

New York State Children's Environmental Health Centers

Progress Report: 2017-2021



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Healthy environments

determine the overall health, growth and development of children.

Children are more vulnerable than adults to environmental hazards.

They are rapidly growing, are more heavily exposed to toxic substances in proportion to their body weight, and have more years of life ahead of them in which to suffer effects from early exposure.

Low-income communities and communities of color are disproportionately burdened by environmental exposures.

The New York State Children's Environmental Health Centers (NYSCHECK) prevents, diagnoses, and treats environmental health conditions during pregnancy and throughout infancy, childhood and adolescence. Key services include:

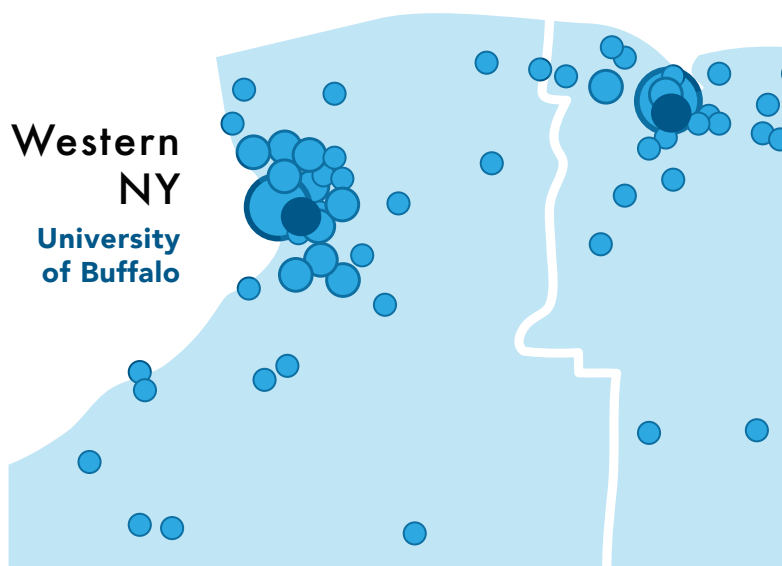
Environmental exposure screening during well-child visits

Referrals to needed environmental interventions and resources

Clinical consultations with families and their pediatric health care professionals

Capacity-building through partnerships with social service agencies, health care professionals and community networks

