



## DELAWARE'S HEALTHY HOMES & LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Delaware Division of Public Health's Healthy Homes & 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.

The Healthy Homes & 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 20 ug/dl; and
- Ensuring contractors and renovators working in Delaware are trained, certified, and using lead-safe work practices.

### Services provided:

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

1. Promoting testing of all children at 12 months of age, repeat testing of those at high-risk until six years of age, and screening of all children at or around 24 months of age;
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; and
5. Certifying firms and individuals that work with lead-based paints and enforcing lead-safe work practice compliance.

### Contact the Healthy Homes & Lead Poisoning Prevention Program if:

- You have any questions regarding lead poisoning.
- If you notice debris and dust from construction work on a pre-1978 housing unit.
- If 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.
- If 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:

The City of Wilmington • The Latin American Community Center • The Delaware State Housing Authority • La Esperanza • First State Community Action Agency • The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning – based in Maryland • The State Medicaid Program • Alfred I. DuPont (Nemours) Pediatric Clinics for Children • Westside Health Center • La Red Health Center.

### For more information:

Please call the Delaware Division of Public Health at these numbers:

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

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

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