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Lead Poisoning Prevention & Control Program

- Lead Hazard Control Program – HUD
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) – CDC
- Surveillance – CDC
- Healthy Homes Foster Care Program – HUD



Lead Hazard Control Program (LHCP)



Purpose:

To reduce/prevent childhood lead poisoning by creating lead-safe housing for low-income families with children under age 6.

Lead Hazard Control Program (LHCP)



The DOH was awarded its fourth LHCP grant for \$3,070,000 this fall. It includes a Healthy Homes component.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

- Blood lead screening and testing of children age 6 & under
- Case management for children with elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs) equal to or greater than 10 μ g/dL
- Environmental inspections for children with EBLLs equal to or greater than 20 μ g/dL or persistent levels of 15-19 μ g/dL
- Outreach and education

PA National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS)

- Innovative IT system with online accessibility
- Used by Physicians, Public Health Investigators, Laboratories/Hospitals.
- Currently reports on over 70 conditions including childhood and adult blood lead levels, infectious diseases, vaccine preventable diseases, STDs, TB, and HIV/AIDS.

Healthy Homes Foster Care Program



Purpose:

To create environmentally safe and healthy housing for young children by addressing health and safety issues in foster care homes

Healthy Homes Foster Care Program

Expands the work of lead hazard control into other environmental hazards in the home:

- Carbon monoxide (CO)
- Trips/falls
- Pest Presence
- Mold
- Poisons/Irritants
- Radon
- Asthma Triggers



Healthy Homes Foster Care Program

Primary effort is education

- Life-saving role of CO detectors
- Pests can spread disease and exacerbate asthma
- Mold spores may trigger asthma attack
- Poisons such as bleach and mouse pellets
- Radon is prevalent in many PA regions



Healthy Homes Foster Care Program



Remediation of hazards

- Half of assessed homes will be remediated
- \$5000 budgeted for each home
- Remediation will be done in concert with any needed LHCP work
- Families are relocated as needed
- Homes are assessed again after remediation to measure the efficacy

Healthy Homes Foster Care Program

Low-income
foster families
in the Cities of
Erie and
Philadelphia
are eligible.



Healthy Homes Foster Care Program

Eligibility

- Low Income – families whose income does not exceed 80% of the median area income as determined by HUD
- Very-low Income – families whose income does not exceed 50% of the median area income as determined by HUD



Lead Certification Courses

- Training provided by contractor through PA Department of Health and funded by EPA
- Courses meet EPA criteria and are fully accredited by the PA Department of Labor & Industry
- Lead training provided tuition-free to direct employees of federal, state, county and municipal government agencies and qualified non-profit organizations only

Lead Certified Disciplines



- Certified Companies
- Certified Worker
- Certified Supervisor
- Project Designers
- Risk Assessors
- Inspectors

Health & Human Services Call Center Lead Information Line (LIL)

- Toll Free 1-800-440-LEAD (5323)
- Call center open 6 days a week from 8 am to 6 pm
- Trained operators – provide lead information
- Fulfillment center – free lead materials



Contact:

Bureau of Family Health (717) 772-2762

Pennsylvania Lead Poisoning Prevention &
Control Program Webpage:

<http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=179&q=201197>