

Chicago Department of PUBLIC HEALTH



BUREAU OF MATERNAL, INFANT, CHILD, AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH *Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes*

OUR MISSION

A Healthy and Lead-Free Home is fundamental to health and wellness, particularly for young children. The Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Program works to eliminate childhood lead poisoning by detecting and addressing exposures to lead and other health hazards in homes with young children and pregnant people.



WHO WE SERVE

- Pregnant people and children under age 6 with reported elevated blood lead levels
- Tenants and property owners meeting income eligibility requirements for abatement/mitigation grants
- Family childcare homes

IMPACT

- In Chicago, lead-based paint is the primary source of lead poisoning in children. By addressing lead paint hazards, the prevalence of elevated blood lead levels in Chicago's children **has decreased from 70.2% in 1986, to 1.5% in 2021.**
- New funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Chicago Recovery Project will accelerate this progress.

PARTNERS

- Metropolitan Tenants Organization
- Illinois Academy of American Pediatricians
- Illinois Poison Control
- Neighborhood Housing Services
- Chicago Public Schools
- Chicago Department of Family Support Services
- Chicago Department of Housing

WHAT WE DO

- Registered nurses visit families of children under age 6 with reported elevated blood levels to conduct child health assessments, provide nutrition counseling, and refer families for additional services
- Licensed Lead-Risk Assessors inspect homes where a child with a reported elevated blood lead level lives to identify the source of lead
- Grants are given to qualified tenants or property owners to pay for the abatement and mitigation of lead and other home health hazards
- Education about the importance of lead testing and lead poisoning prevention
- City and state lead laws are enforced through the court system
- Data about elevated blood lead level tests is monitored, analyzed, and reported to guide CDPH's prevention work and prioritize communities for services



RESOURCES

312-747-LEAD (5323)

For more information, visit
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