

# Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) 30th Anniversary

CDC has a long-standing role in childhood lead poisoning prevention. In 2021, CDC's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) commemorates 30 years of funding state and local childhood lead poisoning prevention programs to eliminate childhood lead poisoning as a public health problem.

# Continuing Our Commitment to Eliminate Childhood Lead Exposure

Since its launch in 1991, CDC's CLPPP has supported state and local health departments that conduct activities to protect children from lead exposure and its harmful effects. CDC currently funds 53 programs (42 states, 5 major cities, 5 counties, and D.C.) to develop and maintain strong childhood lead poisoning prevention programs and conduct blood lead surveillance activities.

At CDC and other agencies, public health interventions and policies have made substantial progress in eliminating and reducing several sources of lead exposure to



children, including lead in gasoline and lead-based paint Over time, average blood lead levels (BLLs) in U.S. children age 1–5 years have declined from 15 micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu$ g/dL) in the late 1970s to less than 1  $\mu$ g/dL in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) during 2011–2014. However, many children are still exposed to lead, and significant disparities based on race/ethnicity and income still exist.

To recognize the successes that CDC CLPPP has achieved over the last 30 years and our vision for the future, CDC CLPPP invites you to commemorate our continued commitment to preventing childhood lead exposure in the United States.

CDC has recently announced the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2021 funds to support primary and secondary prevention strategies for childhood lead poisoning prevention and surveillance. These strategies include ensuring blood lead testing and reporting, enhancing blood lead surveillance, improving linkages to recommended services, and developing targeted population-based interventions that focus on community-based approaches for lead hazard elimination.

# Learn More About Lead Exposure



# Our Program

About CDC's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program



#### Timeline of Lead in the U.S.

Explore CDC CLPPP's history of milestones and achievements over the last 50 years.



#### Information For You

Explore these resources for parents and caregivers, public health professionals, and healthcare providers.



## State & Local Programs

Find national, state, and local blood lead surveillance data.

#### More Resources



### **Publications and Resources**

Find resources, research, and guidelines for childhood lead poisoning prevention.



#### **Data and Statistics**

Access national and state blood lead surveillance data.

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