2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) Initiative

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CHRO	NOLOGY OF EVENTS - 2010 BRIDGEPORT H.E.L.P. INITIATIVE
DATES	2010 Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) Initiative Professional Development / Training Sponsored in collaboration with: The Bridgeport Department of Health – Lead Prevention Program, The Bridgeport Public Schools, The Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc. and the Connecticut State Department of Public Health
2009 - 2010	Bridgeport Planning Sessions with School Superintendent, Central Administration, Health Department Director and
December	Bridgeport Lead Prevention Program Director. (December 14, 2010 Meeting in Bridgeport, CT)
through June	Professional Development for Educators: Introduction of the On-Line H.E.L.P. On-Line CEU Health Education Lead
	Poisoning Course)
	District-wide Pre-Kindergarten and Birth to Three Educators
	Date - February 9, 2010
	Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
	PRESENTERS:
	1) Dr. Jeanne Zehr is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for East Allen County Schools in New Haven, Indiana Dr. Zehr will provide an overview of an Innovative Preschool Intervention Program for Lead Poisoned Children. This program also utilizes a Cognitive Enrichment Program that has more than 30 years of research behind it. (i.e., Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment - Basic Version for Preschool Age Children).
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	5) Jimmy Davila: The CT State Department of Public Health will provide a CURRENT UPDATE on CT's Childhood Lead Poisoning Surveillance Report and Bridgeport Statistical Data.
April – June	2010 BRIDGEPORT NEAT and STUDENT HEALTH EDUCATION LEAD POISONING INITIATIVE
	Student Health Education Lead Poisoning
	April through June 2010 - Ongoing Training 1. High School Credits provided for Bridgeport High School students who successfully complete the 2010 Health Education Lead Poisoning Course
	offered on CT Train.org and National Train.org.
	2. Science Technology Geographic Information System Training provided for Harding High School Students as a component of the Student H.E.L.P. Initiative

May 5, 2010 and On-Going

BRIDGEPORT PARENT PROGRAM

Parent Advisory Council Members plan to include Childhood Lead Poisoning Training for Parents Vendor Table (Conference Calls to Coordinate Parent Component and Coordination with Assistant Superintendent of Schools - Ongoing planning and program development for parent centers lead program resources and training. (*Refer to May 19th Bridgeport CT Public School District-wide Title 1 Parent Conference*)

2010 Parent H.E.L.P. Initiative Component Development in Collaboration with State / Local / National Agencies and Organizations

May 11, 2010

Bridgeport Nurses' H.E.L.P. Professional Development In-service

Date - May 11, 2010 - 50 people Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

INSERVICE TOPICS AND PRESENTERS:

- UPDATE from the CT State Department of Public Health on the Role of the School Nurse
 RE: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
 <u>Presenter: Linda Bailey, RN, MSN,</u> is a Nurse Consultant for the State of CT
 Department of Public Health, (DPH)
- A Pediatric Perspective on Childhood Lead Poisoning and Neurodevelopmental Outcomes:
 <u>Presenter: Andrew Dennis McBride, M.D., MPH</u> Dr. McBride was a key stakeholder in the historic passage of Public Act 07-2 "An Act Concerning the Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning" for universal blood lead screening in the State of Connecticut.
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 Educational Advancement, Inc. and Centers for Disease Control National
 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Education Work Group Member.

Dr. Cross received her doctorate from Columbia University where she researched Teacher Change and the Program Implementation of a Cognitive Education Intervention Program within an Urban School District.

Sponsored in collaboration with the Bridgeport Health Department – Lead Prevention Program, The Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc. and the CT Department of Public Health.

May 19, 2010

Ongoing

PARENT CONFERENCE – District-wide

Including the following:

Bridgeport Health Department Lead Program,

Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc. and District School Parents' Survey Participation

1) Roosevelt Family Resource Center

Roosevelt School - 680 Park Avenue Coordinator – Dawn Bennett

(203) 330-8181 - 8:30 - 4:30 Mon - Fri

2) Barnum/Waltersville Family Resource Center

495 Waterview - Coordinator - Carmen Rodriguez **(203) 275-2388** - 8:00 - 3:30 Mon.-Fri.

3) Cesar Batalla Family Resource Center

Cesar Batalla School - 606 Howard Avenue Coordinator – Agnes Dubow

(203) 579-8526 - 8:00 - 3:00 Mon.-Fri.

4) **Dunbar School Family Resource Center**

Dunbar School - 445 Union Avenue Coordinator – Flora Harris

(203) 332-5658 - 8:30-4:30 Mon – Fri Two High

School Family Resource Centers

1) Bassick RTCC/YMCA Resource Center

1181 Fairfield Avenue - Room 115

(203) 332-4051

8:30 – 5:30 Mon. - Fri.

2) Harding RTCC/YMCA Resource Center

1734 Central Avenue

Room 122

(203) 368-5324

7:30-5:30 Mon.-Fri.

Bridgeport Parent Center

900 Boston Ave.

Bridgeport, CT. 06610

Coordinator: Lisa Pavlich

May 19th - 2010 PARENT CONFERENCE

- 1. VENDOR TABLE & DISPLAY in collaboration with the Bridgeport Health Department Lead Prevention Program and the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc.
- 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY-WIDE PARENT LEAD INFORMATON SURVEY

TOOLS FOR PARENTS - Bridgeport Parent Resource Centers' Lead Program -

Recommendation and Follow-up regarding Collaborative Agency Support for Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Services and Prevention Resources - Tools for Parents:

- Title 1 \Parent Program / Parent Resource Centers
- Birth to Three
- United Way 211 Info Line
- Early Childhood (CT State Department of Education Ages 3 to 5)
- Head Start
- CT State Department of Education
- State Education Resource Center
- CT Parent Information Center
- U.S. Social Security Administration Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program
- Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) And others.

DATES:

Friday June 4th

Monday June 7th

Tuesday June 8th

Wednesday June 9th

Professional Development – Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment (BASIC)

Early Childhood Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) Cognitive Intervention Training for Pre-K Teachers – Six Days of I.E. Basic Training and H.E.L.P. Initiative - with Clinical Experience Includes

I.E. BASIC Training, Bridgeport, CT June 4, 7-11, 2010 Trainer: Jeanne M. Zehr, Ph.D.

