

DEP Black History Month Committee Presents Dr. Mark Mitchell

Dr. Mark Mitchell is the founder and president of the Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice, which has local chapters in Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven. Dr. Mitchell has spent over twenty years working in the public health sector, including as Director of the Hartford, Connecticut Health Department and as Deputy Director of the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department. He has spent the past fifteen years educating the community on the effects of the environment on health. Working primarily with communities of color and low-income whites, he teaches people what can be done to prevent and reduce the disproportionately higher rates of disease in their communities.



Dr. Mitchell has served on the U.S. EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Board and on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products. He is currently a member of the U.S. EPA's National Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology, as well as Chair of the Community Advocacy, Leadership, and Research Subgroup of the U.S. CDC/ATSDR's National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures. He is also a founding member of the National Work Group on Environmental Justice Policy. He also chairs the City of Hartford's Advisory Commission on the Environment and is a member of the Capital Region Council of Government's Transportation Committee. He has previously served on the Boards of Directors of the American Lung Association of Connecticut and of the Hispanic Health Council among others.

Dr. Mitchell is a public health physician with an M.D. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Dr. Mitchell received his Master's in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University where he was trained in environmental health and health policy.

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