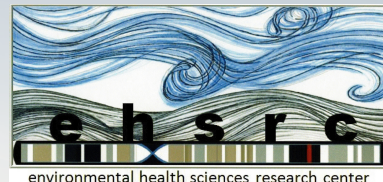


# Environmental Health Sciences Research Center

## Community Engagement Core

For over 25 years, the Environmental Health Sciences Research Center (EHSRC) at the University of Iowa has advanced and translated research to address environmental health problems.



The Community Engagement Core (CEC) promotes environmental health in rural Midwestern communities by delivering science and technology-based information related to issues identified by our communities and stakeholders.



### ***What can the EHSRC do for your community?***

- Facilitate a needs assessment or listening session in your community
- Conduct a literature search of peer reviewed science
- Connect you with scientific experts who specialize in your area of interest
- Facilitate workshops and trainings for a variety of community groups (students, farmers, legislators, general community)
- Connect you with others in the region who share your concerns

In 2015, the CEC conducted a needs assessment about environmental exposures in Iowa. Rural residents identified the following areas of concern:

- water quality
- concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs)
- land use
- food safety
- indoor radon
- toxic metals
- healthy homes



## ***Spotlight: Science Café***

Science Cafés are events that bring people together in a casual setting to discuss scientific topics and issues. These gatherings began as a grassroots movement to engage scientists with local communities, and now take place all over the world.

The U.I. program focuses on rural citizens and highlights current research results that are relevant to the community. Events have been held in Mt. Vernon, Lisbon, Ottumwa, Fairfield, and Iowa City. Speakers have been from several departments and cover topics such as cancer surveillance, respiratory risks in the environment, plastics and obesity, recycling, CAFOs, and climate change.

## ***Connect with us!***

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