

### **RECALL NOTIFICATIONS**

The <u>Consumer Product Safety Commission</u> (<u>CPSC</u>) recalls products such as toys and furniture with unsafe levels of lead. Lead exposure can lead to cognitive and behavioral problems, especially for children under 6 years old. Consumers should immediately discontinue use of the recalled product and, when applicable, contact the manufacturer for a refund.



## Eames Desk Units and Storage Units



On October 6, MillerKnoll furniture company recalled their <u>Eames Desk Units</u> and <u>Eames Storage Units</u>. The surface paint on the side panels of these units contain lead levels that exceed the federal limit. These units were sold at Herman Miller and Design Within Reach stores and online from October 2020 through March 2022.

## U.P. Fashion Children's Rings



On October 13, U.P. Fashion recalled their <u>children's rings</u> due to lead contamination. The metal base of these rings contains lead levels that exceed the federal limit. These rings were sold at dollar stores and discount stores nationwide from April 2021 through July 2022.

## BE Jewel Children's Hairclips



On September 29, BE Jewel Accessories recalled their <u>children's hairclips</u>. The crystals on the hairclips contain lead levels that exceed the federal limit. These hairclips were sold at dollar stores and discount stores nationwide from May 2019 through July 2022.

# Juvo Plus Butterfly Net Sets and Army Action Figure Playsets



On October 20, Juvo Plus Inc. recalled their <u>Children's Butterfly Net Sets and Army Action Figure Playsets</u>. Components of these toys contain lead levels that exceed the federal limit. These sets were sold via multiple online retailers, including Amazon, Target, and Walmart, from September 2017 through June 2022.

### Anker Play Bolt Foldable Children's Scooters



## Tangame Toys Busy Toy House



On November 3, Anker Play Products recalled their Bolt Foldable Children's Scooters. The paint on the scooters contains lead levels that exceed the federal limit. These scooters were sold at discount stores nationwide from March 2022 through May 2022.

On November 3, Tangame Toys recalled their <u>Busy Toy Houses</u>. Two components of the toy, the metal zipper and plastic phone cord, contain lead levels that exceed the federal limit. These toy houses were sold exclusively on Amazon.com from May 2022 through July 2022.

## BS Interactive Stashables Sets



On November 3, BS Interactive recalled their <u>Stashables Finger Skateboard Ramp Sets</u>. The surface paint on the miniature skateboards and scooters contains lead levels that exceed the federal limit. These sets were sold on Amazon.com and Walmart.com from April 2020 through May 2022.

## Green Sprouts Steel Bottles and Cups



On November 23, Green Sprouts recalled their Stainless Steel Bottles and Cups. The bottom base of these bottles and cups can break off, exposing a solder dot that contains lead. These bottles and cups were sold in stores and online from January 2020 through September 2022.

#### Bentex Children's Clothing Sets



On November 23, Bentex recalled their <u>Children's Clothing Sets</u>. The textile ink on these clothing sets contains lead levels that exceed the federal limit. These sets were sold in stores and online from November 2021 through August 2022.

View more recalls

### **PARTNER HIGHLIGHT**



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An Interview
with Fernanda
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Department of
Health and
Human Services



We at NvCLPPP are grateful to have numerous partnerships to reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning and provide care and support to children who have been exposed to lead. In this issue, we would like to highlight our partnership with Fernanda Alonzo from

the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.

#### NvCLPPP: How many years have you been working in public health?

Fernanda: I've been working in public health for a year and a half. That time has helped cement key public health concepts in my mind and what the field means to me. To me, public health is really about being transparent, concise, communicating directly, and making sure that people have the ability to make the right choices for their health.

### NvCLPPP: You recently started a new position at the state! Can you tell us a bit about what you do?

Fernanda: Yes, I conduct childhood blood lead surveillance for 16 counties in Nevada. Not all counties in Nevada have as many resources as Clark County, so my colleague, Ali Garcia, and I are a support system for them. We provide health education and resources to families of children with lead exposure in Washoe County and in rural counties in Nevada.

#### NvCLPPP: What do you hope to achieve in your new position at the state?

Fernanda: There are two things I would really like to achieve. One of them is to get everybody in the state on the same page on how we handle cases of childhood lead exposure above the CDC's reference value. The more we can streamline a process, the easier it would be to connect families to the resources they need. Another thing I am hoping to do is engage with providers and let them know the reasons why it is important to test children for lead. I really hope to see Nevada's lead testing rates skyrocket. I hope more providers start lead testing in children.

