



# Statement

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## **AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL APPLAUDS THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY PROGRESS**

ARLINGTON, VA (September 29, 2005) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) congratulates the National Children's Study (NCS) for identifying its six initial Vanguard Centers and first Coordinating Center, crucial milestones toward achieving Study implementation.

ACC supports the NCS, a long-term, comprehensive study designed to protect children's health. As authorized by the Children's Health Act of 2000, ACC believes that the National Children's Study will create better data for better decisions. ACC believes that a strong scientific foundation for setting children's health priorities helps to ensure that resources are focused on protecting children from factors that pose the greatest risks. NCS appropriately will evaluate a broad range of physical, biological, social, behavioral and chemical factors that potentially can influence children's health.

America's chemical makers help create essential and often life-saving products that have helped billions of children live healthier, safer lives, including:

- Safety equipment, like plastic mouth guards, helmets, goggles, car seats, and knee and wrist pads;
- Chlorinated water that provides clean and safe drinking water throughout the world; and
- Medicines that protect children from diseases.

"Chemical makers create products that are essential to children's health," stated Lee Salamone, Director, Public Health and Science Policy Issue Group, ACC. "ACC supports the National Children's Study and believes that the focus on a broad range of environmental factors is the right approach."

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