the communities/ neighborhoods within the greater Nashville area.

Our mission is to reduce exposure to environmental toxics in order to achieve success in building healthy and sustainable communities. Our purpose is to increase the awareness and knowledge of citizens regarding environmental toxics and hazards in their surroundings and to help them achieve and maintain environmentally healthy, sustainable, and resilient communities. The desired outcome is that communities will be more empowered to effectively protect their health and their environment.



*The time to prepare is now!*