#### NvCLPPP: Is there anything else that you'd like to share?

Fernanda: It's so important to bring awareness to communities so they know that many everyday items we bring in to our home can contain lead which can especially harm children under six years old. It's still something that parents should be aware about. Providers should be letting families know and strongly urging them to get their children tested for lead. I want to be able to communicate with people why this is important so they can make the best decisions for their families. As I continue in public health, I always want to communicate openly, effectively, and with the truth.

### RECENT NVCLPPP PUBLICATIONS

NvCLPPP recently published two scholarly articles related to our work. Read our publications on a case of lead tainted turmeric and academic detailing below.

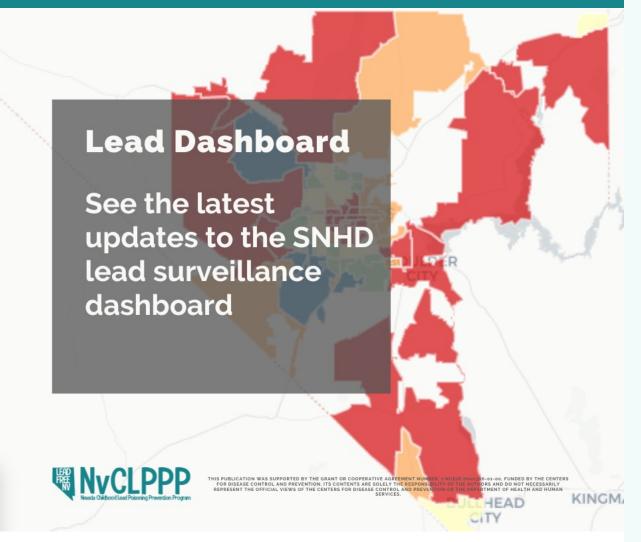


A Multistage Public Health Response to Pediatric Lead Exposure: A Case Study on Lead Tainted Turmeric in an Immigrant Family



Improving the Identification of Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels: A Pilot Project Using an Academic Detailing Approach

### **LEAD IN NEVADA**



In collaboration with NvCLPPP, the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) recently updated the Lead Surveillance Dashboard with the latest available census data (2020). The

Lead Surveillance Dashboard is an interactive data visualization tool that allows users to see lead testing rates and lead exposure risk in Clark County based on geographic location. By monitoring blood lead levels, SNHD can work towards decreasing exposure to lead by identifying lead sources, identifying vulnerable populations and occupations, and educating communities about lead.

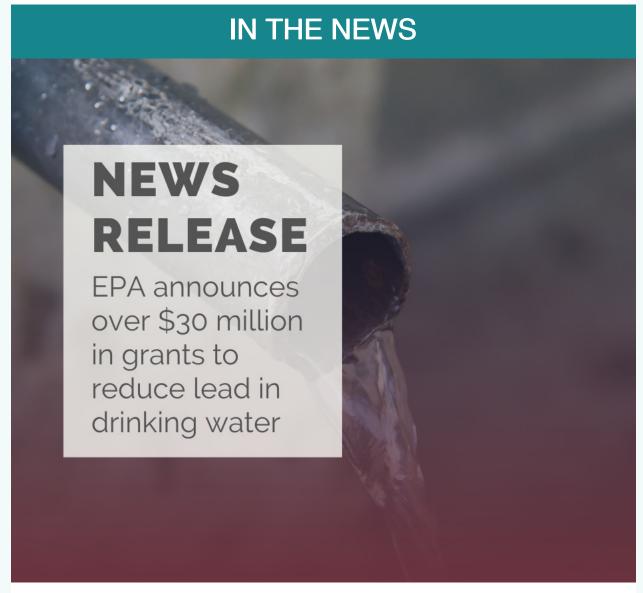
Explore the Lead Surveillance

Dashboard



Congratulations to the City of Las Vegas for receiving a \$3 million dollar award from Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This funding will help the City of Las Vegas protect families from lead and other home health hazards in 100 housing units, providing safer homes for low-income families with children.

