

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

NO LEVEL OF LEAD IN THE BODY IS SAFE! Small amounts of lead can build up in the body and cause lifelong learning and behavior problems. Lead poisoning is one of the most common environmental illnesses in California but is completely preventable.

The Ventura County Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) provides services to the community for the purpose of increasing awareness regarding the hazards of lead exposure, reducing lead exposure, and increasing the number of children assessed and appropriately blood tested for lead poisoning. CLPPP collaborates with Healthy Homes Ventura County (HHVC) who can provide free lead-based paint repairs to eligible homes in Ventura County.

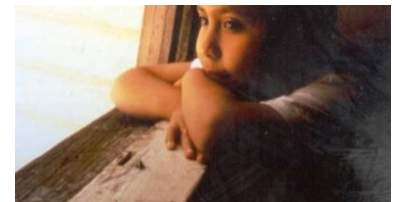
Public Health Nurse and Lead Team:

- Conduct home visits to children with very high blood lead levels.
- Complete a child/family assessment (physical, psychosocial, and environmental).
- Identify and test for possible lead sources such as pottery and home remedies.
- Provide health education, monitor lead levels, and encourage medical follow-up.



Registered Environmental Health Specialists:

- Conduct environmental home inspections to children with very high blood lead levels.
- Identify and test for possible lead sources such as paint, soil, and dust.
- Provide recommendations to reduce contact with lead, such as referrals to HHVC for possible lead-based paint repairs on eligible homes, prioritizing those with young children in residence.
- Follow up to see that sources of lead are corrected.



Health Education Staff:

- Provide information to families of children with moderately elevated blood lead levels regarding possible lead sources, nutrition, and blood lead testing recommendations.
- Provide health education through presentations and health fairs to the general public, medical providers, and community-based organizations.
- Work with families and health care providers.



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