IE-Basic-1	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
8:30 - 9:00	Introduction to IE Basic	Identify Emotions	Criteria of MLE
9:00-10:00	Theory of Structural Cognitive	Identify Emotions	MLE Interactions with Young
	Modifiability Modifia		Children
10:00-10:15	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
10:15-11:00	Mediation of Brain Growth for Children with Lead Poisoning	Identify Emotions	Organization of Dots-B
11:00-12:00	Compare and Disc. the Absurd-A	Theory of MLE	Organization of Dots-B
12:00-1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Compare and Disc. the Absurd-A	Bridging I.E. BASIC to Content Instruction	Organization of Dots-B
2:00-2:15	Tea	Tea	Tea
2:15-3:00	Compare and Disc. the Absurd-A	Emergent Cognitive Functions	Clinic Experience with Children

IE-Basic-1	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
8:30 - 9:00	Reflection on Clinic using the Mediation Observation Scale	Reflection on Clinic using the Mediation Observation Scale	Reflection on Clinic using the Mediation Observation Scale
9:00 - 10:00	Empathy to Action	From Unit to Group	Mediated Learning: Soul to Soul
10:00-10:15	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
10:15-11:00	Empathy to Action	From Unit to Group	Review I.E. and E.A.
11:00-12:00	Empathy to Action	Cognitive Map	Review O.D., C&D., and F.U.G.
12:00-1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-2:00	The Concept of Number	From Unit to Group	Implementation / Bridging Planning
2:00-2:15	Tea	Tea	Clinic Experience with Children
2:15-3:00	Clinic Experience with Children	Clinic Experience with Children	Reflect on Clinic and Evaluations

Note: Clinic experience includes lesson planning, time with the children, and debriefing. Lunch, tea, and coffee time will include informal partner discussion of, assigned topics. An Introduction to the East Allen Indiana Pre-K Early Childhood - Cognitive Intervention Program for Lead Exposed Children at risk of Neurodevelopmental Disabilities.

School Tackles Lead Poisoning Effect



East Allen County School's Preschool is One of a Kind

Updated: Tuesday, 08 Sep 2009, 7:55 PM EDT Published: Tuesday, 08 Sep 2009, 5:39 PM EDT

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Tinchers hope to offset developmental.

delays caused by lead poisoning

children have good English role models." Zehr said.

ALLEN COUNTY, Ind. (WANE) - A local school system is reaching out to children diagnosed with lead poisoning, School started Tuesday for East Allen County Schools' Targeted Assistance Preschool at St. Henry's.

It is one of the first, if not the only preschool of its kind. The school is the result of a partnership between EACS, the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health and Parkview Hospital.

The goal is to better prepare students for future education and hopefully offset any potential developmental problems due to lead poisoning.

"The developmental assessment tool that we use measures for speech delay, occupational, physical, self-help and behavioral delays," Amy <u>Hesting</u> with the Department of Health said.

The three and four year old children will stay in the program for two years. Dr. Jeanne Zehr with EACS says teachers and medical professionals will monitor speech and language development.

"We're hoping that we can intervene very early and help change the trajectory of their life and that it will be a much more successful one academically," Zehr, said.

The need for specialized education developed when the Department of Health discovered a higher level of lead poisoning in the area's Burmese refugee population.

"We didn't really have a developmental tool to use with them to know if they are truly delayed or if it was because they just don't speak English," Hesting said.

One goal is to teach the Burmere children English prior to entering kindergarten. Officials plan to do that

through both English and bi-lingual instructors as well as through other tools.

"There are non-Burmese peers that we have invited to be a part of the program so that the Burmese

The Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health discovered around 8 percent of Burmese children in Allen County tested positive for lead poisoning. That's compared to an average of 1.5 percent of kids nationwide. Officials determined a popular imported medicinal product called Daw Tuxy was to blame.

St. Henry's Targeted Assistance Preschool is located at the corner of Hessen Cassel and Paulding in Fort Wayne.

2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiative

Successful Completion of Professional Development / In-service Training for Bridgeport Public School Educators, Health Professionals, Parents and Pupil Personnel Service Providers

Time Line

Initial Planning, Program Development, Implementation and Completion of Initiative

PHASE 1 PHASE 2 PHASE 3

December through June On-Going Collaboration of H.E.L.P. Program Development and Implementation with Bridgeport Schools, City Health Department and the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc. which included the following Health Department and School District Administration:

- 1) <u>Audrey Gaines</u>, Bridgeport Lead Program Director
- <u>Dr. John Ramos</u>, Superintendent of Public Schools
- Dr. Vivian Cross, Executive Director of the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc.
- 4) <u>John DiDonato</u>, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Youth Development
- Denise L. Clemons, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Secondary Education
- 6) <u>Michele Matera</u>, Skane Center Principal and Designated Lead Administration for the Project by John DiDonato, Assistant Superintendent
- 7) Mary Beth Stickley, Director for Early Childhood Education
- 8) Teresa Carroll, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
 (Refer to attached Email Documentation)

December 14, 2009

Partnership Meeting to Design and Plan Bridgeport H.E.L.P. Initiative with Bridgeport Schools, Health Department and the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc.

January 13, 2010

CT DPH Email notification of Bridgeport Grant amount of \$52,000 and that Bridgeport's budget and a contract summary/narrative of activities that must be submitted to DPH by 1/21/10.

January 20, 2010

Bridgeport submits Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) Initiative budget and a contract summary/narrative of activities

February 9, 2010

Survey Information Gathering and Launching of 2010 On-Line H.E.L.P. Credit Course with Bridgeport Pre-Kindergarten Early Childhood H.E.L.P. Initiative in collaboration with FEA, Bridgeport Public Schools, Bridgeport Health Department and others. (Professional Development Training includes approximately 70 educators).

2010 - June Report of the Successful Completion of the following Health Education Lead Poisoning Project Initiatives:

- School District-wide Professional
 Development of Pre-K, Birth to 3 System
 Educators, Preschool Administrators and teachers
- 9) Launching of 2010 On-Line CEU Course
- Bridgeport School District-wide Professional Development of School Nurses
- 11) Bridgeport City-wide Parent Information and Vendor Station and Collaborative Survey Data Collection in Partnership with Bridgeport Health Department Lead Program and Bridgeport Community Organizations
- School District-wide Professional
 Development of Pupil Personnel Service
 Providers (i.e., School Psychologists,
- Four-Day Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment Cognitive Education training for Pre-K and Early Childhood teachers and supervisors
- Expansion of N.E.A.T. Project with 2010 Health Education Lead Poisoning On-Line High School Credit Course Series.

