

South Dakota Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (SDCLPP) Lead Advisory Group Quarterly Meeting December 2, 2022



# **Welcome and Introductions**



### CDC's Strategic Priorities for Lead Testing and Reporting Among State and Local Jurisdictional Partners



Develop and sustain a jurisdictional Lead Advisory Committee



Develop or update and implement an appropriate jurisdictional screening plan based on local data

Emphasis on highly impacted communities per Lead Exposure Risk Index or other data sources Increase awareness among pediatric healthcare providers and clinical laboratories of state/local BLL testing recommendations and reporting requirements



Enhance secondary prevention of childhood lead poisoning through core public health functions:

- Assurance
  - Ensuring BLL testing and reporting
  - Improving linkages to recommended service
- Assessment
  - Enhancing BLL surveillance



#### **Developing and Maintaining an Advisory Committee**

Develop and sustain a jurisdictional advisory committee composed of appropriate stakeholders, examples include the following:

- Pediatricians and others in the healthcare sector
- Community-based organizations serving lead-affected communities
- Representatives of affected communities
- Academia
- Local housing agencies
- Community leaders
- Tribes and tribal organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Clinical laboratories



### **Develop and Implement a Jurisdictional Screening Plan Based on Local Data**

#### Collaborate with jurisdictional lead advisory committee to

- Establish a screening and testing plan
- Establish a blood lead test reporting policy to ensure that laboratories and healthcare providers understand and comply with reporting requirements
- Incorporate a sustainability plan to ensure regular review of the data and make updates to statewide screening and testing recommendations, as required





# SD CLPPP Lead Advisory Group Activities and Goals

Mission: To promote age-appropriate blood lead screening and testing for South Dakota children.

#### Activities

1. Assist in creating statewide recommendations for blood lead testing based on local data.

2. Advise on development of an appropriate statewide screening and testing plan based on local data.

3. Advise on development of an appropriate statewide plan to link children with elevated blood lead levels to recommended services.

4. Review educational material needed for care providers on screening, testing, and referrals.

5. Review data and make changes to the screening and testing plan or referral plan as needed.

#### **Goals / Objectives**

1. Improve screening and testing for blood lead in South Dakota children.

2. Improve referral process for services for children with elevated blood lead levels.

Lead Advisory Group Approval Requested



# **Discussion**





# Background



### Background

- There is **NO** safe blood lead level in humans has been identified
- Exposure to lead can cause serious adverse health effects, especially to children
- CDC's goal of eliminating childhood lead exposure as a public health concern has yet to be achieved
- A rigorous primary prevention approach of eliminating excess levels of lead from predominant sources in children's environments is required
- Multi-sectorial public-private collaborations will be necessary to accomplish goals and objectives



#### **Primary sources of Lead Exposure to Children**

- Lead is a naturally occurring element found in small amounts in the Earth's crust
- Because of its availability and versatility, lead has been used since prehistoric times
- While it has some beneficial uses, it can be toxic to humans and animals, causing health effects
- Lead can be found in the air, soil, and water
- Lead and lead compounds have been used in many products, including:
  - Paint
  - Ceramics
  - Pipes and plumbing materials
  - Solders
  - Gasoline
  - Batteries
  - Ammunition
  - Cosmetics



#### Lead can be found throughout a child's environment.



#### Human Use of Lead

- Lead poisoning was common in Roman times because of the use of lead in water pipes and earthenware contains, and in wine storage
- Lead poisoning associated with occupational exposure was first reported in 370 BC
- Exposure among industrial workers in the 19th and early 20th centuries occurred in smelting, painting, plumbing, printing, and other industries



Roman lead water pipes from the House of Livia on Palantine Hill (Outside Rome, Italy)

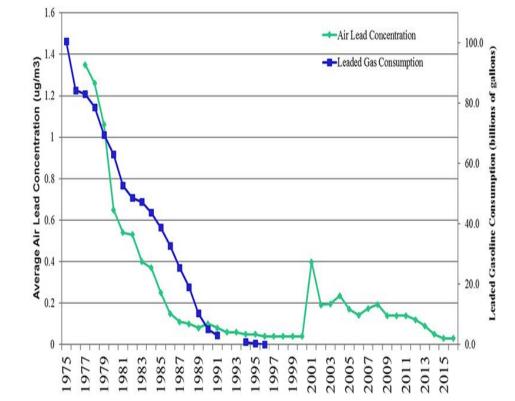
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#### Leaded Gasoline Sources

- Historically, the major source of lead in air was leaded gasoline exhaust
- The figure shows the amount of leaded gasoline used in the United States during 1975 to 1996 and the quarterly average maximum concentrations of lead in air at EPA-monitoring sites during 1977 to 2016.
- The increase in air lead concentration between 2000 and 2001 is likely due to changes at sites near stationary industrial sources.
- The decline in air lead concentrations between 2001 and 2002 is likely due to lower lead concentrations at sites in Herculaneum, Missouri.
- Leaded aviation gasoline is still used by approximately 167 000 piston-powered US aircrafts for engine safety, which accounts for about half of current lead emissions into air

#### Consumption of Leaded Gasoline and Average Air Lead Concentrations, U.S., 1975-2016



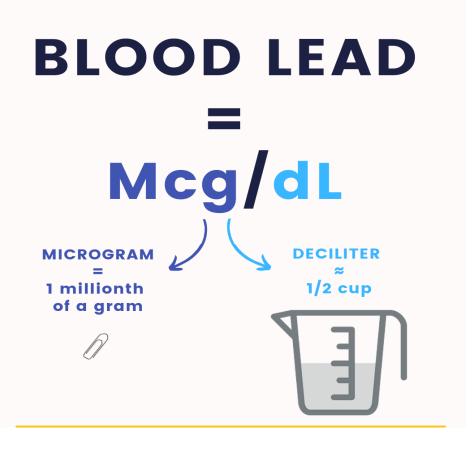
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### How is Blood Lead Measured ?

Blood lead is measured in micrograms per deciliter (abbreviated as  $\mu$ g/dL)

- A microgram = one-millionth of a gram. A gram is about 1/30 of an ounce.
- A deciliter measures fluid volume = 1/10 of a liter. A liter is a little bigger than a quart of fluid.





