

Toxics in our community

There is an increase in the number of babies being born in Aruba with weak lungs, birth defects, and the cases of children with ADHD and autism is on the rise among other very visible health problems. Ask any elementary school teacher about their work with these children who run wild disrupting class every day.

We have been blaming poor diets and lack of discipline for far too long. All these problems are not isolated cases when put into perspective. The question is where do all these health problems come from? We, as a community, are made to believe that as parents we are irresponsible or carry the genetic defect. A study in California showed that children born from women one quarter mile away from an industrial plant that releases toxic chemicals into the environment are at an increased risk of birth defects, brain damage and cancer. Who is affected? Our heavy industry is located in the center of a low income colored community. An extreme example in comparison is "Louisiana's Cancer Ally" in the USA, where in a corridor stretching for 85 miles between New Orleans and Baton Rouge tens of thousands of largely low income and African American origin live among the nation's largest chemical plants. Residents of these communities suffer from high rates of cancer and their children suffer from birth defects and neurological damage due to high rates of exposure to dangerous chemicals.

Another source of intoxication is tap water. The water that comes out of the desalination plant is one of the purest in the world and has a refreshing taste. That is not the problem. Independent studies have shown that the plumbing through which the water reaches most of the houses on the island is made of copper tubing soldered with lead. With every glass of water we are drinking more than our fair share of copper and lead. Copper chelates zinc from our body, which is an important mineral that feeds the hypothalamus, and lead is indicated in birth defects and learning disabilities.

There are more villains, not a long time ago dementia, which is an old age degenerative disease and Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease were linked to high accumulation of aluminum in the brain. It is also the case in children with ADD-ADHD and autism. We accumulate aluminum in our body by cooking our foods in aluminum pots and pans, by consuming American cheese, by drinking stomach acid reducing liquids, by using deodorants and certain topical creams, and we help the voyage to the brain by using commercial fluoride toothpaste. Fluorine is an industrial waste product. Just read the labels.

Mercury, the second most toxic metal known to man, is still being used to fill out cavities. Mixed with tin and silver, we are told, makes it safe. Who in their right mind will admit that they have placed poison in your body? When the fillings break down and are absorbed into our bodies is when the health problems start. The entire body is under siege, with the onset of bipolar depression to epilepsy to lupus in children.

What to do? This year, Earth Day's theme is "Protect Our Children, Protect Our Future", and we are only protecting our children if we know what to protect them against.

Get informed! Ask questions and question everything. And remember whatever you can not identify might kill you or worse, harm your kids.

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Material y chimico toxico den nos comunidad

Un cantidad creciente di mucha ta nace na Aruba cu pulmon debil, defecto di nacimiento y e casonan di mucha cu ADHD y autismo ta aumentando entre otro problema di salud visibel. Puntra cualkier maestro di skol tocante nan trabao cu e muchanan aki cu ta dificil pa domina den klas tur dia.

Nos a culpa nos mes pa mucho tempo di tin un dieta malo of falta di disciplina. Y tur e problemanan aki no ta casonan isola si poni den un perspectiva. E pregunta ta, for di unda tur e problema di salud aki a sali? Nos, como comunidad, ta ser haci di pensa cu como mayor nos ta irresponsabel of kizas ta portador di un defecto congenital.

Un estudio na California a demonstra cu mucha cu ta nace for di hende muher cu ta biba 400 meter for di un planta industrial cu ta emiti substancia toxico den e medio ambiente ta core un riesgo mas halto di defecto di nacimiento, daño cerebral y cancer.

Kende ta ser afecta? Nos industria pisa na Aruba ta situa den mei mei di un comunidad di hende color scur cu entrada averahe abao. Un caso analogo extremo ta "Cancer Ally" na Louisiana, Merca, na unda den un corridor di 85 miya entre New Orleans y Baton Rouge decenas di miles di persona di entrada abao y predominantemente Afro-Americano ta biba mei mei di e plantanan chimico mas grandi di e pais. Residentenan di e comunidannan aki ta sufri di un incidencia halto di cancer y nan yiunan ta sufri di defecto di nacimiento y daño neurologico debi na exposicion na chimico peligroso.

Otro fuente di toxico ta nos awa. E awa cu ta sali for di e planta di desalinacion ta un di e mas puro na mundo y ta refrescante. Esey no ta e problema. Estudianan independiente a demonstra cu e instalacion di tuberia cu ta yega na mayoria di e casnan na Aruba ta traha cu tubo di coper gesolder cu chumbo. Cu cada glas no filtra di awa cu nos bebe nos ta haña mas cu e dosis necesario of tolera pa nos curpa di coper y chumbo. Coper ta causa nos curpa excreta zinc, cual ultimo mineral ta hopi importante pa e glandula hipotalamo y chumbo a ser demonstra di ta causa defecto di nacimiento y deficiencia den e capacidad pa siña y desaroyo mental di mucha.

Tin hopi mas malhechor toxico, no mucho tempo atras dementia, un malesa degenerativo di edad, malesa di Alzheimer's y Parkinson tur a ser relaciona cu acumulacion halto di aluminio den e cerebro. Esaki tambe ta frecuentemente e caso den mucha cu ADD-ADHD y autismo. Nos ta acumula aluminio den nos curpa dor di cushina den weya y panchi di aluminio, dor di consumo di keshi mericano, dor di bebe cierto medicamento liquido cu ta reduci acidez estomacal, dor di usa desodorante y cierto crema di aplicacion externo, y nos ta yuda e aluminio yega e cerebro dor di usa pasta di diente comercial cu fluorida.

E elemento fluor ta un producto di desperdicio industrial. Lesa bon e etiquetenan. Mercurio, e di dos metal mas toxico conoci pa ser humano, ainda ta ser usa den yenamento di cavidad di diente.

Mescla cu tin y plata, nos ta ser asegura cu e amalgama no ta peligroso. Kende den su mente sano lo admiti cu e a pone veneno den bo curpa? Ta ora e amalgama cuminsa gasta y ta ser absorba dor di nos curpa ta ora e problemanan di salud ta cuminsa.

Henter e curpa ta bin bao atake, cu posibel desaroyo di entre depresion bipolar, epilepsia te cu lupus den mucha.

Kico di haci? E aña aki e tema di Dia di Tera ta "Proteha Nos Mucha, Proteha Nos Futuro", y nos por proteha nos yiunan solamente si nos sa ta kico nos tin cu proteha nan contra.

Busca informacion! Haci pregunta y cuestiona tur cos. Y corda loke bo no por identifica por matabo, of peor, haci daño na bo yiunan.

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