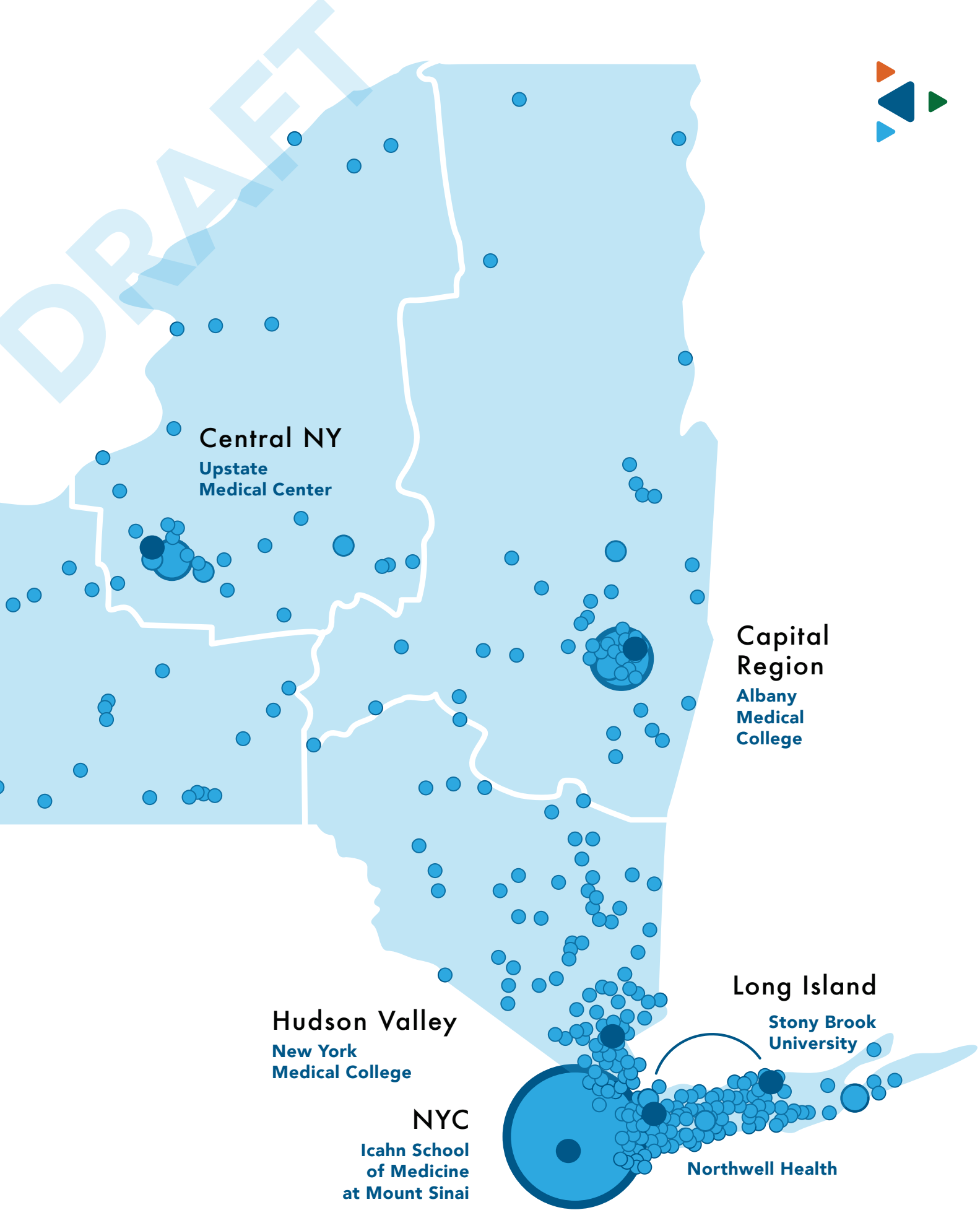
Finger Lakes
University of Rochester



NYSCHECK.org geographic reach (November 2017-October 2021)
60,913 website views across the state

- = NYSCHECK Regional Center
- = geographic site of viewer

The 7 NYSCHECK Centers in Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, Westchester, New York City and Long Island truly function as a Network, working closely together to meet the environmental health (EH) needs of families and communities across the state.



115,047

Families Served

Through clinical services and educational outreach

25,380

Health Workers Educated

Educating Healthcare Professionals in Children's Environmental Health

1,138

Future Leaders Trained

Training the Next Generation of Leaders (Health Professions, College and High School)

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New York State Counties Served



Wow!

Responding to Families' Healthy Homes Needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic, families spent more time at home, increasing the potential for exposure to mold, pests, pesticides, lead and other environmental hazards. To address these concerns, our 7 NYSCHECK partner centers in Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, Albany, Hudson Valley, NYC and Long Island are screening families for healthy homes concerns and linking families to prevention services in a variety of clinical settings including General Pediatrics, School Based Health, Pediatric Pulmonology, and Pediatric Allergy & Immunology. Healthy Homes kits have been distributed which include supplemental food packages, green cleaning supplies, and Prescriptions for Prevention on safe and effective cleaning for COVID-19. We have also fielded a number of consultations for early learning centers and schools on effective ways to promote indoor air quality during the pandemic.

Rapid Response

to complex environmental health problems impacting NYS Families

NYSCHECK uses its expertise in risk assessment and communication to respond to complex environmental problems and find evidence-based solutions to prevent further exposures. Since 2017 when current funding began, NYSCHECK has served over 115,000 families and reached over 60,000 more through our website, and created vital resources to identify and prevent environmental disease in children.



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Keeping Your Family Healthy

During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- [COVID-19 Main Hub](#)
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Charlie, age 5