### How are Blood Lead Samples Collected?

There are two types of tests used to collect blood lead samples:

**Capillary:** Also known as a fingerstick, this is often used for a child's first blood lead test.

**Venous:** Used to confirm elevated capillary results, this test is done by drawing blood from a vein.





#### What Does CDC Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV) Mean?

- CDC's BLRV is a screening tool used to identify children who have higher levels of lead in their blood compared with most children.
- The new level is based on data from a sample of U.S. children ages 1-5 years tested for lead in their blood as part of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES).
- The reference level represents the value of the highest 2.5% of children who were tested.
- The value of 3.5  $\mu g/dL$  was derived from NHANES data from the 2015-2016 and 2017-2018 cycles.
- The Federal Advisory Committee, called the Lead Exposure and Prevention Advisory Committee (LEPAC), unanimously voted on May 14, 2021, in favor of recommending that the CDC update the reference value to 3.5 µg/dL based on these NHANES data.
- The CDC will review the most recent two sets of NHANES data every four years to find the 97.5th percentile. This means that the reference value may change in the future.





#### **Impact of Lead on Humans**

Lead is toxic

to multiple body systems, such as our central nervous system and brain; reproductive system; kidneys, cardiovascular system, blood and immune system.

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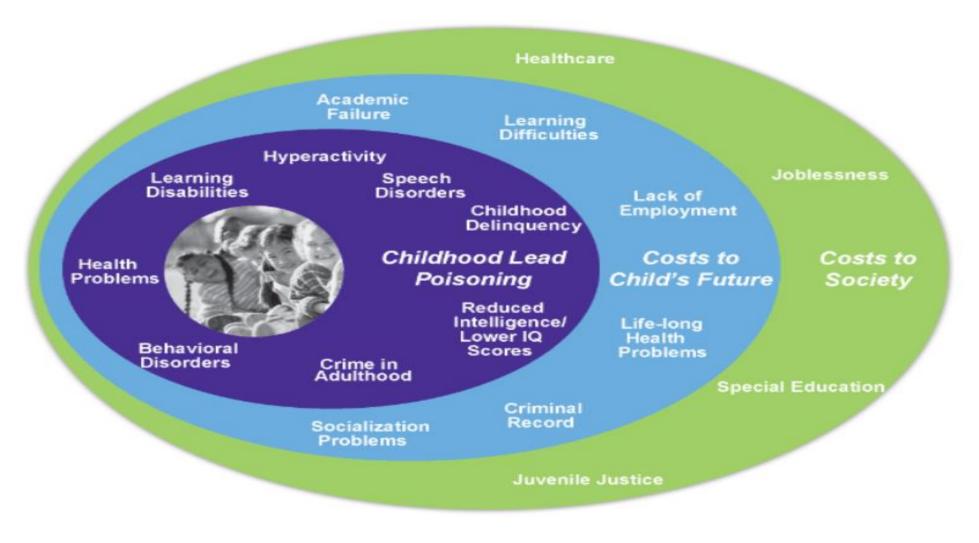
Lead exposure is especially dangerous to children's developing brains and can result in







### **Ripple Effects of Lead**





# **Discussion**



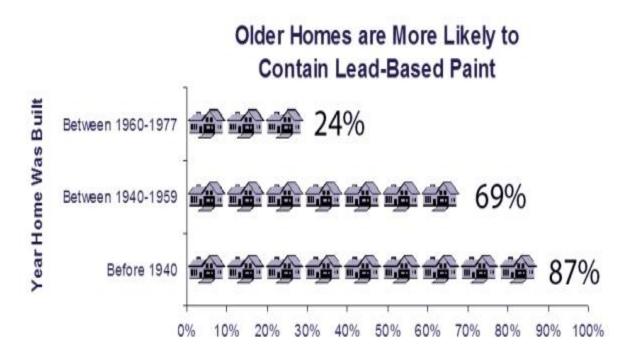


# Lead Hazards in South Dakota



#### Summary of Lead Hazards in South Dakota

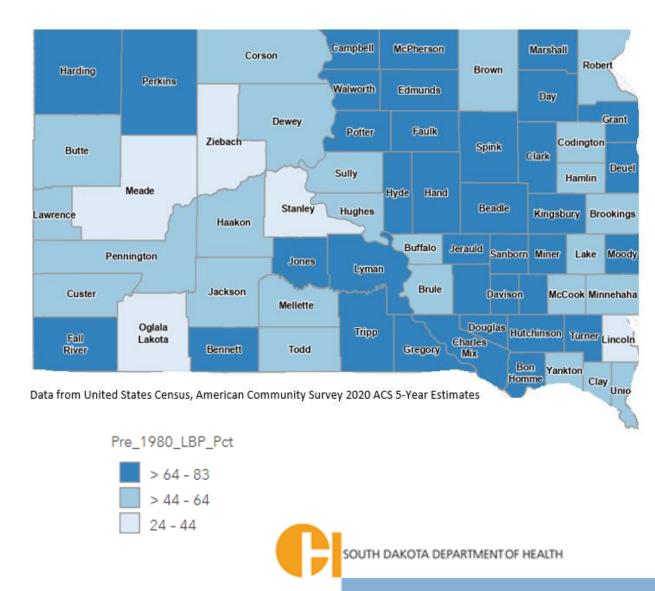
- The most significant source of exposure for small children is lead-based paint (LBP) dust and lead-contaminated soils, particularly in housing constructed prior to 1978
- The American Health Rankings, based on estimates of the age of housing stock in the United States, ranked South Dakota 31st in the nation for elevated lead risk.
- In the data, 19.5% of SD housing contained a lead risk compared to 17.6% of the US.



