

Yates County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program



At One And Two, Testing for Lead is What to Do!

DID YOU KNOW?

- NY State Law requires all one & two year old children to be screened for blood lead levels.
- If lead gets into a child's body, it can cause health problems
- Most children with lead poisoning do not look sick.
- Diet can play a major role in prevention of lead absorption.
- Lead can be found in paint, dust, soil and water.
- Lead Poisoning is completely **PREVENTABLE!**

LEAD PREVENTION PROGRAM

-Yates County Public Health does provide lead screening for children birth to six years of age by appointment. Charges are determined by a sliding fee scale based on your family income. For many families, there will be no charges.

-If a child's physician does not provide lead screening or a child does not have insurance and needs a screening done, contact Yates County Public Health and we will be able to assist you.

-Our program provides free lead poisoning prevention education for families and homeowners. Our Lead Prevention Coordinator provides follow-up case management for children who have elevated blood levels.

Lead Poisoning Can Cause:

**Lower IQ
Hearing Loss
Anemia
Growth Problems
Behavior Problems
Kidney & Brain Damage**

Tips you can take to PREVENT Lead Poisoning

- Keep children away from peeling paint & broken plaster**
- Damp mop floors, furniture, & window sills when cleaning**
- Wash your child's hands, pacifiers, & toys very often**
- Fix healthy meals high in calcium and iron**
- Store food from open cans in glass or plastic containers**
- Let cold tap water run for at least a minute before using, to flush lead picked up from pipes**

It is very important to have a child's lead level tested! The longer children have lead in their blood, and the higher the level, the more serious health effects may be

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:

YATES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

(315)-536-5160 OR 1-866-212-5160