

OHIO NETWORK FOR THE CHEMICALLY INJURED

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CLEVELAND, OH, MARCH 9, 2004—Educating people about the hazards of chemicals in our everyday surroundings is the purpose of the Prevention Convention. This first-of-its-kind event is scheduled for Sunday, August 15, 2004 at the State Theatre in downtown Cleveland's Playhouse Square Center.

“Studies show that at least 200 diseases, including cancer, Parkinson's and children's diseases and learning disabilities, can be caused by environmental chemicals,” said Toni Temple, President of the Ohio Network for the Chemically Injured (ONFCI) and organizer of the Convention. “Too often, we treat the symptoms of disease without acting on the causes, which can be as near to us as the cleaning products, pesticides and other chemically-based items used every day inside and outside our homes.”

Exhibits, Breakout Sessions, Entertainment and More

The Convention will feature exhibits that present safer choices for household products. Breakout sessions will offer speakers who educate about hazardous chemicals and take questions from the public. Entertainment will take the form of humor, music and short plays. Also, a 50/50 raffle drawing will take place.

A highlight of the Convention will be a display introducing the ProtectoZone, the prototype of an environmental enclosure designed for chemically-sensitive people to use as protection in public.

Tickets

Admission tickets for the Prevention Convention are priced at \$6 each (\$4 for seniors age 55 and up and higher education students). A ticket includes admission to all breakout sessions.

Advance-sale admission tickets will be sold at a \$1 discount at an exhibit for the Prevention Convention and ONFCI at EarthFest 2004 at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Tickets for the Prevention Convention raffle will also be sold at EarthFest, which is set for Sunday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can also purchase admission tickets at the door of the Convention or by calling ONFCI at 440-845-1888

About ONFCI

ONFCI was established in the early 90's and incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1999. The group's purpose is to educate the public about the harm that can accrue from commonly used chemicals and advocate for people who have suffered chemical injury.