2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiative

SCHEDULE A

(SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROGRAM SCOPE OF SERVICES)
Lead Awareness / Professional Development

The Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc has successfully developed, implemented and completed the following Scope of Services in collaboration with the Bridgeport Health Department, the Bridgeport Public Schools and the CT State Department of Public Health.

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Render a professional-to-professional lead prevention awareness/teaching for educators

SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED, IMPLEMENTED & COMPLETED

Initiate actions to implement lead prevention awareness into the Board of Education teaching. (Initial meeting took place on December 14, 2009 with the Dr. John Ramos, School Superintendent, Dr. Evans, Health Department Director, Audrey Gaines, Director of City Lead Program, Dr. Vivian Cross, Executive Director of the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc., and other School District Central Administration Leaders.

SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED, IMPLEMENTED & COMPLETED

Develop and submit for approval a training agenda that will reach 100 professionals in not less than 3 forums.

(Developed, Submitted and Successfully Approved by Bridgeport Health Department Lead Program Coordinator and School District Central Administration on February 7, 2010)

SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED, IMPLEMENTED & COMPLETED

Develop an action plan that could sustain activities beyond the grant cycle

SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED, IMPLEMENTED & COMPLETED

Participate at the Board of Education parent's forum in May

SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED, IMPLEMENTED & COMPLETED

Incorporate and expand on going youth educational activities Neighborhood Environmental Action Team (NEAT)

SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED & COMPLETED

Record and collate all evaluation results

SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED & COMPLETED

Submit final written report of activities

Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) Initiative

Professional Development Sessions and Student Component

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2010 Pre-K Health Education Lead Poisoning

Professional Development Session: Bridging the Health & Education GAP: Identification / Intervention and Successful Outcomes

Sponsored by:

The Bridgeport Health Department, the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc., in collaboration with Bridgeport Public Schools

When: February 9, 2010 <u>Time</u>: 1:40 pm to 3:40 pm

Location: Skane School - 2977 Madison Ave - Bridgeport, CT 06606

FORUM AGENDA (DRAFT)

Welcoming Remarks: 1:40 Dr. John Ramos, Superintendent of Bridgeport Public Schools
Dr. Marian Evans, Director of Bridgeport Department of Public Health
Audrey Gaines, Director, Bridgeport Lead Poisoning Prevention



PRESENTERS:

1:45 – 2:00 Tom Menditto: will use Turning Points Technology for an Interactive audience participation tool with Pre-K Staff



2:00p.m. <u>Dr. Jeanne Zehr</u> is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for East Allen County Schools in New Haven, Indiana. - Dr. Zehr will provide an overview of an Innovative Preschool Intervention Program for Lead Poisoned Children. This program also utilizes a Cognitive Enrichment Program that has more than 30 years of research behind it. (i.e., Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment - Basic Version for Preschool Age Children).



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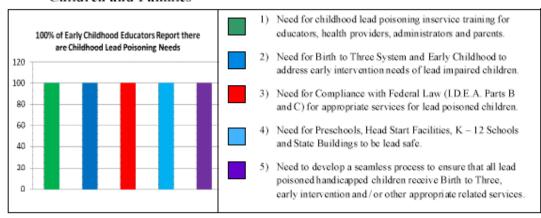
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3: 25pm CT State Department of Public Health: The CT State Department of Public Health will provide a CURRENT UPDATE on CT's Childhood Lead Poisoning Surveillance Report.

Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks:

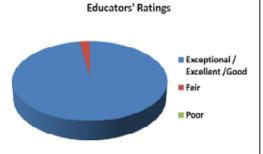
Childhood Lead Poisoning Education ALERT

100% of Bridgeport Early Childhood Educators Overwhelmingly Report there are Childhood Lead Poisoning Needs for Educators, Children and Families



Based on Bridgeport's district-wide Birth to Three System and Pre-K Professional Development Educators' Survey, 100 % of early childhood educators that participated in the February 9, 2010 in-service reported that there is a need for childhood lead poisoning professional development for educators, early childhood intervention, guidelines or policies for Federal Law Compliance for qualifying lead poisoned children, lead safe schools and a seamless process to ensure that qualifying children receive early intervention services. Refer to information above.

97.5 % of Early Childhood Educators Give High Ratings for Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Professional Development Session



PARTICIPANT SURVEY RATING OUESTIONS

- How would you rate the overall quality and effectiveness of this Professional Development Session?
- 2) To what extent did this training provide information to help you better understand the educational, behavioral, social needs of children who suffer long term effects of childhood lead poisoning?
- 3) How would you rate the overall quality of the presenters?

Below are the Survey Participant R atings for the February 9, 2010 Pre-K and Birth to 3 Session

- Exceptional / Excellent Good
 39 out of 40 = 97.5 %
- Fair 1 out of 40 = 2.5%
- Poor 0= 0%

Pre-K and Birth to Three Health Education Lead Poisoning School District-wide Training of Bridgeport Educators

Sponsored by Bridgeport Health Department – Lead Program, Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc. and CT Department of Health





Dr. Jeanne Zehr, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, East Allen County Schools – New Haven, Indiana

Pre-K Skane School Teacher
Positive Response of Children to

Dr. Vivian Cross, Director -Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc.



Thomas Menditto, Coordinator of Science and Technology – New Britain Public Schools.



Audrey Gaines, Director of Bridgeport Lead

Prevention Program



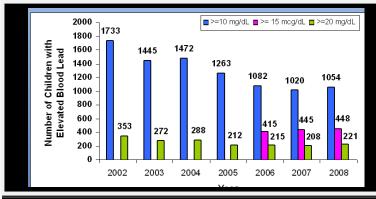
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Keynote Presenter:

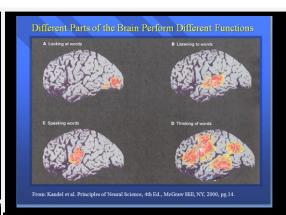
Dr. Theodore Lidsky is a nationally renowned expert and researcher in childhood lead poisoning and the neurotoxic impact of childhood lead poisoning on brain development and social / emotional and behavioral development of young children and youth. Dr. Lidsky is the Head of the Laboratory of Electophysiology at the Center for Trace Element Students and Environmental Neurotoxicology.



