

Nevada Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Childhood Lead Poisoning 101:

From Sources to Steps to Reduce Exposure

Lead Poisoning Prevention

This workshop will inform families, service providers, and community partners about lead poisoning prevention. Lead exposure is entirely preventable, but today lead can still be found in our homes, and in items, we bring into our homes. Children under 6 years old are most susceptible to adverse health outcomes from lead exposure such as permanent cognitive impairment, behavioral issues, and reduced impulse control. These outcomes result in downstream consequences such as lower academic test scores, high school dropout, and conduct problems.

During this presentation, you will learn about the dangers of lead, ways children can be exposed, which populations are most at risk for lead poisoning, and steps you can take to prevent another generation of children from growing up exposed to lead.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the effects of lead exposure
- Recognize which communities tend to have higher blood lead levels
- Identify potential sources of lead exposure
- Describe the importance of getting a lead test
- List ways to reduce lead exposure

Outline of Presentation

- The Problem Of Lead Exposure
- Primary Sources Of Lead Exposure
- How Does Lead Enter The Body?
- Risk Levels For Children
- Lead Exposure In Pregnant And Lactating Women
- The Short- And Long-Term Impacts Of Lead Poisoning
- Hobbies And Professions With Risk Of Lead Exposure
- Blood Lead Testing
- Three Methods To Address Lead Poisoning
- What Can You Do To Protect Children?