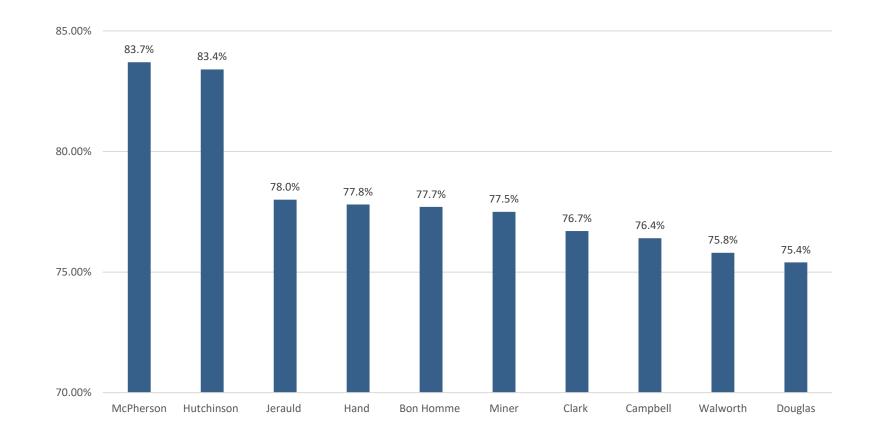
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### Housing Age (% Pre-1980) by SD County

- LBP was phased out of residential use in 1950 and eventually banned in 1978 in the US.
- Pre-1980 housing as a percentage (Pct) of total housing per county ranges from a high of 83.7% in McPherson County to a low of 24% in Lincoln County.
- Only eleven counties contain pre-1980 housing that is less than 50% of the total housing in the county (Brookings, Custer, Lawrence, Meade, Minnehaha, Oglala Lakota, Pennington, Stanley, Todd, Union, and Ziebach County)



### **Top 10 SD Counties by Percentage of Pre-1980 Housing**



### Lead-Based Paint Abatement in South Dakota

- Lead-based paint regulations apply to inspection, risk assessment, project design, and abatement activities in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities
- In South Dakota, persons performing those services are required to be trained and certified by EPA
- The federal Lead-Based Paint Disclosure Rule (Section 1018 of Title X) requires that potential buyers and renters of housing built prior to 1978 receive certain information about lead and lead hazards in the residence prior to becoming obligated to buy or rent and provides the opportunity for an independent lead inspection for buyers
- Sellers, landlords, and agents are responsible for compliance
- The sale or lease of housing constructed prior to 1978 that is federally owned or receiving federal assistance must comply with the Lead Safe Housing Rule (24 CFR 35)
- South Dakota does not have state laws that pre-empt existing federal laws





## Lead in Water

- Lead was historically used for water distribution because it was less expensive and more durable than iron.
- Newer homes are safe from lead, as lead in drinking water systems was banned in 1990.
- The Plumbing Manufacturers International states that nearly all homes built before the 1980s "still have lead solder connecting copper pipes".
- Over 54.5% of South Dakota's housing was built before the 1980s.

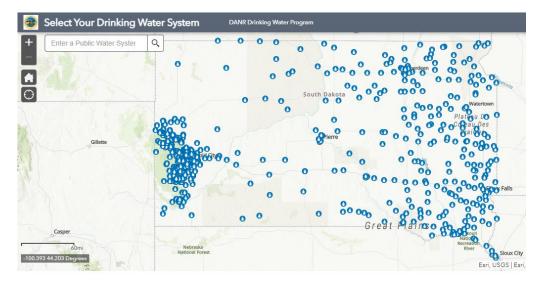


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#### Monitoring for Lead and Copper in South Dakota's Water Systems

- The drinking water in South Dakota comes from a system of rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs throughout the state.
- South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (SD DANR) reports that 645 public water systems (PWS) currently exist in South Dakota.
- All public water systems are required to issue a Consumer Confidence Report each year.



https://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/D rinkingWater/default.aspx



### **Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water**

- Lead typically enters school drinking water because of interaction with lead-containing plumbing materials and fixtures within the building
- Water fountains and other fixtures were allowed to have up to 8% lead until 2014.
- Both older and newer school buildings can have lead in drinking water.
- SD DANR was awarded the federal Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN Act 2017) grant from EPA to develop a voluntary lead in drinking water testing program for eligible schools.
- SD DANR launched a Lead Sampling Program to help public K-12 schools investigate sources of lead within their plumbing systems in Spring 2022.





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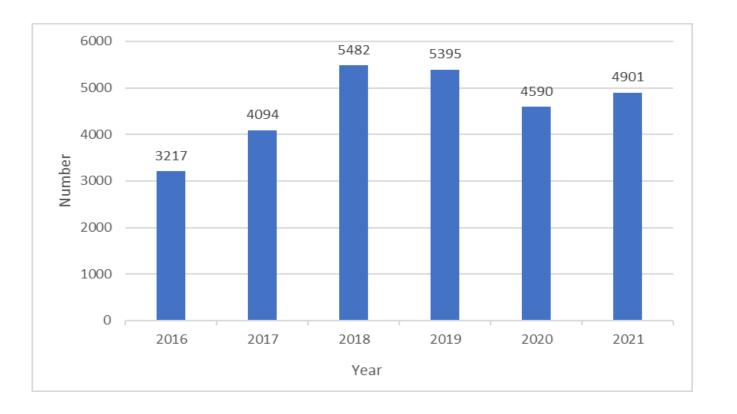
# Blood Lead Testing for Children Aged 6 and Younger



#### Children Aged 6 or Younger Tested for Blood Lead in South Dakota 2016-2021

- Statewide surveillance data are shown for historical context.
- The number of children tested for lead in South Dakota increased steadily from 2016 to 2018.
- Covid 19 had some impact
- Number of tests decreased by from 2020 to 2021.
- Data were calculated using venous and capillary test.
- Results are not representative of all children living in South Dakota
- Please note that there is a potential underestimation of counts presented due to reliance on provider and laboratory reporting of blood lead test results

#### Table 1. Number of children Aged 6 or Younger Tested for Blood Lead



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\*Note: data is provisional

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### Blood lead Testing Results for South Dakota Children aged 6 or younger 2016-2021

- Evaluation of differing cut-off values for investigation for years 2016-2021 for children aged 6 or younger.
- There were many records that did not have valid data, so those were excluded (missing 38677 for the 3.5 cut-off and 37512 for all others).
- Those with values of <5 were not included in the 3.5 level.

