

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Childhood lead poisoning remains a major environmental health problem in Wisconsin and the United States. If not detected and addressed early, children with elevated blood lead levels can suffer from damage to the brain and nervous system.

Lead exposure in young children can cause reduced IQ and attention span, learning disabilities, developmental delays, and a range of other health and behavioral effects. Most exposures occur in homes or daycares built before 1978 from chipping and peeling lead-based paint and the lead-tainted dust it creates or where lead hazards have been created through renovation done without using lead-safe work practices.



Chippewa County Department of Public Health provides follow-up services for children in Chippewa County who have a blood lead level of 5 mcg/dL and above.

Services include:

- Nursing case management by a Public Health Nurse. This includes a home visit, lead prevention education, monitoring of lead levels, and consulting with the child's primary care provider.
- For children with a blood lead level of 20 mcg/dL or two lead levels about 15 mcg/dL, a risk assessment will be completed on the home. A lead risk assessment will be completed by a Chippewa County Lead Risk Assessor or Lead Hazard Investigator on homes to identify lead hazards.

If you would like more information on Chippewa County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program or lead testing, please contact us at 715-726-7900

Websites on Lead:

[Wisconsin Department of Health Services-Lead Home Page](#)

[US Environmental Protection Agency-Lead page](#)

Handouts:

[What do Parents Need to Know to Protect Their Children?](#)

[Parents: Look out for Lead](#)