Jimmy Davila,
Environmental Sanitarian
CT Department of Public Health



In 2008 there were 1723 CT children under the age of 6 with elevated blood lead levels of ten or higher micrograms per deciliter of blood based on a screening rate of 55.2% (Jimmy Davila, CT DPH)



Dr. Theodore Lidsky lectures on the impact of childhood lead poisoning on developing brains of young children.

2010 Bridgeport Health Department Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiative Professional Development for Bridgeport Public School Nurses

Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) Initiative Professional Development In-Service for School Nurses

> <u>Date</u>: May 11, 2010 - <u>Time</u>: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm <u>Location</u>: Bridgeport Public Library- North Branch

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The Medical and Educational Impact of Childhood Lead Poisoning: What Every School Health Professional Should Know!

AGENDA

OPENING PRELIMINARIES / WELCOME

PRESENTATIONS:

 UPDATE from the CT State Department of Public Health on the Role of the School Nurse RE: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

<u>Presenter</u>: Linda Bailey, RN, MSN, is a Nurse Consultant for the State of CT Department of Public Health, (DPH) Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program (LPPCP) since 2005. She attended the University of Bridgeport for Nursing and received her MSN from the University of Hartford, focusing in community public health nursing.

- A Pediatric Perspective on Childhood Lead Poisoning and Neurodevelopmental Outcomes
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Survey and Open Discussion / Participation

2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Professional Development for Bridgeport School Nurses

<u>Presenters</u>: 1) Linda Bailey, CT Department of Public Health Nurse Consultant, 2) Dr. Dennis McBride, Director of Milford Health Department and 3) Dr. Vivian Cross, Health / Educational Consultant

<u>Sponsored in collaboration with:</u> Bridgeport Department of Public Health - Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Bridgeport Public Schools, the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc. and the CT Department of Public Health







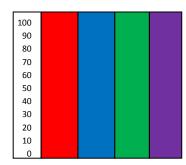






2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Professional Development for Bridgeport's School Nurses SURVEY RESULTS

Bridgeport School Nurses Identify Early Intervention, Parent Training and Professional Development of Educators and Health Professionals as Key Components to Improve the Quality of Health and Education for Bridgeport's Children and Families



Some Comments and Recommendations from Nurse Survey Participants:

- 1) More Communication with parents
- 2) State to mandate lead testing for school entrance.
- 3) Monitor physical exams for lack of lead testing results
- 4) Educate Parents / Guardians to insist on lead testing & Getting Results from Test
- 5) Many Physician's forms show no documentation that lead screening was done
- 6) Lead Blood Levels are not being done by all physicians.
- 7) Speak about lead at parent meetings Have handouts . . . Be aggressive!

100% of School Nurse Survey Participants reported the following:

- There is a need for Birth to Three and Early Childhood Education to address the early intervention educational and related service needs of children who are impaired or at risk due to lead poisoning.
- There is crucial / high or significant need for providing training sessions for educators, health professionals and parents to be informed about childhood lead poisoning and its impact on learning and behavior of children.
- There is crucial / high or significant need for federal and state agencies to develop guidelines or policy to ensure compliance with Federal Law for children who qualify for early intervention and other services under federal law (i.e., the Individuals with Disability Act (IDEA) 2004 or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation of the Handicapped Act).
- There is crucial / high or significant need for the State Department of Health and the State Department of Education to develop a seamless process to ensure that all lead exposed / poisoned children receive appropriate services.

Sponsored by the Bridgeport Health Department Lead Prevention Program in collaboration with the Bridgeport Public Schools, the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc. and the CT Department of Public Health

38th Annual Parent Convention

Bridgeport Public Schools - Title 1 Parent Advisory Council

Title 1 Parents Participate in Health Education Lead Poisoning Survey

The May 19, 2010 Lead Information Survey was conducted in collaboration the Bridgeport Health Department Lead Prevention Program, the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc. (FEA), the Bridgeport Title 1 Parent Advisory Council, the Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust, Bridgeport Parent Center and Bridgeport Lead Free Families



Photo of Title 1 Parents, Mayor Bill Finch and School Superintendent Dr. John Ramos





LEAD INFORMATION SURVEY

What do you already know about lead?

<u>Developed in collaboration with</u>: the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc., the Centers for Disease Control – U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services, UCONN-Healthy Environments for Children Intitative and the Connecticus Isaa Department of Public Health

INSTRUCTIONS: Check the appropriate box to indicate			
whether the statement is true or false.	True	False	I Don't
Check "I don' know" if you are not sure.			Know
 The human body needs a small amount of lead for good nutrition. 			
Lead paint is frequently found in homes that were built before 1978.			
Lead poisoning can seriously damage a child's ability to learn.			
 The effects of lead poisoning, such as attention and behavior problems, are usually short-term. 			
It takes about an ounce of lead to poison a child.			
Lead is most dangerous to children under the age of 6 years.			
Adults cannot be poisoned by lead.			
 The lead that a pregnant woman takes into her body can harm her unborn baby. 			
 Number two lead pencils used in schools or for educational testing may put students at risk of lead poisoning. 			
 The most common way young children get lead poisoned is by eating paint chips. 			
 Children should have their first blood, test for lead when they are three years old. 			
 Lead poisoning is significantly associated with academic failure, aggression, social / emotional / behavioral disorders, delinquency or school drop out. 			
13. Lead is known to be directly associated with hyperactivity, attention			



Dr. Eric Cooper, President of National Urban Alliance; Audrey Gaines, Director, Bridgeport Lead Program, Dr. Vivian Cross, FEA Director of H.E.L.P Initiative; Christopher Tymniak, Director of Governor's Southwestern Office



- 1) Warren Gill, ABCD Men's Parent Program,
- 2) Dr. John Ramos, Superintendant of Schools
- 3) Penny Poole, Parent from Hall Elementary School
- 4) Carmen Togle, Educational Consultant
- 5) Dr. Vivian Cross, Executive Director of FEA



Linda Pavlich, Coordinator of the Parent Center and Christopher Tymniak, Director of Governor's Southwestern Office



(R) Keynote Speaker, Dr. Eric Cooper, (L) Mr. Ellingworth, President of Parent Advisory Council



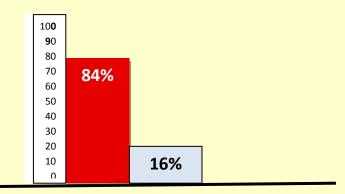
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Parent Conference - May, 19, 2010

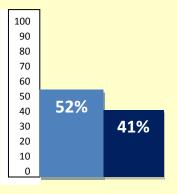
SURVEY RESULTS: Parents Participate in Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiative Survey

Parent Information Survey Results indicate that there is a Need for Health / Education Lead Poisoning and Educational Resource Support for Bridgeport Parents.

