Resources from Patty Born Selly's webinar Creating your Earth-friendly Early Childhood Program:

### Consumers/environmental health:

#### **EcoWatch**

Our goal is to empower readers to make informed, environmentally-conscious decisions that support a sustainable future for everyone. Through trustworthy environmental news, solution-based guides, and responsible product reviews, we want to help both the newly-concerned citizen and the veteran environmental activist be part of the solution every single day. Our hope is that we can help everyone become engaged, adopt sustainable practices, and support environmental policies.

https://www.ecowatch.com/want-to-buy-non-toxic-products-look-for-one-of-these-five-labels-188 2196304.html

# Global climate change and environmental health:

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

197 countries worldwide are members of the "convention"-they have agreed to policies and practices to collectively reduce the impact of climate change worldwide. They hold one another accountable and set and maintain environmental and climate treaties and agreements. https://unfccc.int/

## **United States Environmental Protection Agency:**

The EPA provides definitions and examples of sustainability and lots of resources for educators. The also publish a report, America's Children and the Environment (<a href="www.epa.gov/americaschildrenenvironment">www.epa.gov/americaschildrenenvironment</a>) that provides lots of information on children's environmental health.

## **Environmental Justice Resources:**

**Learning for Justice** offers resources for educators who are interested in learning more about environmental justice and equity, specifically as they relate to early care and education. They provide historical information as well as lesson plans and activities, many of which can be adapted for early learners.

www.learningforjustice.org

### **Nature Play:**

**Natural Start**, a division of the North American Association of Environmental Education (<a href="www.naaee.org">www.naaee.org</a>) offers an abundance of resources, webinars, and support systems for early childhood educators interested in connecting young children with nature. They recently published a Professional Practices Guidebook which is filled with safety tips, clothing suggestions, planning recommendations and other resources.

(https://naturalstart.org/nature-based-preschool-professional-practice-guidebook)

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