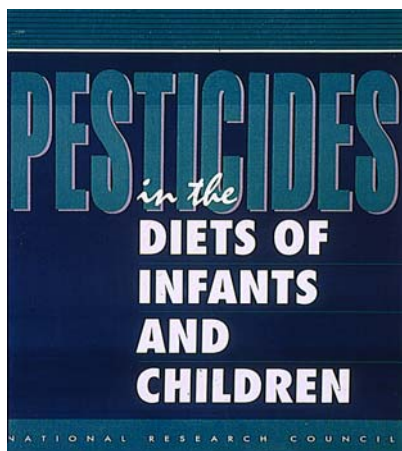


NIEHS and Children's Environmental Health

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The Beginning of the Modern Era in CEH Research - June 1993



- *Children are not little adults*
- *Proportionately greater exposures*
- *Unique windows of vulnerability*
- *Early origins of adult disease*



Consequences of the NAS Report

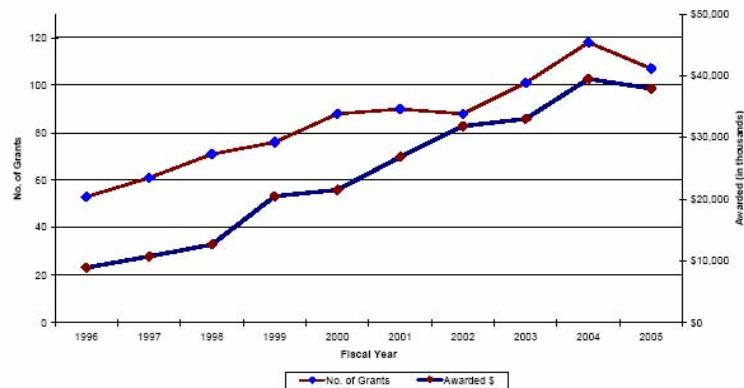
Passage of the Food Quality Protection Act – 1996 (by unanimous vote of both houses of Congress)

- Creation of EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection
- Presidential Executive Order on Children's Environmental Health and Safety
- National network of CEH research centers
- Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units
- The National Children's Study



Ten Year History of Funding of Children's Environmental Health Grants

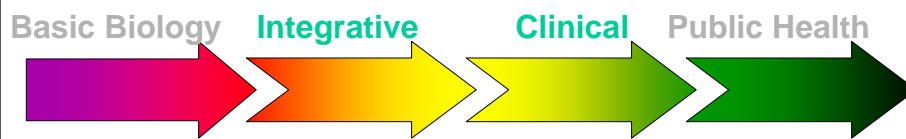
Child Health



CEH Centers in the USA



Scientific Challenges and Opportunities



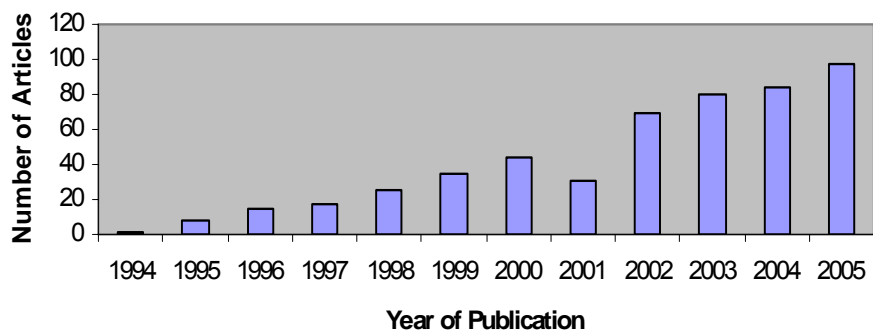
Complex Diseases of Childhood and Beyond

- Asthma
- Autism, ADHD and other neurobehavioral disorders
- Childhood cancers
- Testicular cancer
- Certain birth defects –e.g., hypospadias

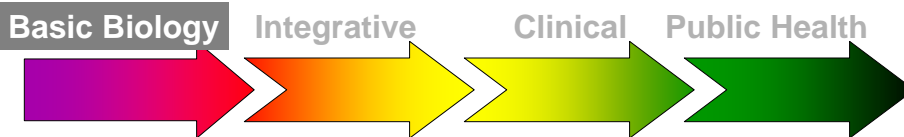
- Early origins of neurodegenerative diseases – dementia and PD



Children's Environmental Health Reports, *EHP* – 1994-2005



Scientific Accomplishments OPs & Neurobehavioral Disorders



- OP insecticides and brain development
- PON studies



Scientific Accomplishments

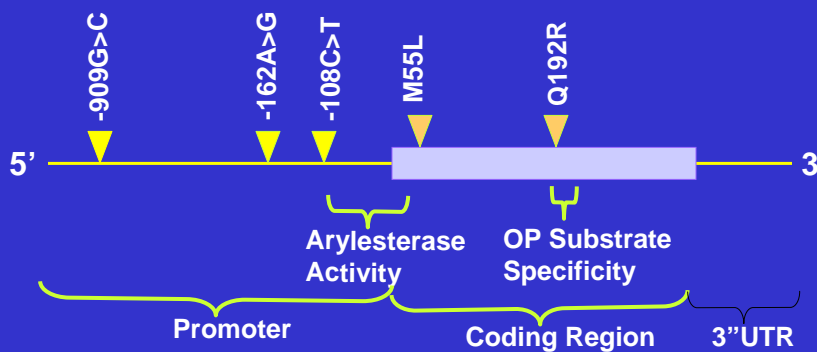
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PON1 POLYMORPHISMS



