

Choose Safe Places

For Early Care and Education

A NH APPLETREE Program



What is Choose Safe Places?

Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education is a program focused on promoting practices and policies to protect children from harmful chemicals where they spend time learning and growing.

Why is it important?

The program works to protect children from naturally occurring contaminants like arsenic, uranium and radon, as well as manufactured contaminants such as lead, pesticides and other chemicals that can be found in air, water, soil and dust.

How can we work together?

Our goal is to help professionals, families and communities in early care and education, childcare licensing, community planning, public health and environmental protection work together to create safe practices to make sure children are learning and growing in the safest places possible. We will:



Listen to your concerns about environmental exposures.



Provide training on safe practices to avoid chemical hazards.



Support environmental testing and treatment for contaminants.

We welcome your feedback!

If you are interested in providing feedback, or participating on our advisory team, call or email: Laurie Rardin, Environmental Health Coordinator, NH Department of Health and Human Services at 603-271-0357 or laurie.r.rardin@dhhs.nh.gov.

Learn more:

Visit the [Choose Safe Places website](#) and the [Children's Environmental Health Network website](#).

About us:

The NH Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the NH Department of Environmental Services, is implementing the APPLETREE Program with funding from the Centers for Disease Control. The APPLETREE Program is the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Partnership to Promote Local Efforts to Reduce Environmental Exposures.

