

Illinois Lead Program

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

OVERVIEW

The Illinois Lead Poisoning Prevention Act requires health care providers to evaluate each child for lead poisoning at least once before they enter a licensed day care or school program.

The local health departments provide assessments and testing for lead poisoning, referrals, medical management, and in some cases, environmental investigations for children with elevated lead levels.

WHO IS SERVED?

Population(s)/Age Group:

Children 6 years of age and younger are served by the program.

Eligibility Criteria and Screening Tools:

Every physician or health care provider is required to assess all children 6 years of age or younger for lead poisoning. Children residing in low-risk areas are required to be assessed using the Childhood Lead Risk Questionnaire. Any positive or "Don't know" responses to any portion of the assessment are considered high risk and these children will receive a blood lead test. Blood lead testing is a requirement for all children residing in high-risk ZIP codes. [Childhood Lead Risk Questionnaire](#)

HOW ARE SERVICES DELIVERED?

Local Service System:

Local health care centers or physician's offices provide the program.

Referrals into Program:

Illinois law directs child care facilities, pre-schools and kindergartens to require each parent or legal guardian of a child 6 years of age or younger to provide a statement from a physician or health care provider that the child has been assessed for lead risk if the child resides in an area defined as low risk by the Department or test for lead poisoning if the child resides in an area defined as high risk.

Data Systems Used:

Illinois Lead Program Annual Surveillance Report is used to report the program data.
<http://www.idph.state.il.us/health/statshome.htm#Childlead>

STATE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR OR CONTACT

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