

# **Nsedu Obot Witherspoon, MPH**

Interim Executive Director

Nsedu Obot Witherspoon currently serves as the Interim Executive Director for the Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN), a national organization devoted to protecting children from environmental health hazards through education, policy, and research initiatives.

Overseeing the Network's entire education and awareness campaigns, Nsedu works to educate leaders and residents within various communities on the Network's mission while leading outreach efforts to organizations interested in networking opportunities. The Network realizes and acknowledges the reality of health disparities, so Nsedu is also specifically focused on outreach to disempowered populations and those entities serving underrepresented communities.

She represents the Network on various coalition efforts as well as at national health conferences and forums. When called upon, Nsedu leads many oral presentations around children's environmental health on both a national and local level. Nsedu loves children and stands completely behind the mission she promotes. She has become a new mom herself, enjoying every new experience her toddler son brings into her life.

Nsedu holds degrees from Siena College in Biological Sciences, and the George Washington University where she obtained her Masters of Public Health (MPH) in Maternal and Child Health (MCH). She has served on the leadership for the Environmental Section of the American Public Health Association since 2000, and currently is the 2003-2005 Chair for the Section. Nsedu is a member of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) Environmental Health Project Advisory Committee. She is the Co-Chair of the Environment Committee for the Asthma Collaborative of the DC Department of Health, and she serves as the Chair of the Environmental Committee for the DC Asthma Coalition. Nsedu sits on the Multicultural Alumni Board of Siena College and the Alumni Board of the George Washington University School of Public Health. Her professional affiliations include the American Public Health Association, The National Association of Health Service Executives, and the National Black Environmental Justice Network.