Collaborations for Safer Materials: Health Care Sector

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Why Environmental Stewardship in Health Care?

It’s about health.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MAKE HEALTHY PEOPLE.
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
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