84% of Bridgeport's Parent Survey Participants <u>did not know</u> that the primary source of lead exposure in young children is lead dust. Sixteen percent (16%) responded correctly to the survey.



52% of Bridgeport Parents did not know that Federal Law includes services for lead poisoned children who qualify for services as "other health impaired" due to lead poisoning under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A.). 41% responded correctly



How did Bridgeport Parent Survey Respondents Rate the Educational and Behavioral Impact of Lead Poisoning on Children's Learning?

37% of Bridgeport Parent survey participants responded "I DON'T KNOW" or false to the survey item statement, "Lead poisoning is significantly associated with academic failure, aggression, social / emotional / behavioral disorders, delinquency or school drop-out." **63%** of Parent Survey Respondents correctly reported that it is true.

31% of Parent Survey Respondents reported "I DON'T KNOW" or that it is false that lead is known to be directly associated with hyperactivity, attention deficits, as well as reading and learning disabilities. Sixty-nine percent of Parent Survey Respondents correctly reported that it is true

94% of Parent Survey Respondent correctly reported that lead poisoning can seriously damage a child's ability to learn. Six percent responded false or "I DON'T KNOW."

How did Bridgeport Parent Survey Participants' Responses Indicate Their Knowledge about CT's 2007 Universal Blood Lead Screening Law?

70% of Bridgeport Parent Survey Participants responded true or "I DON'T KNOW" to the survey item "Children should have their first blood test for lead when they are three years old." Only thirty percent of parent survey participants responded correctly.



*CT's Public Act 07-2 "An Act Concerning the Prevention of
Childhood Lead Poisoning" mandates that primary care providers
conduct annual blood lead screening for every CT child age 9 months
through 35 months

2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiative Professional Development for Bridgeport Pupil Personnel Staff

<u>Sponsored in Collaboration with:</u> The Bridgeport Health Department, Bridgeport Public Schools,
The Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc. and The Connecticut State Department of Public Health

2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Professional Development for Pupil Personnel Staff

The Impact of Lead Poisoning on Learning, Development and Behavior
What Every Educator Should Know!





Sponsored by the Bridgeport Health Department's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program in collaboration with Bridgeport Public Schools, the Foundation for Educational Advancement and the CT Department of Public Health

Where: Bridgeport City Hall Annex @ 999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT

When: Monday – June 7, 2010 Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

PRESENTERS:

- 1) <u>Dr. Jav Schneider</u>, Professor of Pathology, Anatomy, Cell Biology and Neurology at Thomas Jefferson University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Schneider provides a biological perspective of what lead does to the brain of young children and how lead competes with and substitutes for calcium resulting in life-long alterations on brain development and functioning. The focus of Dr. Schneider's presentation is "The Neurologic Impact of Childhood Lead Poisoning
- 2) <u>Dr. John Rosen.</u> Professor of Pediatrics Head of the Division of Environmental Sciences The Children's Hospital of Montefiore The Albert Einstein College of Medicine N.Y., N.Y. Dr. Rosen will provide a pediatric overview of lead toxicology, research findings and how lead impacts on young children
- Dr. Julia Ramos-Grenier: Forensic Neuropsychologist, School Consultant / Psychologist and Cognitive Education Intervention Intervention Specialist.
- 4) <u>Dr. Vivian Cross.</u> Neurodevelopmental Diagnostician, Director of the Foundation for Educatonal Advancement, Inc. National Education Work Group Consultant for the Centers for Disease Control – Lead Prevention Program. Dr. Cross will present on the educational implications of childhood lead poisoning.
- 5) <u>Leann Howell</u>, President of American Lead Poisoning H.E.L.P. Association (ALPHA). Mrs. Howell will provide a personal and national parent's perspective on the impact of childhood lead poisoning.

Objectives:

Participants will be able to understand and discuss the following:

- 1) The Impact of Lead Poisoning on the Developing Brain of a Young Child and How to Prevent Lead Exposure
- 2) What does the Research Say from a Medical, Educational Neurological, Forensic and Parent's Perspective
- 3) How does Compliance with Federal Law Protect the Civil Rights of Impaired Lead Poisoned Children (L.D.E.A. Parts B and C and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act?

2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Forum

More than 100 District-wide Forum Participants Included National Researchers, State and District Specialists, School Administrators and Bridgeport Public Schools Pupil Personnel Service Providers

Sponsored in Collaboration with: Bridgeport Health Department, the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc., Bridgeport Public Schools and the CT State Department of Public Health





Dr. Jay Schneider

Thomas Menditto

Leann Howell Dr. Julia Ramos Grenier



Susan J. Smith, Director of Social **Work - Bridgeport Public Schools**





School District School Psychologists, Social Workers, Speech and Language Clinicians, Special Educators and Administrators attend June 7, 2010 Forum



National Lead President and Psychologists Discuss the Long Term Effects of Lead

2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiative (June 7th)

Nationally Renowned Researchers and Lead Experts Provide Professional Development for School Psychologist, Special Educators, Speech and Language Clinicians, and School Social Workers.



Dr. John Rosen Renowned Pediatric Expert Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Dr. Jay Schneider, Professor of Pathology, Anatomy, Cell Biology and Neurology

Thomas Menditto, Coordinator of School District Science and Technology



Dr. Julia Ramos-Grenier

Jimmy Davila, CT State Department of Public Health Environmental Sanitarian









Leann Howell, President American Lead Poisoning HELP Association

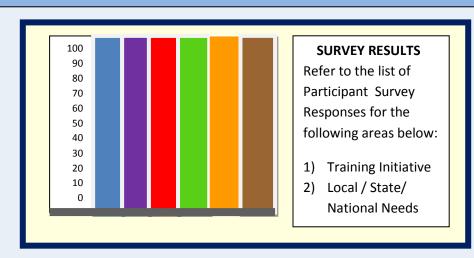
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Developmental & Educational Implications of Childhood Lead Poisoning

BRIDGEPORT Pupil Personnel Staff Training Session Receives Exceptional, Excellent, Very Good and Good Ratings from Participants

Bridgeport Pupil Personnel Staff Evaluate and Identify Educational / Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Training Needs for Educators and Policy Change Health / Education Needs on the Local / State / National Levels



- 100% of Bridgeport Pupil Personnel Forum survey participants rated the overall quality and effective of the session to be in the exceptional through good range.
- 100% of Bridgeport Pupil Personnel Forum survey participants reported that the training session provided information that was in the exceptional through good range to help them better understand the medical, educational behavioral and social needs of children who suffer long term effects of childhood lead poisoning.

