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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to protect infants and children from chemicals and pollutants that harm brain development and to eliminate disproportionate exposures to children of color and low-income children. We do this by joining scientific evidence with advocacy to inform and empower change makers to create policies ensuring no child is exposed to chemicals contributing to neurodevelopmental disorders.



TENDR Scientists

Leading experts from diverse disciplines—including epidemiologists, toxicologists, and exposure scientists—who study the effects of toxic chemicals on children’s brain development. They direct research teams at major universities, publish studies in top peer-reviewed journals, and serve on national and international expert panels.



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