National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

The week of October 25-31, 2020 is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. Lead poisoning occurs when lead enters the bloodstream and builds up to toxic levels. Many different factors such as the source of exposure, length of exposure, and underlying susceptibility (e.g., child’s age, nutritional status, and genetics) affect how the body handles foreign substances.

No safe blood lead level in children has been identified. Here are important facts to know about lead exposure and its potentially harmful effects.

- Lead is a toxic element, especially in young children. When absorbed into the body, it can result in damage to the brain and nervous system, learning and behavior problems, slow growth and development, and hearing and speech problems.
- Lead poisoning is preventable! The key is preventing children from coming into contact with lead.
- Lead can be found inside and outside the home. The most common source of exposure is from lead-based paint, which was used in many homes built before 1978. Children can be exposed by swallowing or breathing in lead dust created by old paint that has cracked and chipped, eating paint chips, or chewing on surfaces coated with lead-based paint, such as window sills.

  There are simple steps that can be taken to protect family members from lead-based paint hazards in the home such as regularly cleaning the home, washing children’s hands and toys often, and wiping shoes before entering the home.

  If you live in a house built before 1978, a certified inspector or risk assessor can be hired to check your home for lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards.

  Lead can also be found in drinking water. The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, faucets, and fixtures.

- Other examples of possible sources of lead include some metal toys or toys painted with lead-based paint, furniture painted with lead-based paint, some metal-containing jewelry, some imported items (i.e., health remedies, foods and candies, cosmetics, powders or make-up used in religious ceremonies), and lead-glazed pottery or porcelain.

Sources: https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/national-lead-poisoning-prevention-week.htm
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August 2020 Statistics

MCH Continued...

WIC Clients receiving Education..164
WSSM / WIC Education .......... 133
Internet WIC Education ........... 6
Individual WIC Education ......... 25
Lead.................................. 23
Hemoglobins........................ 81
ASQ Developmental Screenings .. 81
Depression Screenings .......... 38
EPSDT'S................................ 27
Flouride Varnish (Oral Health) ... 29
Number of Vision Tested.......... 0
Number of Hearing Tested......... 0
OAE Hearing Tested................. 0
Pregnancy Tests.................... 0

Family Case Management

APORS Visits ...................... 36
Healthworks Caseload............. 102

Communicable Disease Investigations

Chickenpox .......................... 0
Cryptosporidiosis .................. 0
COVID-19 .......................... 146
Hepatitis B ........................... 0
Hepatitis C ........................... 3
Histoplasmosis ...................... 0
HIV/AIDS Cases Investigated ....... 0
HIV Test ............................. 0
Salmonellosis ........................ 3
Streptococal Infections (Group A) . 0
Whopping Cough (Pertussis) ....... 1

Sexually Transmitted Disease

Chlamydia .......................... 15
Gonorrhea .......................... 12
Syphilis .............................. 0

TB (Tuberculosis)

Tests Administered................ 39
New Prophylactic Patients ......... 0
New Investigations ................. 0
New Active Cases .................. 0

Drug Testing

5-Panel Hair Drug Test ............ 0
9-Panel Non-Regulated Urine Test .. 0
5-Panel Hair Test w/ Exp.Opiates .. 0

Environmental Health

Food

Routine Inspections................. 35
Follow-up Inspections ............. 4
Complaint Inspections ............ 2
Temporary Inspections ............ 4
Pre-Operational Inspections ...... 1
Emergency Incident Inspections .... 0
Number of Permits Issued .. 14

Sewage

Routine Inspections ............... 0
Complaint Inspections ............ 0
Realty Inspections ................ 1
Sewage Systems Installed ......... 1
Number of Permits Issued ....... 1

Water

New System Inspections .......... 0
Existing Water Well Inspections .. 0
Realty Inspections ................. 1
Complaint Inspections ............ 0
Water Wells Sealed ............... 0
Number of Permits Issued ....... 0

Closed Loop Wells

Closed Loop Well Inspections .. 0
Systems Installed ................ 0
Number of Permits Issued ....... 0

Tanning

Routine Inspections ............... 0
Follow-up Inspections ............ 0
Complaint Inspections ............ 0

Body Art

Routine Inspections ............... 0
Follow-up Inspections ............ 0
Complaint Inspections ............ 0

Miscellaneous

Animal Bites ......................... 1

FIT Test

Female........0
Male.........0

Lab Draws

Private Pay

Salem Office ....................... 37
Centralia Office ................. 13
Total Private Pay Lab Draws .. 50

Maternal Child Health (MCH)

Maternal Health Encounters ...... 408
WIC Caseload ....................... 1155