This Toolkit includes:

- Outreach tips for recruiting participants
- Instructions for hosting and guiding a community conversation
- A brief background paper on the issue of public health and chemical exposures
- A discussion guide to prompt conversations, and
- Instructions and materials for providing the National Conversation team a summary of the conversation’s major outcomes

Who should host a community conversation?

Community leaders, health department officials, business leaders, members of faith-based groups, neighborhood associations, and anyone else with an interest in environmental or public health issues can use the toolkit to host a community conversation.

You do not need to be an expert. The National Conversation team wants input from anyone with a personal and/or professional interest in environmental or public health issues.

How will the community conversations be used?

Summarized community conversation results will appear on a public Web site and a report. The summaries will contribute to the overall National Conversation process.

Thank you for your interest in holding a community conversation! We value your contribution to this project and look forward to hearing your ideas. If you have questions about this toolkit, please email nationalconversation@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

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