Philly Lead Poisoning Prevention Summit

Welcome!



Note: Graph measures children under 7 years old.

Philadelphia Has

More Than 3x As

Compared to Flint,

Many Poisoned

Children

Michigan

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health, 2014 Credit: Sarah Frostenson

Elevated BLLs >= 5 µg/dL as % of children tested Flint, Michigan 3.21



Summit Goals:

Eliminating Lead Hazards So Children Are Never Poisoned

- 1) Build knowledge of the primary prevention recommendations advanced by the City's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Advisory Group
- 2) Identify additional action steps for both the public and private sectors to undertake to continue the advancement of these primary prevention strategies
- 3) Start a new, cross-sector lead poisoning prevention coalition to accelerate the implementation of these strategies by June 2019

"Philadelphia Can Be the Lead-Safest City in the Country!"



Lead Paint Disclosure Law – "The Lead Law"

- Requires landlords of properties built before 1978 in which a child 6 or under resides to:
 - Test and certify the property is Lead Safe or Lead Free
 - Provide certificate to tenant for signature
 - Provide signed copy of certificate to the Health Department
 - Attest/sign off to L & I upon application or annual renewal of rental license that landlord has submitted the certification to the Health Department
- As of March 2018, owners of Family Child Day Care facilities built before March 1978 will be required to certify their property as lead safe or lead free as a condition of licensing.



Fewer Children With Lead in Philadelphia...

The number of children under six in Philadelphia who have tested positive for high levels of lead has fallen by 76 percent since 2006, mirroring a national trend.



public citizens for children + youth



Chart Source: Philadelphia Inquirer

Children Under 7 years old

SOURCE: Philadelphia Department of Healthl Pa. Department of Health; N.J. Department of Health; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public citizens for children + youth

Majority of Children Poisoned Live in Rental Units

- 551,000 housing units built before 1978 (95% of all city units)
 - Approx. 56,000 house children age six and under, and of these approx. 26,000 (47%) are rental properties
- Total of 273,000 rental units in the city and approx. 80,000 <u>units</u> are licensed
- Approx. 18,000 rental <u>licenses</u> are likely to have a unit where a child age six or under lives, but the total number of units requiring certification is likely higher because rental licenses may each cover up to 10 units in a single property.



Today's Focus: Expand the Law

From the City's Advisory Group Recommendations:

- Expand the Lead Paint Disclosure Law to all rental units built before 1978, including PHA and Section 8 units, and require renewal of lead safe certification every two years regardless of changes in tenancy.
- Explore funding for landlords to remediate properties built before 1978 if they show financial hardship.

Newly Introduced Demolition Safety Bills

<u>Bill #170903 – Councilmember Squilla</u>

 Requires demolition contractors to attend trainings mandated by the L&I, to fully document the qualifications of supervisors and site safety managers and requires adherence to the Philadelphia Water
 Department's and Philadelphia Health Department's soil and dust control regulations as a condition for licensure.

Bill #170898 – Councilmembers Jones & Johnson

• Establishes additional steps that contractors must take to keep dust from escaping demolition sites.