

Shared Services

Through shared-services agreements with local municipalities, the CLP Program provides Case Management and Environmental Investigations on behalf of local boards of health.



Additionally, the CLP Program participates in health fairs to educate the public throughout Bergen County communities.



The CLP Program assists in analyzing environmental samples of household items such as: jewelry, spices, toys, etc., with a (XRF) Consumer Product Niton Machine.

Please call us at: 201-634-2804 to test your product if you suspect that lead may be present in the materials used in the manufacturing of your product.

How do I find out if my child has been affected by lead?

A blood test is the only way to find out if your child has been affected by lead.

A blood lead screening test can be performed by a simple finger-stick. If results are high, a venous blood test should follow. Your child's pediatrician can provide more information.

When should my child be tested?

Every child should be tested at 12 months and at 24 months of age.

Also, children ages 3 to 6 years old who have never been tested should be tested.



Contact Us to schedule a FREE lead screening at: (201) 634-2648



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CHILDHOOD LEAD PROGRAM (CLP)

The Bergen County Department of Health Services, Office of Environmental Health, Childhood Lead Program (CLP) is tasked to implement New Jersey's childhood lead regulations found at: N.J.A.C. 8:51A as amended



Our Goal

The goal of the BCDHS CLP Program is to identify all children under 6 years of age who have elevated levels of lead in their blood.

Protect your child from lead exposure. Know the sources of lead contamination:

-  **Lead based paint**
If your house was built before 1978
-  **Imported goods**
Some imported goods such as toys, cosmetics, candy, and spices
-  **Herbal remedies**
Some herbal remedies and folk medicines
-  **Leaded pipes**
Old water pipes with lead
-  **Ceramic pottery**
Lead has long been used in ceramic ware in glazes

We educate families about the effects of elevated blood lead levels and provide prevention materials.

Educational materials include: education on nutrition, handwashing, housekeeping, and other ways to reduce lead exposure and to ensure Healthy Homes.



WHAT WE DO:

When a child, up to 72 months of age, or older, is determined to have a confirmed elevated blood lead level, this triggers action for an Environmental Intervention and Case Management plan for the affected child.



Environmental Intervention/Full Hazard Assessments help to eliminate and identify lead hazards such as: lead paint, contaminated soil, ambient sources, and contaminated dust as part of protecting children in their primary/secondary residences, as well as relocation residences.

Lead Inspector/Risk Assessors order an abatement of identified lead hazards in order to help prevent further lead poisoning. Case Management staff develops and implements a quality assurance and improvement plan for families who are burdened by lead poisoning.

For more information please call
201-634-2804

Services provided by nurse case managers:

- Guidance on home safety.
- Assist in identifying possible peeling/chipping lead paint sources.



- Home visits that include education.
- Educate proper housekeeping and hand-washing techniques that will reduce lead dust exposure.
- Identify possible cultural and consumer products within the home that may be contributing to lead exposure.
- Nutritional assessments and education on proper nutrition that decreases absorption of lead in the body.

