



Dear Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program Providers,

**RE: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week**  
**October 21-27, 2018**

As you know, there is no known safe blood lead level and exposure to lead can permanently impair a child's intellectual and social development. Paint and gasoline were common sources of lead until use of it in these substances was banned. Children living in any pre-1978 housing could still be exposed to dangerous levels of lead from old lead paint and from contamination of soil and dust by old leaded gasoline. Due to their socioeconomic status, children receiving services from government assisted health programs are also considered at risk for lead exposure and many at-risk children have not been tested.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is being observed throughout California during the week of **October 21-27, 2018. Our theme this year is, "Dust and dirt with lead can hurt. Keep kids away from lead where they play."** We will take this opportunity to work closely with local media outlets to inform parents of at-risk children of the importance of blood lead testing.

Because this campaign may generate questions from parents, we are sharing the enclosed *Lead Poisoning Prevention Week* fact sheet. This can be a useful tool to address parent questions about childhood lead issues. Local resource numbers and the state lead web site, [www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/clppb](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/clppb), are listed. If you have any questions, please call us at the number below.

We appreciate your concern and efforts to identify and screen children who are at risk for lead poisoning. Please call *Linda Overton, ANM*, Riverside County Lead Program Coordinator, at (951) 358-7245 if you have questions. Please visit our Riverside County Lead Program Website: [www.rivcoclpp.org](http://www.rivcoclpp.org)

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Lead Poisoning Prevention Week Fact Sheets (English/ Spanish)

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