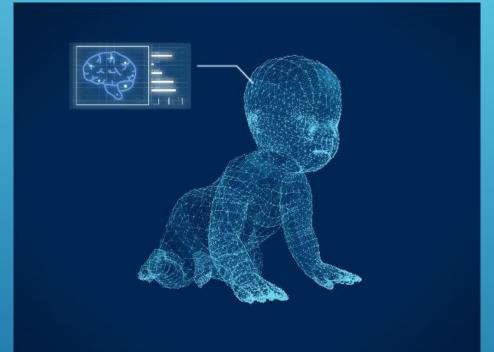
# Lead's Impact on the Developing Brain and Life of Your Child



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

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# **CLPPP PROGRAM BASICS**

Federal CDC and State Funded Program That Focuses On:

- Lead Poisoning Education
- Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Screening and Testing for Lead Poisoning
- Lead Poisoning Case Management
  - > Environmental Interventions
  - > Clinical Interventions
- > Data Collection, Analysis, and Reporting

# **TEAM OF PARTNERS**

EBL Child and Their Family

- > Follow up testing, nutrition, and cleaning
- > Provide a safe environment for the child

Healthcare Providers

- Ensure parents are educated about lead and children screened regarding lead exposures in the child's environment at each well child check
- Ensure each child is blood lead tested when indicated
- Provide nutrition evaluations and order supplements when necessary
- Evaluate and track child's growth and development and make specialist referrals as needed



# **TEAM OF PARTNERS**

Case Managers

- Coordinates care and acts as the child's advocate
- > Ensures elevated children receive follow-up blood lead tests
- Provides educational information about the health effects of lead, and need for increased hygiene measures
- Ensure the parents are aware of the need for continued monitoring of the child's development and nutrition

**Regional Lead Risk Assessors** 

- Conducts Risk Assessments on homes to identify lead hazards
- > Works with owners on best and safe practices

Property Owners

Responsible for remediating lead hazards

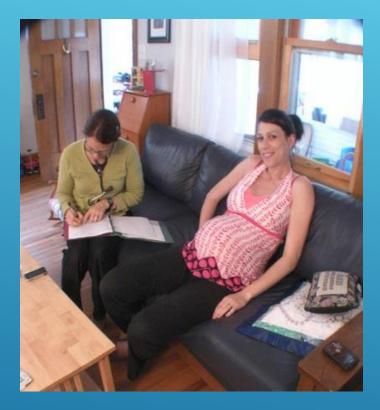
# INTRODUCTION TO LEAD POISONING

- > Well-Child Checks
  - Blood lead test
- Lab Results
  - Sent to MO DHSS
  - Range from 0 100+ micrograms per deciliter (mcg/dL) of blood
- > Record Keeping
  - Case information updated consistently
- Notify Case Managers
  - > MO DHSS notifies LPHAs of all lead levels



# CASE MANAGEMENT

- Case manager is a Key Player in Communication
  - > Tracking blood lead results
  - > Referrals/Linkages to services
  - > Follow-up Testing Reminder
  - > Education
    - How lead affects the body
  - > Nutrition
  - > Record Keeping



# LEAD AND HEALTH

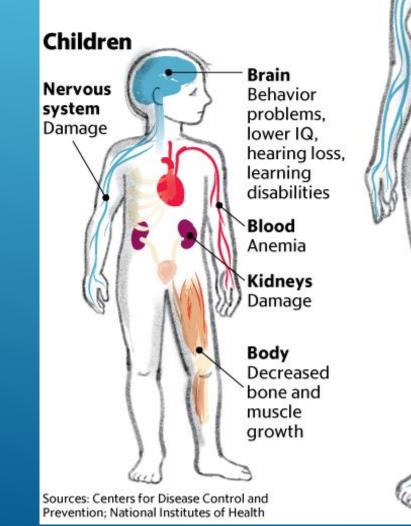
- Lead Effects Health Over the Lifespan
  - > Pregnancy
  - > Pass lead from mother to child and through breastfeeding
  - ≻ Child
    - Hand-to-mouth behaviors, ingestion, inhalation, and rapid metabolism
  - > Adult
    - > Occupational and hobbies



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### Lead exposure

Although often without obvious symptoms, lead exposure can affect nearly every part of the human body. No safe level of lead in the bloodstream has been determined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Adults

Brain Memory loss, lack of concentration, headaches, irritability, depression

Cardiovascular High blood pressure

**Kidneys** Abnormal function and damage

**Digestive system** Constipation, nausea and poor appetite

Reproductive system Men: Decreased sex drive and sperm count, sperm abnormalities Women: Spontaneous miscarriage

**Body** Fatigue, joint and muscle pain

Nervous system
Damage including
numbness and pain in the extremities

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## HEALTH CARE PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

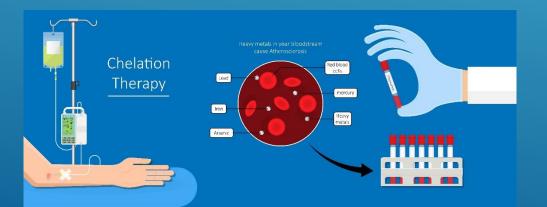
#### Well Child Checks and Testing

- Lead Risk Questionnaire
  - Lead Education
  - > High Risk Areas
- Medicaid Children
  - Must test at ages 1 and 2 years minimum

