



# Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Activities and Recent Accomplishments in California

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# California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Strategic Plan:

## Core Healthy Homes Activities include:

- Protecting the public from unsafe and unhealthy environments.
- Promoting healthy lifestyles for individuals and families in their communities and workplaces.



# **CDPH Programs that promote Healthy Homes concepts/activities:**

- 1. Indoor Air Quality – mold assessment, radon testing, tobacco smoke.**
- 2. Asthma issues – CA Breathing**
- 3. Lead Poisoning Prevention**
- 4. Occupational exposure, including lead.**



# California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (CLPPB)

- **CLPPB provides funding, outreach and education, enforcement, surveillance, data management, encourages screening and testing, and oversees case management.**
- **CLPPB has contracts with 45 local agencies and distributes \$11 million annually (plus \$5 Million from MediCal).**



# **CLPPB Lead Related Construction (LRC) Program**

- **CDPH training and certification program for individuals that identify and abate lead hazards.**
- **Nearly 7,000 CDPH-certifications issued annually.**
- **750 LRC courses offered statewide each year.**
- **1/3 of the LRC courses are in Spanish.**



# CLPPB – Highlighted Activities (1)

- **The number of children tested continues to increase, and the number and percentage found to have elevated blood lead levels continues to decrease.**
- **The use of Point of Service Blood Testing Devices is increasing, and provides an easy-to-use option for hard-to-reach populations.**
- **Title 17 regulations lowered dust lead levels and created a sampling technician discipline.**



## **CLPPB – Highlighted Activities (2)**

- **Presentations to over 4,000 Code Enforcement Officers and Environmental Professional that raised awareness about lead hazards.**
- **Child Care Curriculum – Utilized by Head Start, the CA Child Care Health Program and local CLPPPs to educate day care providers (1200 providers educated in 6 months)**
- **RASSCLE system improved in 2009, add'l trainings.**



## **CLPPB – Highlighted Activities (3)**

- **Outreach and Education: Lead in Ceramic Ware brochure, fact sheet for medical providers on screening and reducing exposure, blood testing device brochure.**
- **Targeting health care providers to improve screening and testing for blood lead.**
- **Updated CLPPB website with expanded materials in Spanish.**



# 2010 Strategic Plan to Eliminate Childhood Lead Poisoning

**Strategic Plan workgroups and focus areas:**

**(a) Prevention**

**(Paint, dust, soil, housing-based).**

**(Alternative sources: products, remedies, etc.)**

**(Surveillance and screening)**

**(b) Identification and management of EBLs**

**(c) Infrastructure**



# **Strategic Plan – Recent and Ongoing Accomplishments**

- 1. Contractors State License Board (Housing Subgroup): Website, bulletin, newsletter, exam, educational materials.**
- 2. Outreach and Education Collaborations (Alternative Sources): online listing of embargoed candies, Lead in Mexican Candy website and materials, embargoed candy poster.**

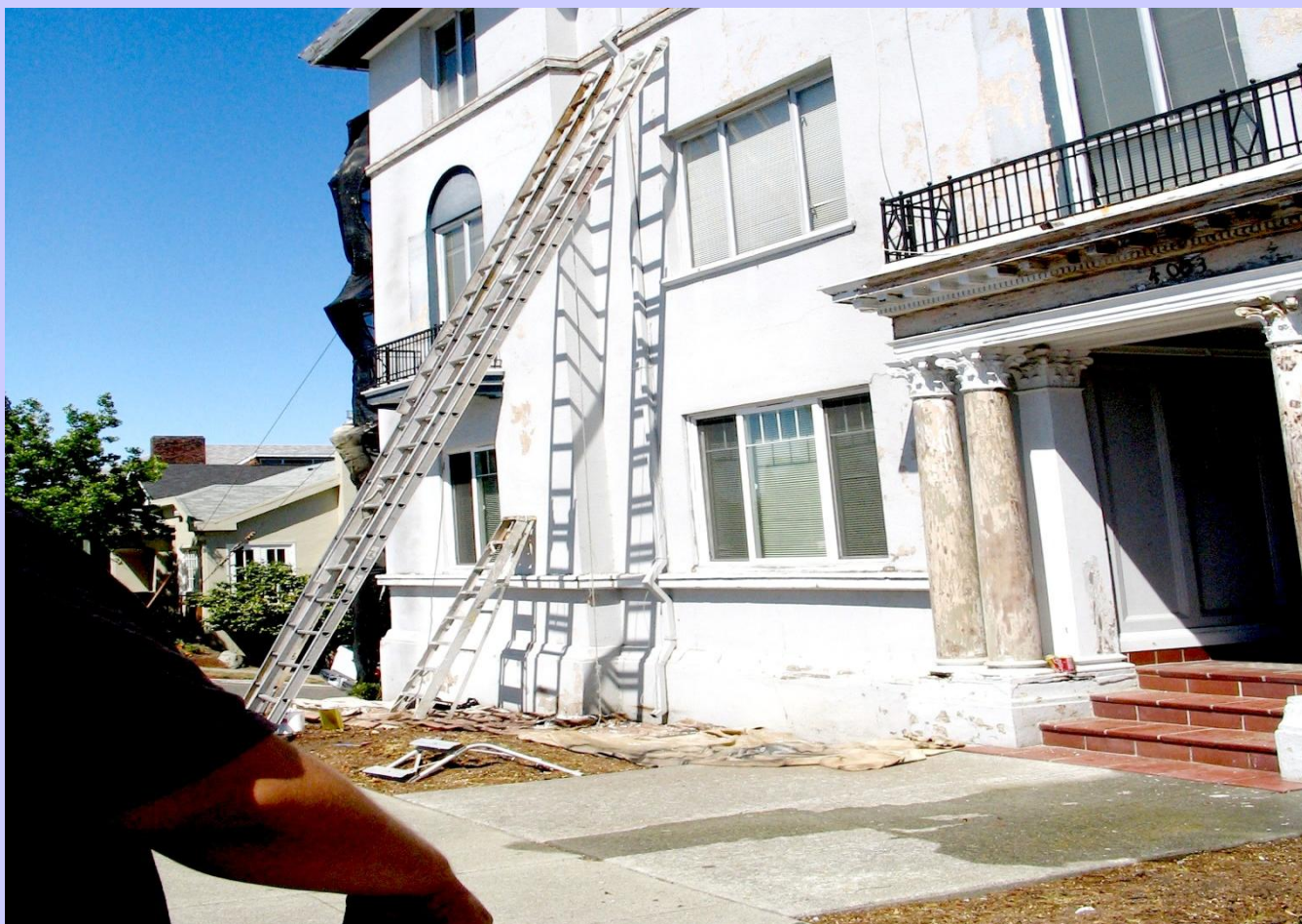


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## Resources

- 1. California Department of Public Health**  
**[www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov)**
- 2. Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch**  
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