Table 2. Number of values above various cut-offs for blood lead testing

Cut-off	Year							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
3.5 mcg/dL	412	262	424	406	423	374		
5 mcg/dL	215	161	274	278	322	276		
10 mcg/dL	70	63	87	90	99	77		
15 mcg/dL	35	31	36	57	48	34		
20 mcg/dL	21	13	22	31	25	19		



## Blood Lead Testing Results for South Dakota Children Aged 6 or Younger by Gender 2016-2021

#### Table 3. Number of values above cut-offs by gender

Sex	Cut-off	Year						
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Male	3.5 mcg/dL	206	144	208	210	244	207	
	5 mcg/dL	109	93	138	146	188	152	
	10 mcg/dL	38	39	48	46	57	37	
	15 mcg/dL	20	19	24	25	23	14	
	20 mcg/dL	13	6	16	14	9	8	
Female	3.5 mcg/dL	206	110	216	191	179	167	
	5 mcg/dL	106	60	136	127	134	124	
	10 mcg/dL	32	19	39	40	42	40	
	15 mcg/dL	15	9	12	28	25	20	
	20 mcg/dL	8	4	6	14	16	11	



### South Dakota Counties with Blood Lead Testing Results 15 mcg/dl or Higher 2016-2021

County	Frequency	Percent	% of the Population of SD age 0-6
Beadle County	37	17.37%	2.65%
Bennett County	1	0.47%	0.49%
Brown County	5	2.35%	4.08%
Charles Mix County	8	3.76%	1.36%
Clay County	11	5.16%	1.24%
Codington County	9	4.23%	2.83%
Davison County	7	3.29%	2.06%
Day County	3	1.41%	0.48%
Grant County	14	6.57%	0.76%
Hughes County	8	3.76%	1.96%
Hyde County	12	5.63%	0.13%
Lake County	4	1.88%	0.98%
Lincoln County	3	1.41%	7.76%
Minnehaha County	50	23.47%	24.00%
Moody County	12	5.63%	0.79%
Oglala Lakota County	6	2.82%	2.23%
Pennington County	10	4.69%	11.44%
Perkins County	10	4.69%	0.28%
Spink County	2	0.94%	0.66%
Yankton County	1	0.47%	2.21%

#### Table 4: South Dakota Counties for those with levels 15 mcg/dL or higher

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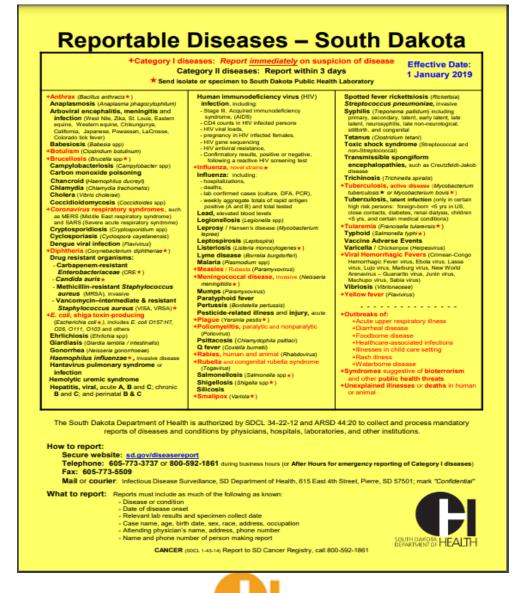


# **Reporting Requirements**

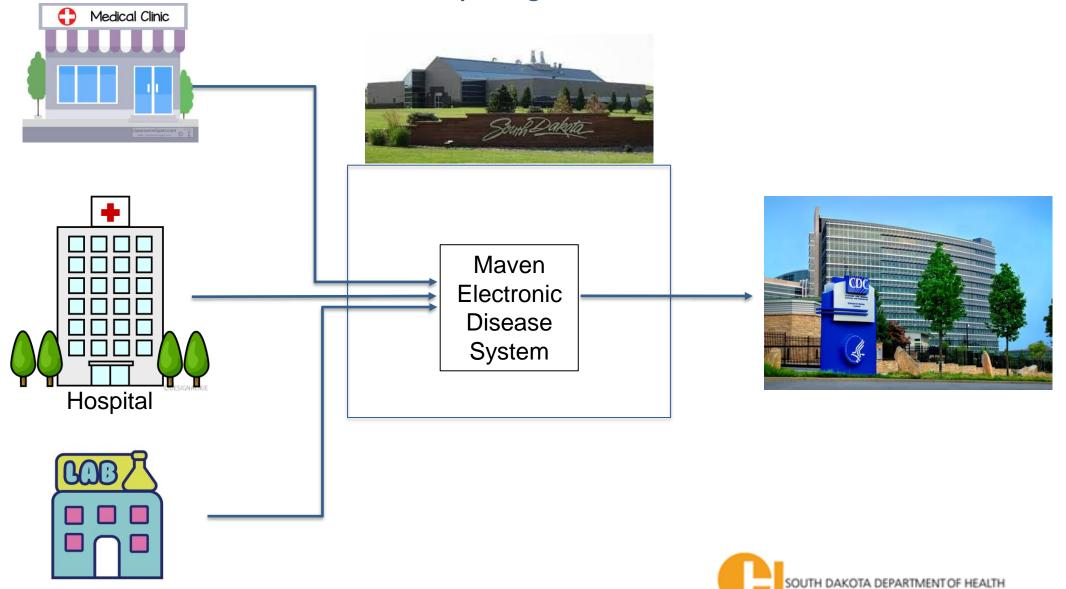


#### **Reporting Requirements**

- The South Dakota Department of Health is authorized by SDCL 34-22-12 and ARSD 44:20 to collect and process mandatory reports of diseases and conditions by physicians, hospitals, laboratories, and institutions.
- Lead is a Category II reportable disease: Report within 3 days.



