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Environmental Justice Achievement Award

Community-Based Organization



Citizens for Environmental Justice



Dr. McClain addresses participants during a leadership development session.



Hudson Hill and Woodville residents with EPA staff at a leadership development session.

EPA is pleased to present a 2008 Environmental Justice Achievement Award to **Citizens for Environmental Justice (CFEJ) for its work to ensure that the residents of the Hudson Hill and Woodville communities in Savannah, Georgia, have equal access to educational information and environmental protection.**

CFEJ has formed entities such as the Academic Institutions, Communities, and Agencies Network (ACA-NET), a network connecting communities with academia and government officials, and the Black Youth Leadership Development Institute to increase the level of understanding and participation among youth and young adults in environmental justice issues. In one of its most successful initiatives, CFEJ created a series of week-long leadership development sessions that have trained more than 200 youth and young adults on environmental justice concerns.

CFEJ has been in existence since 1990, and is recognized at the local, state, national, and international levels for its dedication to environmental justice. It has successfully created user-friendly, easy-to-understand educational and outreach materials that have helped residents understand dangers impacting their health and welfare. CFEJ has helped to provide training for 20 community activists per year since 2005 on lead abatement, asbestos removal, mold remediation, hazardous materials management, and construction. Forty-three of these individuals have obtained related jobs. CFEJ launched its lead awareness campaign with the Chatham County Health Department in 2007, and is now working to test up to 12,000 low-income children throughout the county.

