



DELAWARE HEALTHY HOMES AND LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Delaware Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program protects the health of Delawareans by preventing childhood lead poisoning and promoting health among children (unborn through six years of age) through education, safe environments, screening, and early intervention.

Based within the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, the Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program accomplishes its mission by:

- Increasing public awareness of the dangers of lead poisoning
- Promoting universal screening of children
- Performing case management, education, and/or environmental investigation for children with blood lead levels greater than or equal to 3.5 micrograms per deciliter
- Ensuring contractors and renovators working in Delaware are trained, certified, and using lead-safe work practices.

Services

The Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program's core services are:

1. Promoting testing of all children at 12 and 24 months of age, repeat testing of those children with elevated blood lead
2. Case management and inspection, for lead hazards, in homes of children with elevated blood-lead levels
3. Conducting health education and distributing materials on the causes and effects of lead poisoning and how to identify and reduce lead hazards
4. Analyzing test results of children identified with elevated blood lead to determine those at increased risk and targeting prevention activities to priority areas and populations
5. Certifying firms and individuals that work with lead-based paints and enforcing lead-safe work practice compliance.



When to contact the Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

- You have any questions regarding lead poisoning.
- You notice debris and dust from construction work on a pre-1978 housing unit.
- Your home was built prior to 1978 and it has chipping, flaking, or peeling paint. This is especially urgent if children less than six years of age live or spend a lot of time in the home.
- Your child is less than six years old, does not have health insurance, and needs a blood lead test.

DPH Partners in Lead Poisoning Prevention

- La Esperanza
- La Red Health Center
- First State Community Action Agency
- Nemours Childrens Health pediatric clinics
- The City of Wilmington
- The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, based in Maryland
- The Delaware State Housing Authority
- The Latin American Community Center
- The State Medicaid Program
- Westside Health Center.

For more information

Call the Division of Public Health:

- New Castle County
Phone: 302-283-7300
Fax: 302-283-7301
- Kent and Sussex County
Phone: 302-424-7300
Fax 302-422-1363.

24/7 Emergency Contact Number: 1-888-295-5156

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