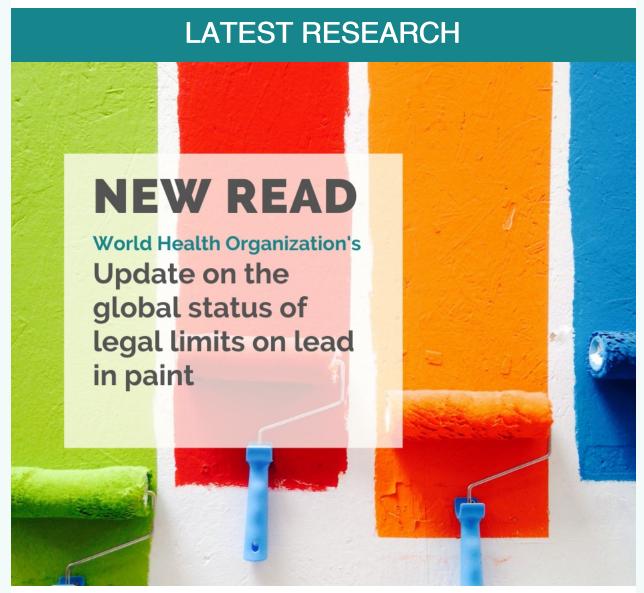
Read the full press release



Progress Update - In October 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it will grant over \$30 million for six projects to reduce lead in drinking water under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. The six projects target disadvantaged communities and schools in cities like Detroit, Philadelphia, and Trenton by addressing lead in water pipes.

Additionally, the WIIN grant program awarded over \$1 million towards tribal lead reduction programs.

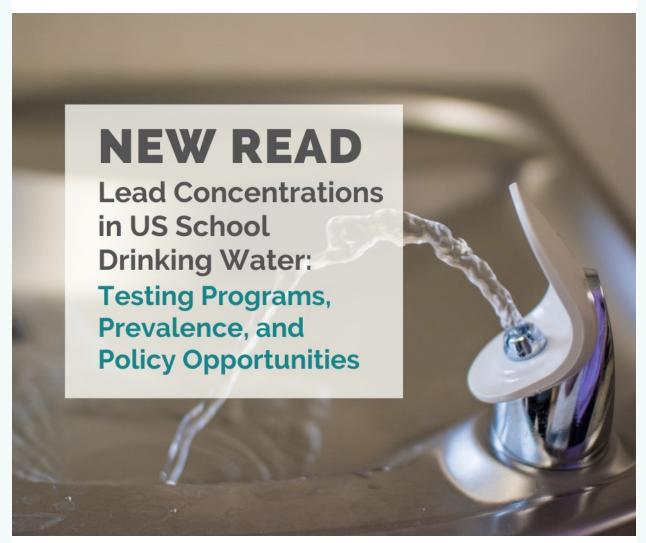
Read the full press release



#### Update on the global status of legal limits on lead in paint

The World Health Organization and the Lead Paint Alliance have released their annual report on the Global Status of Lead Paint Laws. Currently, 84 countries have laws to curb lead-based paint and more countries are working to pass new lead paint laws every year.

Read the research



#### Lead Concentrations in US School Drinking Water:

Testing Programs, Prevalence, and Policy Opportunities, 2016-2018

Some schools in the United States have elevated levels of lead in their tap water. This study from the American Journal of Public Health analyzed water samples from schools in seven states, including Nevada. Ensuring that children have safe drinking water in their schools is a public health priority.

Read the research

### ALL Children Can Be Exposed to Lead



All children can be exposed to lead . The CDC's factsheet provides a <u>list of real-world examples</u>. Visit the CDC website for an <u>accessible version of the factsheet</u>.

### **WHO WE ARE**

The <u>Nevada Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (NvCLPPP)</u> is dedicated to working with medical providers, community partners, and health districts across the state to increase the health and well-being of Nevada's children, especially as it relates to lead poisoning prevention.

#### NvCLPPP aims to:

- Increase blood lead testing in Nevada
- Strengthen childhood lead exposure surveillance
- Link children exposed to lead to services

We need your help! By learning and teaching others about the sources and effects of lead exposure, ways to decrease exposure, and the importance of lead testing, we can work together to ensure all children in Nevada have an equal opportunity to thrive.

Visit our website <u>nvclppp.org</u> to see valuable information for medical providers, community partners, and concerned parents.

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