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### **DOH Reporting**

#### Electronic Surveillance Systems, Case interviews or a child < 72 months

Person residing in South Dakota receives blood lead test

Performing facility sends blood lead test results to SD CLPPP

#### $\underline{\mathsf{EBLL}} \ge 3.5-9 \ \mu \mathrm{g/dl}$

## SD CLLPP Send letters and educational materials to family

#### EBLL $\geq$ 10 µg/dl

- Contact family via telephone to assess child's environmental history and risk factors ,
- Send letters, educational materials to family
- Refer family to communities' resources



#### Workflows

Cases are worked by level of priority

Blood Lead Priority 1 Critical	≥45 µg/dL
Blood Lead Priority 2	20-44 μg/dL
Blood Lead Priority 3	10- 19 μg/dL
Blood Lead Priority 4	3.5 -9 μg/dL



Follow-up Process

 Cases are assigned to "Lead Cases in need of a Follow- up Test" workflow queues





## Discussion





## **Screening Guidelines**



#### **Populations at Risk for Lead Exposure**

- Pregnant persons (fetal exposure)
- Children living in:
  - Households at or below the federal poverty level
  - Dwellings built before 1978
  - ZIP codes with high prevalence of lead exposure
- Children living with housing inequity
- Immigrants and refugees
- Children adopted from locales outside of the U.S.
- Children with developmental disabilities and increased pica habits
- Adults participating in lead-related occupations ('take home lead') or hobbies and their children



#### **CDC Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead**

#### Poisoning Prevention Recommends Screening and Testing Children for Lead

The 2012 ACCLP report makes the following recommendations for testing criteria in children ages 1 & 2 and children 36–72 months old who have not previously been tested:

- Child receives services from public assistance programs such as Medicaid or WIC
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recommends for Medicaid enrolled children:
- BLL testing (either capillary or venous) should be performed at 12 and 24 months of age.
- Children ≤72 months who missed recommended testing at a younger age should be tested at presentation.
- Universal lead screening for children living in a community where >27% pre-1950 housing
- $\geq 12\%$  prevalence of  $\geq 10 \ \mu g/dL$  blood lead in children 12–36 months old
- Priority screening for specific groups with higher risk factors in communities with lower prevalence of elevated BLLs
- State and local agencies formulate their own lead screening recommendations based on local data

### CDC Recommendations Screening for all newly arrived refugee infants, children, adolescents, and pregnant and lactating women and girls

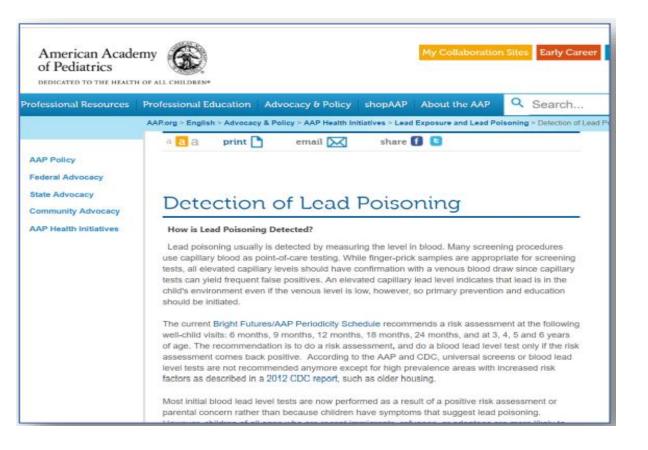
- All refugee infants and children  $\leq$  16 years of age
- Refugee adolescents > 16 years of age if there is a high index of suspicion, or clinical signs/symptoms of lead exposure
- All pregnant and lactating women and girls\*
- Follow-up testing with blood test, 3-6 months after initial testing:
- All refugee infants and children ≤ 6 years of age, regardless of initial screening result
- Refugee children and adolescents 7–16 years of age who had BLLs at or above 3.5 μg/dL, and for any child older than 7 years of age who has a risk factor (e.g., sibling with BLL at or above 3.5 μg/dL, environmental exposure risk factors) regardless of initial test result.
- Pregnant or lactating adolescents (<18 years of age) who had BLLs at or above 3.5 μg/dL at initial screening.</li>



#### **AAP Bright Futures Recommendations Lead Screening/Testing**

## The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following:

- Risk assessment at well-child visits: 6, 9, 12, 18, & 24 months, and at 3, 4, 5, and 6 years
- Obtain BLL only if the risk assessment is positive
- Universal testing of Medicaid recipients
- Immigrant, refugee, and internationally adopted children also should be tested for blood lead concentrations when they arrive in the United States. Blood lead tests do not need to be duplicated, but the pediatrician or other primary care provider should <u>attempt to</u> <u>verify</u> that screening was performed elsewhere and determine the result before testing is deferred during the office visit.





#### South Dakota Recommendations Lead Screening/Testing

- Assess all children for the risk of lead exposure at 6, 9, 12, 18, & 24 months, and at 3, 4, 5, and 6 years at well child visit.
- Recommends for Medicaid enrolled children:
- Blood lead level testing (either capillary or venous) should be performed at 12 and 24 months of age.
- Children 36–72 months who missed recommended testing at a younger age should be tested.
- Immigrants, refugees, and foreign adoptees.
- All infants and children  $\leq$ 16 years of age.
- Adolescents >16 years of age if there is a high index of suspicion, or clinical signs/symptoms of lead exposure.
- All pregnant and lactating women and girls.
- Follow-up testing with blood test, 3-6 months after initial testing:
- All infants and children ≤6 years of age, regardless of initial screening result.





	CDC Recommendations	AAP Bright Futures Recommendations	SD CLLP Recommendations
Risk assessment/ factors	<ul> <li>Universal lead screening for children living in a community where &gt;27% pre-1950 housing</li> <li>≥12% prevalence of ≥10 µg/dL blood lead in children 12–36 months old</li> <li>Priority screening for specific groups with higher risk factors in communities with lower prevalence of elevated BLLs</li> <li>State and local agencies formulate their own lead screening recommendations based on local data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Risk assessment at well-child visits: 6, 9, 12, 18, &amp; 24 months, and at 3, 4, 5, and 6 years</li> <li>Obtain BLL only if the risk assessment is positive</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assess all children for the risk of lead exposure at 6, 9, 12, 18, &amp; 24 months, and at 3, 4, 5, and 6 years at well child visit</li> </ul>
Public assistance Medicaid /WIC	<ul> <li>BLL testing (either capillary or venous) should be performed at 12 and 24 months of age.</li> <li>Children ≤72 months who missed recommended testing at a younger age should be tested at presentation</li> </ul>	Universal testing of Medicaid recipients	<ul> <li>Blood lead level testing (either capillary or venous) should be performed at 12 and 24 months of age.</li> <li>Children 36–72 months who missed recommended testing at a younger age should be tested.</li> </ul>
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### South Dakota Provider Verbal Risk Assessment Questionnaire