Survey Participant's Identify Local / State and National Childhood Lead Poisoning Educational Needs

- 100% of Bridgeport Pupil Personnel Forum Survey
 Participants reported that there is a need for providing
 training sessions to better inform educators, health
 professionals, parents and pupil personnel service providers
 about childhood lead poisoning and its impact on learning and
 behavior of children.
- 100% of Bridgeport Pupil Personnel Forum Survey
 Participants reported that there is a need for Birth to Three
 and Early Childhood Education to address the early
 intervention educational and related service needs of children
 who are impaired or at risk due to lead poisoning.
- 100% of Bridgeport Pupil Personnel survey participants reported that there is a crucial, high or significant need for federal and state agencies to develop guidelines or policy to ensure compliance with Federal Law for children who qualify for early intervention and other services under federal law. (i.e., the Individuals with Disability Act (IDEA) 2004 or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation of the Handicapped Act.
- 100% of Bridgeport Pupil Personnel survey participants reported that there is a crucial, high or significant need for the State Department of Health and the State Department of Education to develop a seamless process to ensure that all lead exposed / poisoned children receive appropriate services.

2010 Health Education - Cognitive Education I.E. Training for Bridgeport Pre-K Teachers

Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) Initiative I.E. Basic Cognitive Education In-Service Training for Pre-K Staff **Dates:** June 4 and June 7-11th - 2010 **Time:** 8:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Sponsored by:

Bridgeport Public Health Department - Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Collaborating Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiative Partners:

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Bridgeport Public Schools

CT Dept of Public Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Program





Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc.

Bridgeport Pre-K Teacher Cognitive Education Training Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment (Basic Version)

Presenters and Trainer:



Dr. Jeanne Zehr is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for East Allen County Schools in New Haven, Indiana. - Dr. Zehr will provide Pre-K Teacher training in the Feuerstein I.E. Basic Program as part of the Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiative for Lead Poisoned Children. This program utilizes a Cognitive Enrichment Program that has more than 30 years of research behind it.

Leslie Lawson is the first Pre-K teacher in the nation to provide cognitive intervention and other developmental intervention for the an early childhood intervention program developed for lead poisoned preschoolers in the nation.

Description of FIE Basic Program: FIE BASIC consists of a set of cognitive learning activities that help Pre-K-3 teachers "mediate" the development of children's basic concepts and thinking skills according to the same theories of cognitive modifiability and mediated learning.

For more information contact Liz @ (860) 214-6472

CEUs are available.

This professional development training session has been approved for 4.0 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits by the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc., a CEU provider approved by the State Department of Education (CEU Provider #546). To receive CEUs, participants must complete all requirements, complete the participant evaluation form, and submit the form to the registration table at the end of the professional development session.



School Tackles Lead Poisoning Effect



Trachers hope to offset developmental delays caused by lead poisoning

East Allen County School's Preschool is One of a Kind

Updated: Tuesday, 08 Sep 2009, 7:55 PM EDT Published: Tuesday, 08 Sep. 2009, 5:39 PM EDT

Drew Blair

ALLEN COUNTY, Ind. (WANE) - A local school system is reaching out to children diagnosed with lead poisoning, School started Tuesday for East Allen County Schools' Targeted Assistance Preschool at St. Henry's.

It is one of the first, if not the only preschool of its kind. The school is the result of a partnership between EACS, the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health and Parkview Hospital.

The goal is to better prepare students for future education and hopefully offset any potential developmental problems due to lead poisoning.

"The developmental assessment tool that we use measures for speech delay, occupational, physical, self-help and behavioral delays," Amy Hesting with the Department of Health said.

The three and four year old children will stay in the program for two years. Dr. Jeanne Zehr with EACS says teachers and medical professionals will monitor speech and language development.

"We're hoping that we can intervene very early and help change the trajectory of their life and that it will be a much more successful one academically," Zehr said.

The need for specialized education developed when the Department of Health discovered a higher level of lead poisoning in the area's Burmese refugee population.

"We didn't really have a developmental tool to use with them to know if they are truly delayed or if it was because they just don't speak English," Hesting said.

One goal is to teach the Burmese children English prior to entering kindergarten. Officials plan to do that through both English and bi-lingual instructors as well as through other tools.

"There are non-Burmese peers that we have invited to be a part of the program so that the Burmese children have good English role models," Zehr said.

The Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health discovered around 8 percent of Burmese children in Allen County tested positive for lead poisoning. That's compared to an average of 1.5 percent of kids nationwide. Officials determined a popular imported medicinal product called Day Tway was to blame.

St. Henry's Targeted Assistance Preschool is located at the corner of Hessen Cassel and Paulding in Fort Wayne.

2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiative 100% of Bridgeport Pre-K and Early Childhood Educators Rated the Cognitive Education Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment Training as Exceptional and Very Good!