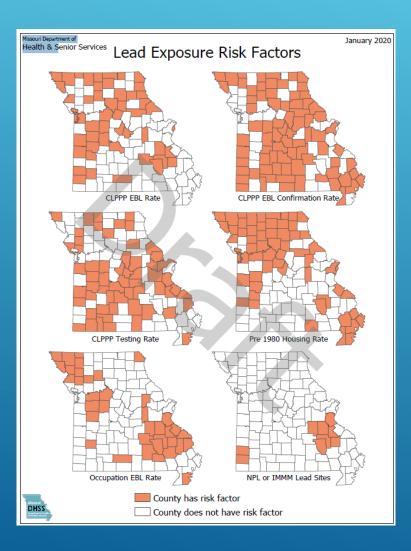
#### **Clinical Follow up of Elevated Children**

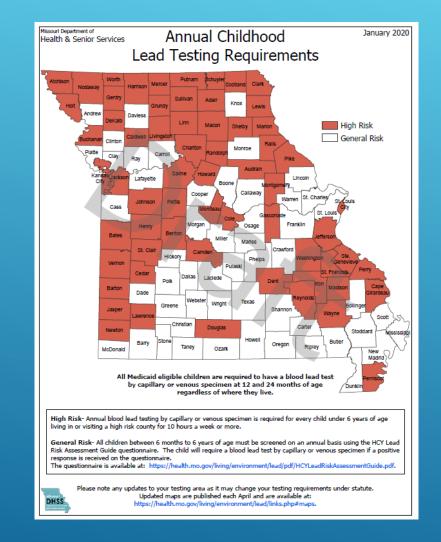
- Clinical evaluation, nutrition supplements
- > Chelation/hospitalization in severe cases
- Monitor ongoing growth and development through teen years with specialty and school referrals as needed.





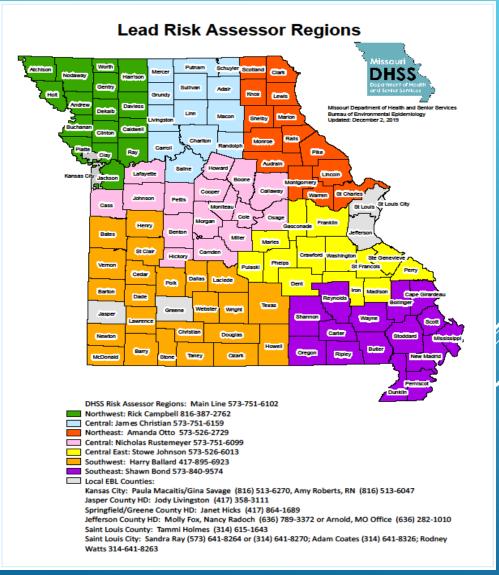
## DRAFT HIGH RISK AREAS





# **REGIONAL RISK ASSESSORS**

- Lead Risk Assessments
  - > Primary Residence
  - > Secondary Residences
    - > Daycares
    - > Family
    - > Schools
    - > Parks
- Linkage to Services
  - > First Steps
  - Community Action Centers
  - > Other





# LEAD HAZARDS









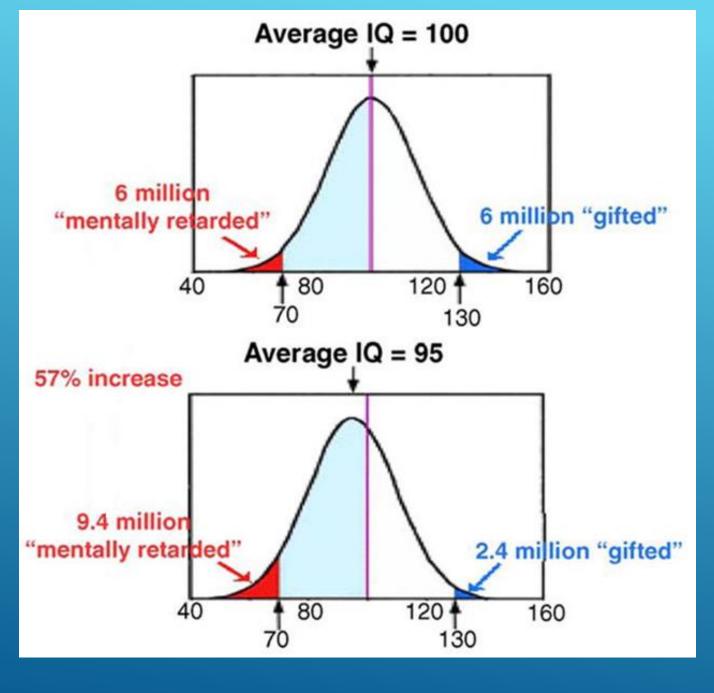


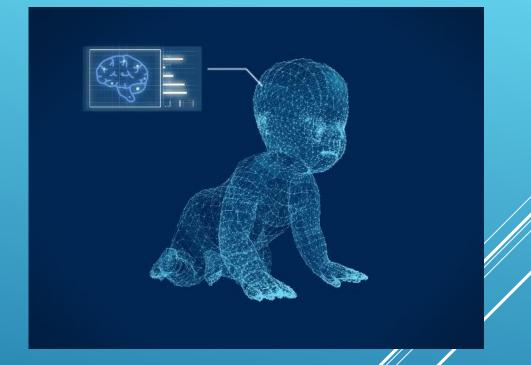
# DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING EFFECTS

Add Lead Testing Results and History of Elevations to Health Forms

- Head Starts
- > Daycares
- School Entry
  - > Individual Education Plans
  - Be especially watchful at first, fourth and sixth or seventh grades







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