Does this child Live in a high-risk ZIP code area for lead exposure?	Yes	No	I don't know
Does this child live or spend time in a house built before 1978?			
Does this child live or spend time in house built before 1978 with recent or ongoing remodeling within the past year?			
Is this child eligible for or enrolled in Medicaid, Head Start, or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)?			
Is this child a recent immigrant, refugee, or foreign adoptee?			
Does this child live with parent or caregiver who has a job that causes them to have frequent contact with lead? (e.g., plumbers, construction, auto repair, metal/battery recycling, welders)?			
Does this child live with parent or caregiver who has a hobby that causes them to have frequent contact with lead? (e.g., hunt, fish, reload bullets, refinish furniture, work with stained glass, jewelry making)?			
Does this child have developmental disabilities and persistent pica habits?			
Does this child have a sibling or playmate with a blood lead level ( $\geq$ 3.5 µg/dL), or parent expresses a concern about or asks for their child to be tested for lead?			





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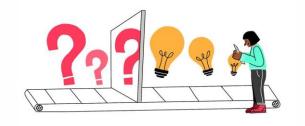
# Laboratory and Provider Survey Findings



### Laboratory Capacity Survey Analysis

Survey Title: Blood Lead Lab Survey Start of Survey: August 15th, 2022

End of Survey: September 12th, 2022



**Platform:** Survey was developed through Qualtrics survey software and distributed via email and through phone interviews with hospital system labs and known facilities with Magellan Diagnostic LeadCare Testing Systems.

#### **Survey Objective**

The survey was created to better understand where blood lead lab testing was being done and what methods were currently used.

#### **Summary of Survey**

- A total of 22 responses were collected.
- The larger health systems in the state (i.e. Avera, Sanford, and Monument Health) do not process samples internally in their own labs but send them out for testing
- South Dakota Urban Indian Health in Pierre and Community Health Center of the Black Hills also send out samples
- Magellan Diagnostic LeadCare Testing System were used at Family Health Care of Siouxland, Black Hills Pediatrics, Horizon Health Care, and Mission Community Health Care
- Follow-up venous testing samples were sent either directly to the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory or a thirdparty service such as LabCorp



#### **Current Provider Practices Survey Analysis**

Survey Title: Blood Lead Level Provider Survey
 Start of Survey: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022
 End of Survey: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022
 Platform: Survey was developed through Qualtrics survey software and distributed via email.

#### **Survey Objective**

The survey was created to better understand when and how medical providers discuss lead screening with parents of children with and without known risk factors as well as referrals available.

#### **Summary of Survey**

Out of 73 responses, 22 respondents (30.1%) reported that they test children at a certain age, with all written responses being for children < 5 years old. 10 respondents (13.7%) reported they test children on Medicaid. 10 respondents (13.7%) reported to test children with other risk factors.

Out of 60 total responses, 68.3% of respondents reported to provide verbal education to a parent or guardian about lead hazards. 13.3% of respondents refer parents or guardians to the CDC website; 8.3% of respondents refer parents and guardians to the Department of Health website.



#### **Current Provider Practices Survey Analysis**

#### **Summary of Survey**

Out of 60 responses, 33 providers (55%) reported to send out to outside laboratories for blood lead testing (25% and 30% for capillary and venous blood draw, respectively). Written responses for the name of the outside lab include Avera, Stanford, Mayo, and State labs.

Out of 35 responses, 40% were able to refer patients for chelation therapy, 66% were able to refer for development screening services, 51% were able to refer for early educational services, 49% were able to refer for nutrition services and 23% were able to refer for environmental assessment.

Referral partners identified included SD DOH, Birth to 3, in house dietician/nutritionist, South Central Cooperative, Sanford/Avera for chelation, educational services through ICAP, and WIC

Out of 38 responses, 82% wanted SDDOH to provide educational material for patients/families, 47% wanted SDDOH to conduct educational seminars for health care providers, 68% wanted SDDOH to provide material about screening recommendations, 47% wanted SD DOH to provide educational material about reporting requirements, 71% wanted SD OH to provide referral listings and 34% wanted SDDOH to send out the latest updates via a listserv.

Providers also noted that they would like assistance with environmental screening access, additional information on referrals for services for families, home evaluations, and educational material in different languages.





## Discussion





## **Break**





## **Case Management and Follow up Testing**



### CDC Recommended Schedule if Capillary Blood Lead Level is ≥ 3.5 µg/dL for Obtaining a Confirmatory Venous Sample

Capillary Blood Lead Level (µg/dL)	Time to Confirmation Testing
≥3.5–9	Within 3 months
10–19	Within 1 month
20–44	Within 2 weeks
≥45	Within 48 hours



# The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Recommended Schedule if Capillary Blood Lead Level is ≥ 3.5 µg/dL for Obtaining a Confirmatory Venous Sample

Capillary Blood Lead Level (µg/dL)	Time to Confirmation Testing
≤ Reference value of 5*	1-3 months
6-44**	1 week- 1 month
45-59	48 hours
60-69	24 hours
≥70	Urgently as emergency test



## SD CLPPP Recommended Schedule if Capillary Blood Lead Level is ≥ 3.5 µg/dL for Obtaining a Confirmatory Venous Sample

Capillary Blood Lead Level (µg/dL)	Time to Confirmation Testing
≥3.5–9	3 months
10-44	1 month
45–59	48 hours
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#### **CDC Recommendations**

#### **ATSDR Recommendations**

Capillary Blood Lead Level (µg/dL)	Time to Confirmation Testing	Capillary Blood Lead Level (µg/dL)	Time to Confirmation Testing	Ca Lea (μg
≥3.5–9	Within 3 months	≤ Reference value of 5*	1-3 months	≥3.
10–19	Within 1 month	015		10-
20–44	Within 2 weeks	6-44**	1 week- 1 month	45-
≥45	Within 48 hours	45-59	48 hours	60-
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#### **SD CLPPP Recommendations**

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- For discussion with Lead Advisory Group, do we split this into 10-19ug/dL for confirmatory testing within 1 month and 20-44ug/dL for testing within 2 weeks?
- For discussion with Lead Advisory Group, do we condense this to the • CDC recommendation of >45ug/dL testing within 48 hours, or leave asis based on ATSDR.

