

# Health Care Provider Newsletter

A Collaboration Between the Alameda County Health  
Homes Department and the City of Berkeley Childhood  
Lead Poison Prevention Program

*“There is no safe level of lead for children...”  
The American Academy of Pediatrics, October 2007*

**ANNOUNCING THE HEALTHY CHILD INITIATIVE!**



THE  
Healthy Child  
INITIATIVE

Summer 2013

The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program has embarked on a new initiative, called the Healthy Child Initiative (HCI). The mission of the HCI is to increase childhood lead testing rates 25% by 2015. Staff have been meeting and partnering with community leaders, agencies, parents, and medical providers throughout Alameda County to promote lead testing. Staff is currently partnering with Kaiser, the South Hayward Parish and the Promotores Academy at Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center. As medical providers, your participation and input is vital to this initiative and greatly needed; you can assist in this effort by taking a brief survey about your experience, beliefs, challenges and needs regarding lead testing. Your responses will guide us in developing more effective strategies and resources to support the challenges you face within your practice. See below for details:



*Your opinion will aide in our health care provider lead poisoning prevention outreach efforts.*

### **Provider Survey: Voice Your Opinion**

Please assist us in this mutual effort by taking a brief survey so we can better support your testing of children in Alameda County for lead.

The survey can be accessed at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AlamedaCountyProviderSurvey>

For more information regarding the Healthy Child Initiative and provider outreach efforts, please contact Patricia Garcia at 510-567-8253 or [patricia.garcia@acgov.org](mailto:patricia.garcia@acgov.org).

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**Visit the following websites for information on recalled products:**

- [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov)
- [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)
- Check independently tested toys at [www.healthytoys.org](http://www.healthytoys.org)
- Check lists of lead-safe candies at [www.leadinmexicancandy.com](http://www.leadinmexicancandy.com)



*Ask your clients to stay connected to consumer product updates.*

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

The Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is now under the Healthy Homes Department. We will continue to utilize a multi-disciplinary approach (nursing/health, housing, environmental) to address lead poisoning and other housing related health issues.

*“The connection between the health and the dwelling of the population is one of the most important that exists” . . .*

Florence Nightingale (1860)

**VISIT THE WEBSITE**

The medical provider portal of the website contains information, sample patient educational materials, and our referral form. It can be accessed at [www.aclppp.org](http://www.aclppp.org) or by smart phones with a Quick Response (QR) code application by scanning the symbol below:

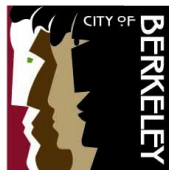


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The Alameda County Healthy Homes Department and City of Berkeley Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention provide services to Alameda County and Berkeley residents as they relate to reducing lead exposure in children. Services range from nursing case management for children with blood lead levels above 15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  to health education for children with levels between 5-14  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ .

We also provide resources to property owners on lead-safe practices, such as free lead-safe painting and remodeling classes, In-Home Consultations, access to HEPA-Vacuums and more! For more information about our case management services and programs, or to refer a client to our services, please feel free to contact us at the information listed above.