Bridgeport teachers identify the need for early childhood cognitive education training for improving the quality of learning for young children:

- Knowledge is power so the more educators who are trained, the more children will be able to benefit from the info.
- It is crucial that word get out about the damaging effects of lead poisoning.
- This training when implemented in the classroom will help children with lead poisoning or children who are low achievers. Many times we believe
 that these children were hopeless, but that isn't the case. The mind / cognitive abilities can improve far more than we once believed.
- With this training, teachers will see that using the right methods can bring results. It should raise expectations and help the children learn.
- · Raise awareness of the effects of lead poisoning on children's learning



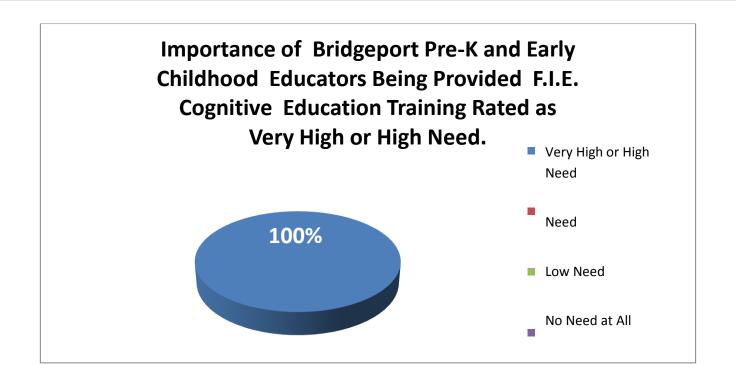
Recommendations were make to expand or to add to the present Cognitive Education and Health Education Lead Poisoning training in Bridgeport

1) This should be presented to all Pre-K teachers and K teachers; 2) This program should be offered at our full-day in-service training day; 3) This information / training is so relevant for our inner-city classrooms; 4) Every beginning teacher should have this information; 5) I feel it is very important to get this information out to both parents and teachers; 6) Training should be given to all Pre K – 3 grade teachers; 7) Provide follow-up (on-going)



SURVEY RESULTS

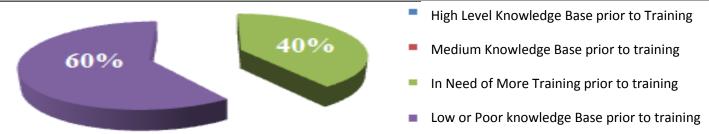
Bridgeport Early Childhood Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment Educators' Cognitive Education Training Makes Positive Impact as a Teacher Professional Development Initiative



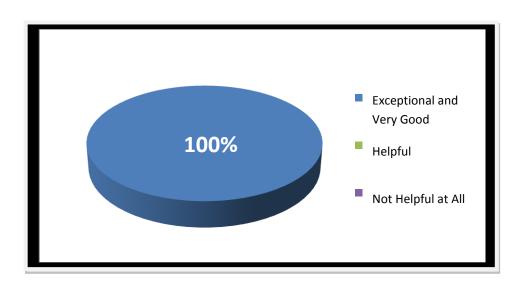
100% of Early Childhood Teachers and Administrators who participated in the Training Session Evaluation Survey gave a rating of very high and high importance for providing professional development for Pre-K and Early Childhood Educators in the FIE initiative to address the needs of children who are impaired due to lead poisoning or other children with learning challenges.

EDUCATORS REPORT NEED FOR FIE COGNITIVE EDUCATION TRAINING

<u>Sixty Percent</u> (60%) of Pre-K and Early Childhood Educators reported that "prior" to the 2010 Health Education Poisoning Initiative and FIE Training, they had a Low or Poor Knowledge Base of F.I.E. Cognitive Education Training. Also, <u>Forty Percent (40%)</u> reported that they had a need for more training in this area prior to taking the course.



One Hundred Percent (100%) of Workshop Early Childhood Teachers and Administrators who participated in the Survey rated the effectiveness of the presenter, Dr. Jeanne Zehr, as exceptional and the effectiveness of the training as Exceptional and Very Good.



2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning High School Credit Course Initiative

Dates: April through June 2010 - Ongoing Training

H.E.L.P. STUDENT GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) TRAINING AND THREE CREDIT COURSE COMPONENTS:

- 1) Bridgeport Public School's Science Technology Geographic Information System (GIS) Training provided for Students
- 2) H.E.L.P. On-Line Credit Course: High School Credits granted for Bridgeport High School students who successfully complete the 2010 Health Education Lead Poisoning Course offered on CT Train.org and National Train.org
- 3) Summary and Presentation of Results completed by Students

STUDENTS USE HIGH TECH TO STUDY CHIDHOOD LEAD POISONING

Bridgeport high achieving students participate in an on-site field trip session at New Britain High School with Mr. Thomas Menditto for training in science, technology, and use of the Geographic Information System. Dr. Vivian Cross provided an introduction to the On-Line Credit Course. Students were accompanied by Audrey Gaines, Bridgeport Health Department Lead Program Director







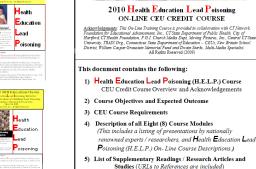












2010 Health Education Lead Poisoning On-Line Course

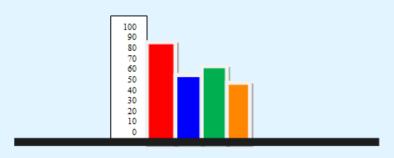
This national on-line credit course provides comprehensive professional development / training for educators, health professionals, university students and high achieving high school students on the following:

- 1) The impact of childhood lead poisoning on the development, learning and behavior of young children;
- 2) Past and present research findings related to childhood lead poisoning;
- 3) Lead poisoning prevention and eradication.

Bridgeport High School Students Conduct Lead Information Survey in City's Neighborhoods

Student Survey Results Indicate Need to Increase Community Awareness, Training & Involvement to Eradicate Childhood Lead Poisoning

Student Lead Information Survey Results indicate that there is a Need to Increase Community Awareness, Training and Involvement to Eliminate Childhood Lead Poisoning in Bridgeport's Neighborhoods.



- 77% of Bridgeport's Neighborhood Survey Participants did not know that the primary source of lead exposure in young children is lead dust.
- 51% of survey participants responded <u>I don't know</u> or it is not true that adults can be lead poisoned.
- 56% of survey participants responded that they did not know if they lived in a house that was build before 1978 (i.e. A home which most commonly contains lead paint).
- 48% did not know that lead is most dangerous to children under the age of 6 years old.

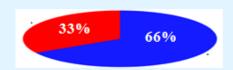
How did Bridgeport Community Survey Respondents Rate the Educational and Behavioral Impact of Childhood Lead Poisoning on Children's Learning?

50% of Bridgeport's Neighborhood survey participants responded, "I DON'T KNOW" or false to the survey item statement, "Lead poisoning is significantly associated with academic failure, aggression, social/emotional/behavioral disorders, delinquency or school drop-out."

51% of Neighborhood Survey Respondents reported "I DON'T KNOW" or that it is false that lead is known to be directly associated with hyperactivity, attention deficits, as well as reading and learning disabilities. Sixty-nine percent of Parent Survey Respondents correctly reported that it is true.