Lead Advisory **Group Approval** Requested



### CDC Schedule for Follow-Up if Venous Blood Lead Level is $\geq 3.5 \ \mu g/dL$

Venous blood lead levels (µg/dL)	Early follow up testing (2–4 tests after initial test above specific venous BLLs)	Later follow up testing after BLL declining
≥3.5–9	3 months	6–9 months
10–19	1–3 months	3–6 months
20–44	2 weeks–1 month	1–3 months
≥45	As soon as possible	As soon as possible

### SD CLPPP Schedule for Follow-Up if Venous Blood Lead Level is $\geq 3.5 \ \mu g/dL$

Venous blood lead levels (µg/dL)	Follow-up Venous Test Schedule	Long-Term Follow-Up
≥3.5–9 µg/dL	3 months	6–9 months
10–19 μg/dL	Within 3 months	3–6 months
20–44 μg/dL	2 weeks- 1 month	1–3 months
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### **CDC** Schedule for Follow-Up

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Lead Advisory Group Approval Requested



## **Discussion**





## **Case Management Plan**



### **SD CLPPP Case Management for Venous or Confirm Test**

Confirmed BLL	INTIAL VENOUS OR CONFIRMED TEST				
	Notify the caregiver: Send 3.5 to 9 µg/dL letters and educational materials to family about sources of lead and methods of prevention.				
3.5 – 9 μg/dL	Retesting within 6-9 months				
	Notify the caregiver: Send ≥ 10 µg/dL letters and educational materials to family about sources of lead and methods of prevention, plus:				
	Interview the caregiver to assess the child's environmental history and risk factors. Recommend ways to prevent further lead exposure. If feasible, Contact the health care provider and discuss follow-up testing.				
	Case management				
10 – 19 μg/dL	• Ensure follow-up test scheduled within 3 months: Contact health care provider and/or family if follow-up test not completed within 3 months.				
	Refer family to community resources.				
	Retesting within 3-6 months				
	Same actions as above for 10-19 μg/dL, plus				
20 – 44 µg/dL	Case management				
	• Ensure follow-up test scheduled within 2 weeks- 1 month: Contact health care provider and/or family if follow-up test not completed within 2 weeks to 1 month				
	Refer family to community resources.				
	Retesting within 1-3 months				
	Same actions as above for 20-44 μg/dL, plus				
≥45 µg/dL	Case management				
	• Ensure follow-up confirmatory venous test Repeat venous blood test immediately: Contact parent and or healthcare provider if confirmatory test is not completed within the recommended time frame.				
	Refer family to community resources.				
	Chelation treatment: Chelation therapy is recommended child will need more frequent BLL monitoring.				
	Retesting based on chelation therapy protocol.				

### **SD CLPPP Case Management for Initial Capillary Test**

Notify the caregiver: Send 3.5 to 9 μg/dL letters and educational materials to family about sources of lead and methods of prevention.         follow VENOUS or CAPILLARY test within 3 months         3.5 - 9 μg/dL         Notify the caregiver: Send ≥ 10 μg/dL letters and educational materials to family about sources of lead and methods of prevention, plus:         10 - 19 μg/dL         Interview the caregiver to assess the child's environmental history and risk factors. Recommend ways to prevent further lead exposure. If feasible, contact the medical care provider regarding confirmatory venous testing         Case management         •       Ensure follow-up VENOUS or CAPILLARY confirm test scheduled within 1 month : Contact health care provider and/or family if follow-up test not completed within the recommended time frame.         20 - 44 μg/dL       Case management         •       Ensure follow-up VENOUS or CAPILLARY confirm test scheduled within 1 month : Contact health care provider and/or family if follow-up test not completed within the recommended time frame.         •       Refer family to community resources.         Same actions as above for 10-19 μg/dL, plus:       Case management         •       Ensure follow-up VENOUS or CAPILLARY confirm test scheduled within 2 weeks: Contact health care provider and/or family if follow-up test not completed within the recommended time frame.         •       Bafer family to community resources	Capillary BLL	INTIAL CAPILLARY TEST					
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## **Discussion**





# **Medical Management of Children**



#### **CDC Medical Management Guidelines**

<3.5 μg/dL	≥3.5 µg/dL to ≤45 µg/dL	≥45 µg/dL to ≤69 µg/dL	≥70 µg/dL
Lead education	Lead education	Lead education	Hospitalize and commence chelation
-Dietary -Environmental	-Dietary -Environmental Follow-up blood lead monitoring	-Dietary - Environmental	therapy (following confirmatory venous blood lead test) in
	U	Follow-up blood lead monitoring	conjunction with consultation from a
Environmental	Complete history and physical exam Lab work:	Complete history and physical exam	medical toxicologist or a pediatric
assessment* for	- Iron status	Lab work:	environmental health specialty unit
pre-1978	Consider Hemoglobin or hematocrit	-Hemoglobin or hematocrit	
housing	Environmental investigation Lead hazard reduction	-Iron status	Proceed according to actions for 45-
Follow-up	Neurodevelopmental monitoring	-Free erythrocyte protoporphyrin	69 μg/dL
blood lead	- Abdominal X-ray (if particulate lead ingestion is	Environmental investigation Lead hazard	
monitoring	suspected) with bowel decontamination if indicated	reduction	
		Neurodevelopmental monitoring	
		Abdominal X-ray with bowel	
		decontamination if indicated	
		Oral Chelation therapy Consider	
		hospitalization if lead-safe environment cannot be assured	

\* The scope of an "environmental assessment" will vary based on local resources and site conditions. However, this would include at a 4 minimum a visual assessment of paint and housing conditions, but may also include testing of paint, soil, dust, and water and other 5 lead sources discussed previously, e.g., [56]. This may also include looking for exposure from imported cosmetics, folk remedies, 6 pottery, food, toys, etc. which may be more important with low level lead exposure.