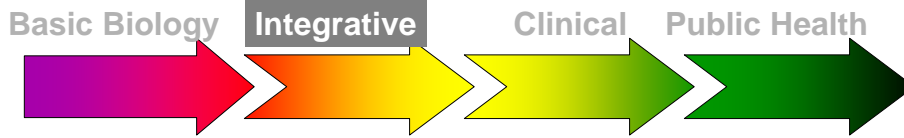
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Chen et al., *EHP* 2003



Scientific Accomplishments

OPs & Neurobehavioral Disorders



- New exposure assessment strategies
- New Biomarkers
- New diagnostic tests



Scientific Accomplishments

Ops & Neurobehavioral Disorders-Integrative



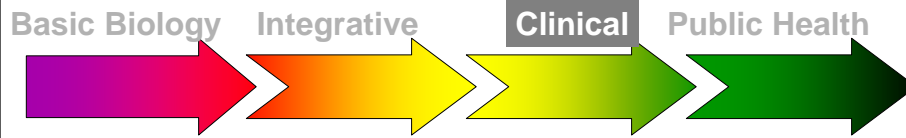
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Examples: Dialkyl phosphates in urine; chlorpyrifos in blood; malathion dialkyl phosphate in urine.



Scientific Accomplishments

Ops & Neurobehavioral Disorders



- Prenatal OP exposure and neonatal milestone delays
- Prenatal OP exposures and cognitive deficits
- Prenatal OP exposure, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Pervasive Developmental Delay (PDD)



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Scientific Accomplishments

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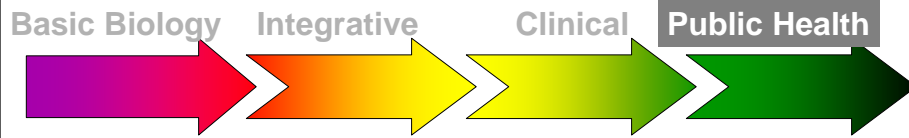
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NEURODEVELOPMENT & OP EXPOSURE

	Brazelton	Bayley MDI	Bayley PDI	CBCL
Berkeley	↑ Reflexes DE, DM > older	↓ 24 m	=	↑ PDD = ATT = ADHD 24 m
Mount Sinai	↑ Reflexes DE > older	↓ 24 m	=	↘
Columbia	↘	↓ 36 m (NS 24m)	↓ 36 m (NS 24 m)	↑ PDD ↑ ATT ↑ ADHD 36 m

Scientific Accomplishments

OPs & Neurobehavioral Disorders



- Ban on residential uses of CP and DZ
- Community intervention for IPM



Scientific Accomplishments

OPs & Neurobehavioral Disorders-Public Health

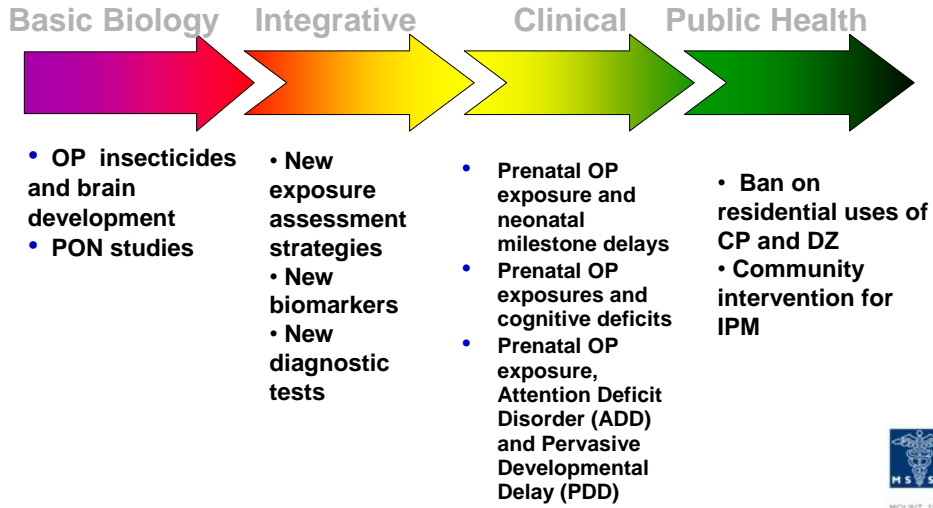


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Scientific Accomplishments - OPs & Neurobehavioral Disorders



Neurobehavioral Disorders Future Challenges

THE LANCET

Grandjean et al. *Lancet* 2006.
Developmental Toxicity of Industrial Chemicals – A Silent Pandemic



- 80,000 + industrial chemicals
- Developmental toxicology data available on only 200
- Human NDT data available for fewer than 10
- Almost no information available on toxicity of mixtures
- Urgent need for new strategies at every level of the 4-fold Schwartz paradigm
- New series in *Lancet*



Goals of this Workshop

To assist NIEHS to develop new strategies for maximizing the effectiveness of research in CEH – specifically, how to:

- Best advance etiologic research on the contribution of the environment to disease and dysfunction in children
- Best develop exposure and effects monitoring, epidemiology, clinical medicine and multidisciplinary studies
- Best develop novel strategies for intervention and prevention
- Best translate research findings to clinical and public health practice

These goals will be accomplished by considering 4 cases and deriving lessons from each.

