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CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

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SCOPE:

County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Administrators
Early Intervention Program Directors
Base Service Unit Directors
County Assistance Office Executive Directors

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide a description of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and how it may be accessed through the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

BACKGROUND:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health, through the Division of Maternal and Child Health, administers programs that can ameliorate diseases and health problems of childbearing women, their infants, and children. The major goals are health promotion, disease prevention, and early intervention.

The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program focuses on the adverse affects of lead toxicity on young children. Exposure to lead-based paint surfaces, contaminated soils, or drinking water supplies are the primary sources of lead poisoning. Even though Federal regulations prohibit the present use of lead or lead-related materials/products for residential, industrial, or commercial use, there is still a preponderance of lead hazards in existence in older housing units and throughout the environment in industrial areas.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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Research findings have established that even minimal exposure to materials with lead content can produce toxicity. Indicators of exposure may vary from subtle changes in behavior and intellectual functioning, to manifestations of possible learning disabilities and disruptive behavior. In more extreme case exposures, there is risk of severe damage to the brain and kidneys, and occasionally, death.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Health advocates lead toxicity testing for all children ages one through five years. The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program systematically performs blood screening tests on children in high-risk neighborhoods and among high-risk populations. Currently, there are seven service areas in Pennsylvania which are identified as high-risk communities with populations of 25,000 and above. Appropriate educational, medical, and environmental follow-up is provided for each child with a positive screening test result. Lead screening is conducted in the following areas/communities:

- a. City of York (Offices in York)
- b. City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
(Offices in Philadelphia)
- c. Allegheny County (Offices in Pittsburgh)
- d. Cities of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Reading, and Allentown
(Offices in Wilkes-Barre)
- e. City of Erie (Offices in Pittsburgh)
- f. City of Chester (Offices in City of Chester)
- g. Dauphin County (Offices in Harrisburg)

The primary services of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program are:

- a. Blood screening of high-risk children under age six.
- b. Referral for medical diagnosis/treatment.
- c. Education and consultation for parents and others in the community.
- d. Detection of lead hazards.

Children served by these projects under the age of six years residing in high-risk geographic areas, are eligible for screening at no cost, unless there is evidence of third party coverage. Referrals and inquiries may be directed to the local Pennsylvania Department of Health centers (see attachment).

At some point in the future, the Office of Mental Retardation may require all agencies receiving early intervention funds to implement a written referral and outreach agreement with the local lead screening prevention programs.

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Beaver, PA 15009
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Clearfield, PA 16830
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(Northwestern District)

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Huntingdon, PA 16652
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Indiana, PA 15701
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Luzerne County
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(215) 250-1825

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