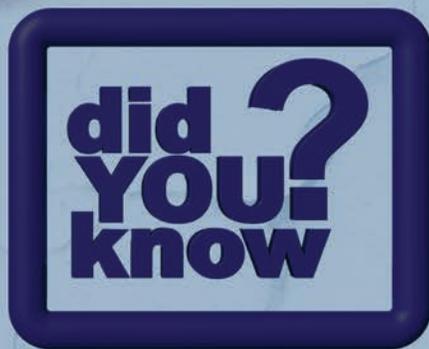


LEAD POISONING

Lancaster County's Silent Epidemic



Lancaster County is ranked 4th worst in PA for childhood lead poisoning rates.

Lead poisoning is a serious health issue that can cause irreversible damage to young children.

Lead poisoning is incurable but 100% preventable.

The leading cause of lead poisoning is lead-based paint in homes built before 1978.

Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health's new **Lead-Free Families** program is aimed at getting the lead out of Lancaster County through:

- Lead Screening
- In-Home Lead Testing & Remediation
- Healthcare & Social Service Support
- Community Education & Outreach
- Public Policy Advocacy & Education



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To apply for the program or for more information, visit us online at:

LeadFreeFamilies.org

Or call: 717-544-LEAD (5323)

Lead Poisoning Can Change a Child's Life



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The impacts of lead poisoning are permanent and completely preventable. Impacts include reduced IQ, ADHD, learning disabilities, hearing loss, and speech development problems.

The goal of Lead Free Families is to create a strong pathway to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Lancaster County- leading to healthier children, families and communities.

How can Lead-Free Families help my family?

- Educational materials about the dangers of lead
- Free lead paint remediation services to prevent childhood lead exposure.
- Referral services for children who have been diagnosed with an elevated blood-lead.
- Help you with scheduling a blood lead level screening in home for your child.
- Free relocation services provided for your family during remediation

How do I know if my family qualifies for help from Lead-Free Families?

- The home you own or rent must have been built prior to 1978.

AND

- There must be a child age 6 and under who lives or spends a significant amount of time in the household, or an individual who is currently pregnant.

AND

- Your household income must fall at or below 400% of the federal poverty line. (Example: A family of 4, the maximum income is \$106,000)

If we qualify for the program, what would happen next?

You will work with our Intake Coordinator to submit all your paperwork. Then, you will choose a time to meet with our Family Advocate in your home. During this visit, the Family Advocate will provide you with lead education and begin the process of scheduling your lead inspection.

I think my family qualifies for help from Lead-Free Families, what do I do next?

- Call us at 717-544-LEAD (5323)
- Send an email to info@leadfreefamilies.org
- Submit an Interest Form using the Apply Today link on leadfreefamilies.org

I don't think my family qualifies for help from Lead-Free Families but I am concerned about lead in my home, what can I do?

Even if you do not qualify for our program we still want to help. We can support you in providing education and technical assistance.

Please reach out to us with any questions.

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