Source:https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/docs/final\_document\_030712.pdf



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## **Referral Recommendations**



#### **Referral Network**

- Connect children with blood levels at or above the BLRV to appropriate medical, environmental, social and behavioral services:
- Establish a sustainable referral system.
- Establish and maintain relationships with medical service providers.
- Establish and maintain relationships with social/behavioral service providers.
- Identify providers of environmental remediation services.
- Identify state and local resources for provision of services.





#### **Nutritional and Community Referrals**

- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP)
- South Dakota Community Information Exchange (CIE)
  - South Dakota's Community Information Exchange (CIE) is a statewide collaboration of health care, human and social service providers sharing information using an integrated technology platform and referral system to coordinate whole-person care
  - To streamline connection between health care, human and social service providers to address social needs and advance health improvement among populations at higher risk and that are underserved.







### **Medical Referral**

### **Chelation Therapy in South Dakota**

- South Dakota does not have a specific chelation therapy treatment center
- Handled by the patient's medical provider and may involve a hospital stay for monitoring
- Support for treatment is available from:
  - South Dakota Poison Center
  - Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit





#### **Environmental Referrals**

### Lead Remediation/Abatement in South Dakota

- EPA Certified
  - Prairie Environmental Consulting in Sioux Falls, SD
- SD DANR List of Hazardous Waste Management Firms:
  - <u>https://danr.sd.gov/Environment/Wast</u> <u>eManagement/HazardousWaste/Contra</u> <u>ctors.aspx</u>





## Discussion





# **Communication and Dissemination Plan**



#### **Communication and Dissemination Plan Objectives**

The Communication and Dissemination Plan (C&D Plan) plays a key role in supporting the South Dakota Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (SD CLPPP) in achieving its objectives. The plan sets forth the following communication objectives (COs)

- CO1: Raise awareness about the importance of childhood lead poisoning prevention
- CO2: Engage with relevant stakeholders
- CO3: Influence policy making
- CO4: Exchange ideas for case management, referrals, and linkage to care
- CO5: Increase the visibility of the program and its activities
- CO6: Highlight the program's positive impact in the state
- CO7: Disseminate blood lead surveillance reports
- CO8: Encourage data sharing, such as referrals to programs and linkage of data to improve health awareness and outcomes
- CO9: Engage laboratory facilities to submit all lead test results to the state and monitor data quality



#### **Communication and Dissemination Plan Key Messages**

- Lead screening and testing recommendations for children
- Screening, Testing, and Follow-up guidelines for children with lead in blood
- Impact of lead exposure
- Populations at risk for having lead in blood
- Ways to mitigate lead hazards in homes and the community
- Traditional sources of lead exposure such as household paint
- Non-traditional exposure sources, such as toys, spices, folk medicines, cookware, and occupational exposures
- Advancing laboratory methods for analyzing blood lead sample
- Laboratory and medical provider reporting requirement
- Findings from surveillance reports



### **Communication and Dissemination Plan Table**

Target audience (WHO?)	Communication objectives (CO) (WHY?)	Communication Key messages (KMs) (WHAT?)	Dissemination channels (WHERE?)
Families with children under 6, pregnant or lactating women, and immigrants/refugees	CO1: Raise awareness about the importance of childhood lead poisoning prevention CO2: Engage with relevant stakeholders CO5: to increase the visibility of the program and its activities	<ul> <li>Traditional sources of lead exposure such as household paint</li> <li>Non-traditional sources such as toys, spices, folk medicines, cookware, and occupational exposures.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Direct mailing</li> <li>Health Fairs</li> <li>Public Service Announcements (PSA)</li> <li>Social media</li> <li>Newsletters (e.g., SD Public Health Bulletin)</li> <li>Websites (e.g., doh.sd.gov or those of community partners)</li> </ul>
Medical and Service Providers	CO1: Raise awareness about the importance of childhood lead poisoning prevention CO2: Engage with relevant stakeholders CO3: Influence policy making CO4: Exchange ideas for case management, referrals, and linkage to care CO5: Increase the visibility of the program and its activities CO7: Disseminate blood lead surveillance reports CO8: Encourage data sharing, such as referrals to programs and linkage of data to improve health awareness and outcomes	<ul> <li>Lead screening and testing recommendations for children</li> <li>Impact of lead exposure</li> <li>Populations at risk for having lead in blood</li> <li>Medical providers reporting requirements</li> <li>Screening, Testing, and Follow-up guidelines for children with lead in blood</li> <li>Findings from surveillance reports</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Direct mailing</li> <li>Direct distribution (brochures, posters, infographics, etc.)</li> <li>DOH Listserv</li> <li>Newsletters (e.g., SD Public Health Bulletin)</li> <li>Websites (e.g., doh.sd.gov or those of community partners)</li> <li>Advertisements (e.g., South Dakota Medicine Journal, Dakota Nurse Connection)</li> </ul>
Laboratory Facilities	CO9: Engage laboratory facilities to submit all lead test results to the state and monitor data quality	Laboratory and medical provider reporting requirement	<ul> <li>DOH Listserv</li> <li>Meetings, conferences, trainings, and presentations</li> </ul>
Elected officials, Federal and state agencies, and Community- based Organizations (CBO)	CO1: Raise awareness about the importance of childhood lead poisoning prevention CO2: Engage with relevant stakeholders CO3: Influence policy making CO4: Exchange ideas for case management, referrals, and linkage to care CO5: Increase the visibility of the program and its activities CO6: highlight the program's positive impact in the state CO7: Disseminate blood lead surveillance reports CO8: Encourage data sharing	<ul> <li>Lead screening and testing recommendations for children</li> <li>Impact of lead exposure</li> <li>Populations at risk for having lead in blood</li> <li>Ways to mitigate lead hazards in homes and the community</li> <li>Traditional sources of lead exposure such as household paint</li> <li>Non-traditional sources such as toys, spices, folk medicines, cookware, and occupational exposures.</li> <li>Screening, Testing, and Follow-up guidelines for children with lead in blood</li> <li>Laboratory and medical provider reporting requirement</li> <li>Findings surveillance reports</li> </ul>	Public Service Announcements (PSA)
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## **Next Steps**

- Recommendations for additional Lead Advisory Group members
- Next Meeting
- Closing



