

CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

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Program Structure



Mission

To eliminate childhood lead poisoning by identifying and caring for children who are lead poisoned and preventing environmental exposures to lead.

What We Do

Lead Poisoning Prevention

Raise awareness of lead poisoning, prevention, and testing among the public, health care providers, lead professionals, and other stakeholders through **outreach and education**.

- ▶ Approximately 78,134 families and residents reached by more than 1,323 health fairs, media events, and collaborations with local businesses and organizations.^{1, 2}
- ▶ Health care providers reached through more than 549 targeted outreach activities.^{1, 2}
- ▶ 28 lead education materials in up to 20 languages on the State website.



Lead Hazard Reduction

Certify workers to identify and safely abate lead in buildings.

- ▶ 10,636 certified Lead-Related Construction professionals in California.¹
- ▶ 18,590 lead hazard evaluations for lead-based paint and contaminated dust and soil.¹
- ▶ 1,840 abatements of lead hazards and lead-based paint.¹

Case Management

Conduct **home visits** to children with elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs) meeting the state case definition to provide ongoing case management services, home inspection, and remediation for lead hazards (i.e., paint, dust, soil, water, and personal items).

Provide **monitoring**, outreach and education, and encourage appropriate venous **retesting** to children with EBLLs below full state case-making criteria.

- ▶ 216 home visits conducted for full state cases.^{1, 2}
- ▶ Case management services provided to 4,936 children with EBLLs below full state case-making criteria.^{1, 2}



Blood Lead Surveillance & Data Management

Perform **surveillance** and **manage blood lead data**.

- ▶ 368,813 children under the age of 21 years old were tested for lead in California.^{1, 3}

How We Do It

The State provides lead poisoning prevention and case management services to 12 local health jurisdictions and funds 49 local health departments to provide these services.

¹ Calendar year 2020

² As reported by funded local health department programs

³ Data from the RASSCLE surveillance database archive of 7/30/2021. Each individual is counted only once per year, using their highest BLL.

Note: In 2020, the CLPP Program saw significant decreases in blood lead testing, case management services (due to fewer children getting tested for lead), and outreach and education activities to parents, communities, and health care providers compared to previous years. These decreases can be largely attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic.