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***** Save the Date *****

Lead Semi Annual Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2018 at 9:30 am

Partnerships: Synergy to Leveraging Assets and Producing Outcomes

The Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program has been working closely with our local, state and federal partners. We have conducted several trainings with Martin Nee, Office of Lead Hazards Control and Healthy Homes for the HUD Region 1, regarding the new Lead Safe Housing Rule Amendment.

The Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program, the Asbestos Program, Federal OSHA and the Uncas Health District recently conducted a site visit in response to a complaint involving lead and asbestos at an old mill building that is being converted into affordable housing funded by the Department of Housing.



Kimberly Ploszaj, DPH, Lynne Matteson, Federal OSHA and Kristen Day, DPH

The value of partnerships is priceless. Whether you're a local, state or federal partner, your commitment to increasing awareness on lead poisoning prevention contributes to successful outcomes.

Fact Sheets

Lead Poisoning Prevention

Where is Lead Found?

- **Paint:** Lead can be found in paint that was made before 1978. This paint can be on any painted surface in your home, like doors, windows, and porches.
- **Dust:** Lead dust in the home is comes from lead painted surfaces that are chipping and peeling. Sanding and scraping old paint when repainting or remod
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Eating Right Helps Fight Lead Poisoning

Lead tricks the body into thinking it is iron, calcium or zinc. Eating healthy can help decrease the lead from staying in the body.

Don't let your child go through the day on an empty stomach!

Five Basic Food Groups

- Breads, cereals and grains
- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Milk and milk products
- Meat, chicken, fish, nuts, and beans



Foods Rich in Calcium

- Milk
- Yogurt
- Cheese (for snacks, in cooking such as macaroni and cheese, casseroles, soups, etc.)



Fact sheets are available on our website in the following languages:

Arabic	Pashto
Chinese	Polish
Dari	Somali
English	Spanish
Haitian Creole	Swahili
Hindi	Urdu

<http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/Lead-Poisoning-Prevention-and-Control/For-Parents>

Lead Awareness



Is this
paint of
concern to you?



It's that time of year again:

Property owners

and

Contractors

are sanding and scraping

PAINT

The Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program has been conducting trainings to a variety of audiences throughout the state on lead poisoning prevention, lead safe work practices, state and federal lead laws and how this all pertains to reducing the exposure to lead!!!

If you are interested in coordinating a training, please contact
Kim Ploszaj at 860 509-7959.

April 2018

Lead Recall

On April 19, 2018, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a recall for the Base Brands children's Reduce Hydro Pro Furry Friends water bottles.

The stainless steel insulated, 14 ounce water bottles were sold in a pack of two bottles: a pink bottle with a character of a bear face and a gray bottle with the character of a lamb head. The recalled water bottles have a removable lid gasket and a rubber carry strap. Reduce, www.reduceeveryday.com, and 14oz/0.41L are printed on the blue or pink underside of the bottle.

Consumers with questions may contact Base Brands toll-free at (833) 600-2887 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm EST Monday through Friday, or email at info@basebrands.com or online at www.cpsc.gov/recalls/2018/base-brands-recalls-water-bottles-due-to-violation-of-lead-paint-standard-recall-alert for more information.

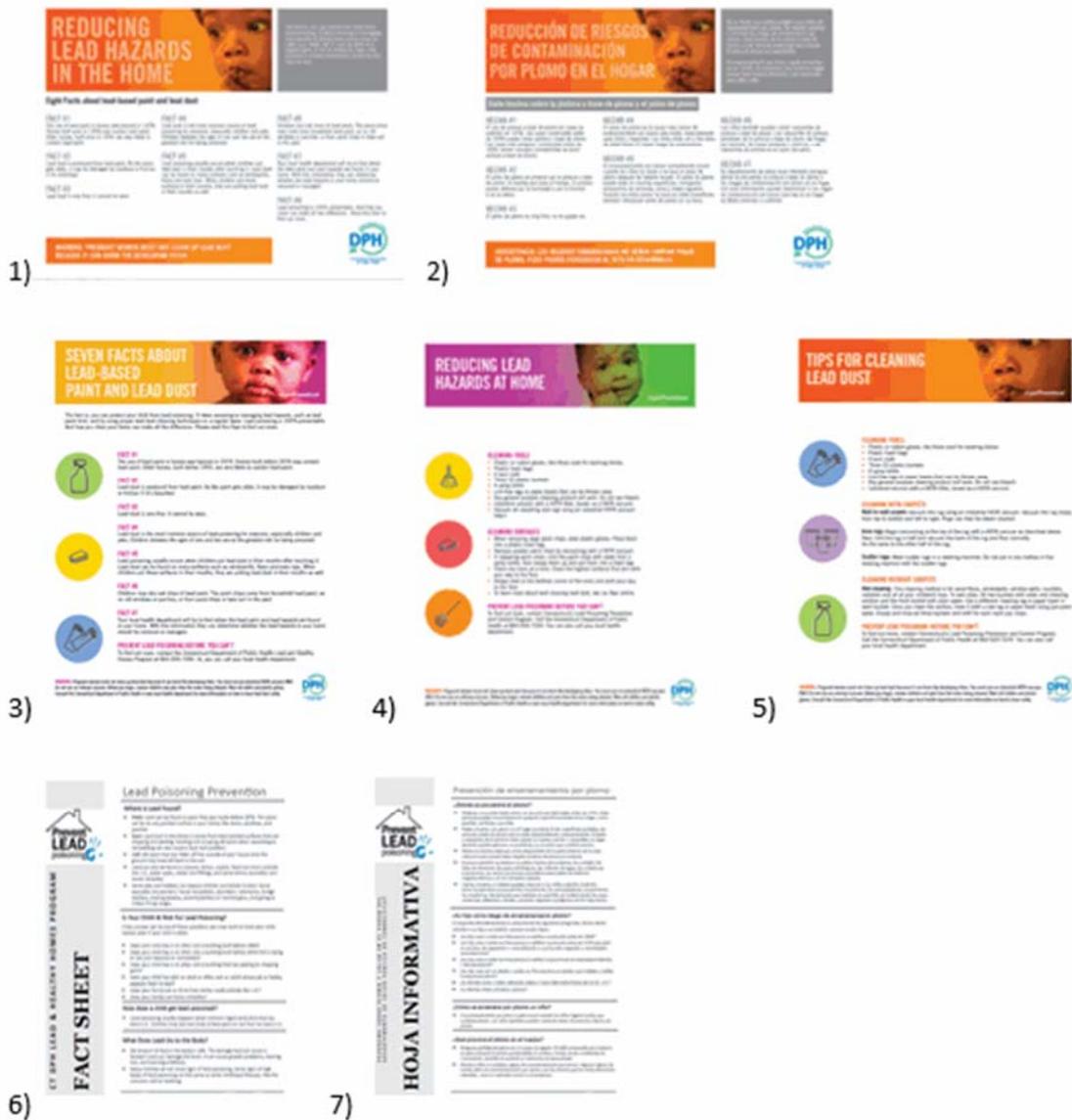
You may also contact the Connecticut Department of Public Health Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program at (860) 509-7299.



Would you like to order educational materials? We have lead poisoning prevention materials and healthy homes materials. Please contact **Waynett Bobbs** at waynett.bobbs@ct.gov to order materials. Please note, supplies may be filled in

CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION:

Requested Quantity	Educational Material Name
1)	Reducing Lead Hazards in the Home (English; horizontal)
2)	Reducing Lead Hazards in the Home (Spanish; horizontal)
3)	Seven Facts About Lead-Based Paint and Dust
4)	Reducing Lead Hazards at Home (Vertical)
5)	Tips for Cleaning Lead Dust
6)	Education Packet (English)
7)	Education Packet (Spanish)



HEALTHY HOMES:



Requested Quantity	Educational Material Name
	1) What is A Healthy Home? Fact Sheet Keep It Clean Fact Sheet Keep It Dry Fact Sheet Keep It Safe Fact Sheet Keep It Well Ventilated Fact Sheet Keep It Free of Pests Fact Sheet Keep It Free of Dangerous Chemicals Fact Sheet Keep It in Good Repair Fact Sheet
	2) A Healthy Home: Keep Tabs on Household Hazards
	3) Your Guide to a Healthy Home
	4) Your Guide to a Healthy Home (Spanish)



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New Staff Member - Chris Heneghan



Please join us in welcoming Chris Heneghan to the Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program. Mr. Heneghan holds a Masters of Public Health degree from the University of Connecticut. He will serve as the Epidemiologist for the Radon Program. He brings strong enthusiasm for using epidemiological methods and community collaboration to address public health issues to our team. Mr. Heneghan began working in Public Health as a Medical Case Manager for people living with HIV/AIDS in 2005. Since then he has worked with many community health organizations on coalition building and program development to address health disparities impacting people with substance use disorders. Mr. Heneghan also spent five years working as a Research Assistant at the Yale School of Public Health. When he is not at work he enjoys hiking with his wife Aura and his dog Caillou, surfing, and performing music with friends.

**2018 Lead Inspector
and
Lead Inspector Risk Assessor
Code Enforcement Official Training**

We have successfully completed the 2018 Lead Inspector and Lead Inspector Risk Assessor Code Enforcement Official Trainings. 225 five Code Enforcement Officials were trained this year at 6 different locations throughout CT.



This year's training included a video documenting the crisis in Flint Michigan, a hands on session utilizing the XRF machines, including our newest Heuresis 200pbi, abatement plan assessment, 10 different case scenarios, identification of structural components and "what's wrong in this photo" station. Also included in this year's training was an evaluation after every presentation, this was done to better assess the material so that we can continue to improve and enhance the content for next year's training.



Lead Media Campaign Materials



SEVEN FACTS ABOUT LEAD-BASED PAINT AND LEAD DUST



Don't let lead poisoning change your child's future.

Learn how to prevent childhood lead poisoning.
Call 860 509-7299. Visit ct.gov/PreventLead



The media campaign will kick off in July and be featured through in cities where Black and Latino Populations are affected the most: Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, Waterbury and Meriden. If you are interested in promoting these materials on your website, social media platforms or with your local medical providers or community programs, please contact Denise Ortiz at denise.ortiz2@ct.gov.



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