CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

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Program Structure

- Branch Chief
- Care Management Section
- Lead Hazard Reduction Section
- Program Development and Support Section
- Program Evaluation and Research Section
- Operations and Support Section
- Funded Local Health Department Programs

Mission

To eliminate childhood lead poisoning by preventing environmental exposures to lead and identifying and caring for lead-burdened children.

What We Do

Lead Poisoning Prevention

Raise awareness of lead poisoning, prevention, and testing among the public, health care providers, lead professionals, and other stakeholders through outreach and education.

- Approximately 214,000 families and residents reached by more than 7,300 health fairs, media events, and collaborations with local businesses and organizations.¹ ²
- Health care providers reached through more than 1,700 targeted outreach activities.¹ ²
- Over 20 lead education materials in up to 20 languages on the State website.

Lead Hazard Reduction

Certify workers to identify and safely abate lead in buildings.

- 9,275 certified Lead-Related Construction professionals in California.¹
- 21,726 lead hazard evaluations for lead-based paint and contaminated dust and soil.¹
- 1,954 abatements of lead hazards and lead-based paint.¹

Case Management

Conduct home visits to children with elevated blood lead levels (E BLLs) meeting the state case definition to provide ongoing case management services, home inspection, and remediation for lead hazards (i.e., paint, dust, soil, water, and personal items).

Provide monitoring, outreach and education, and encourage appropriate venous retesting to children with E BLLs below full state case-making criteria.

- 462 home visits conducted for full state cases.¹ ²
- Case management services provided to 7,428 children with E BLLs below full state case-making criteria.¹ ²

Blood Lead Surveillance & Data Management

Perform surveillance and manage blood lead data.

- 528,813 children under the age of 21 years old were tested for lead in California.¹

How We Do It

The State provides lead poisoning prevention and case management services to 11 local health jurisdictions and funds 50 local health departments to provide these services.

¹ Calendar year 2018
² As reported by funded local health department programs.