



Collaborations for Safer Materials: Health Care Sector

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Why Environmental Stewardship in Health Care?

It's about health.



Collaborations for Safer Materials

- BizNGO Working Group – multi-sector
- Health Care Without Harm – vision, public policy
- Practice Greenhealth – implementation
- Healthier Hospitals Initiative – hospital systems and NGOs
- Center for Environmental Health – multi-sector
- Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families – public policy

How Priorities are Set Collaboratively

Safe Chemicals



Climate/Energy



Waste Reduction



Water



Sustainable Food



Safer Chemicals Collaborations – BizNGO Working Group

KP's Guideline:

We aim to advance an economy where the production and use of chemicals are not harmful for humans as well as for our global environment.



Safer Chemicals Collaborations – Practice Greenhealth

Sustainability Scorecard

- Supplier disclosure required
- 10 questions specific to chemicals in each product
- \$10 billion impact (and growing)



Safer Chemicals Collaborations – HCWH, Safer Chemicals/Healthy Families

Public policy

- Toxic Substances Control Act reform (Federal)



Forms of Collaboration

- Board membership
- Funding
- Hosting events
- Cosponsoring activities
- References
- Endorsements

Lessons Learned

- Must be something in it for everyone
 - What do you want to get?
 - What can you give?
- Accelerate/improve what parties could do on their own
- Build and sustain trust
- Reputation management

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