82% Survey Respondent correctly reported that lead poisoning can seriously damage a child's ability to learn.

More Community Awareness Training Needed Regarding State Universal Blood Lead Screening Law



66% of survey participants were unfamiliar with the age at which children are required to have their first blood test (i.e., Connecticut State Law for Universal Blood lead testing).

2010 Health Education Lead Poisoning On-Line CEU Credit Course Description and Overview of National On-Line Credit Course



2010 Health Education Lead Poisoning ON-LINE CEU CREDIT COURSE

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This document contains the following:

- 1) Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) Course CEU Credit Course Overview and Acknowledgements
- 2) Course Objectives and Expected Outcome
- 3) CEU Course Requirements
- 4) Description of all Eight (8) Course Modules
 (This includes a listing of presentations by nationally
 renowned experts / researchers, and Health Education Lead
 Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) On-Line Course Descriptions.)
- 5) List of Supplementary Readings / Research Articles and Studies (URLs to References are included)

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Health Education Lead Poisoning On - Line Course Goal, Focus, Objectives and Expected Outcomes

Course Focus: The Health Education Lead Poisoning On-Line Course will provide comprehensive professional development / training for educators, child care providers and health professionals on: (1) the impact of childhood lead poisoning on the development, learning and behavior of young children; (2) past and present research findings related to childhood lead poisoning; (3) lead poisoning prevention and eradication; (4) research on the long term and life-long effects of childhood lead poisoning on the developing brain and cognitive functioning.

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H.E.L.P Professional Development Trainer / Coordinator: Dr. Vivian Cross, Educational Consultant, Cognitive Development Specialist and Neurodevelopmental Diagnostician

Objectives / Expected Outcomes

Attendees will successfully:

- (1) accomplish the objectives listed below,
- (2) complete all Module Post-Tests
- (3) complete the participant evaluation / recommendation / comment response document for this ON-Line CEU Course.

Objective #1: Participants will be able to:

- Recognize lead poisoning as the most serious environmental health issue impacting children in the United States.
- . Identify the main environmental sources of lead poisoning and the major societal and economic issues related to childhood lead
- Develop an understanding of early childhood lead exposure's impact on school performance based on academic achievement test results as it relates to NCLB academic performance.

Objective #2: Participants will be able to:

- Describe the educational impact of lead poisoning and its long term effects on student learning and behavior.
- . Discuss current research on the relationship between early childhood lead exposure and academic performance

Objective #3: Participants will be able to:

Discuss childhood lead poisoning prevention and eradication

Objective #4: Participants will be able to:

. Summarize the research on the long term and life-long effects of childhood lead poisoning on the developing brain of young children

Objective #5: Participants will be able to:

- Participate by offering recommendations and / or comments regarding:
 - (a) the development of guidelines for a seamless process to provide early identification, assessments and intervention for children in the Birth to Three year old, Three to Five year old and / or K-through 12 grade ranges,
 - (b) training needs of educators, health professionals, parents and policy makers on educational and legal issues related to health / education problems associated with childhood lead poisoning.

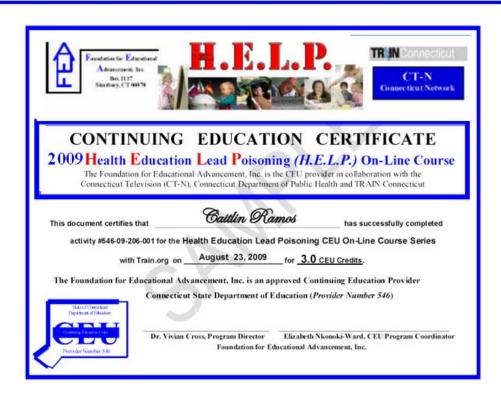
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CEU ON-LINE COURSE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must complete the following requirements in order to earn 3.0 CEU Credits

- 1) All eight (8) CEU Course Modules must be completed in the order they are provided.
- 2) Take post tests for each module and earn a minimum score of 70% correct for each module post test.
- 3) Review the Supplementary Readings included with designated modules (Refer to the List provided below)
- 4) Complete the On-Line Participant Response form after completing this course.
- 5) On-Line CEU Course Participants are required to comply with TRAIN.org policies and guidelines as indicated on Train.org's website.

(No Partial Credits are Available)



HEALTH EDUCATION LEAD POISONING (H.E.L.P.) ON-LINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CEU SERIES



Module #1 – Presenter: Dr. Herbert Needleman, Pediatrician and Psychologist at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Dr. Needleman is an internationally renowned researcher and expert on childhood lead poisoning.

<u>Description of Course Module</u>: This module provides a historical overview of lead poisoning from an international and national perspective. It also includes a research based discussion of the medical and educational life-long devastating impact of childhood lead poisoning on the lives of young children and youth.

<u>Date</u>: Recorded by the Connecticut Network (CT-N) Legislative Office Building on May 9, 2006

Duration: 00:38:09

"Past, Present and Future of Childhood Lead Poisoning" (Dr. Herbert Needleman)

To View CT-N Video Presentation, Click on Link Below:

FEAH.E.L.P. Training Link: http://feact.org/training/1/1.html

Module #2 - Presenter: David Bellinger, Ph.D., M.Sc.



<u>Description of Course Module</u>: Dr. David Bellinger provides a review of research on the adverse effects of childhood lead poisoning on children's IQ. Scores, development, <u>behavior</u> as well as; their academic performance in reading and mathematics problem solving abilities.

<u>Date</u>: Recorded by the Connecticut Network (CT-N) Legislative Office Building _ March 14, 2007

Duration: 00:20:06

"Impact of Childhood Lead Poisoning on Learning and Behavior" (Dr. David Bellinger)

To View CT-N Video Presentation, Click on Link Below:

FEA H.E.L.P. Training Link: http://feact.org/training/2/2.html

Module #3 - Presenter: Dr. John Rosen

John F. Rosen, M.D. is a Professor of Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine (N.Y., N.Y.) He is Head of the Division of Environmental Sciences at Children's Hospital of Montefiore in New York. Dr. Rosen has supervised the treatment and management of more than 30,000 lead poisoned children as Chief of the Children's Hospital of Montefiore.



<u>Description of Course Module</u>: This presentation is entitled: "A Healthy Town / Village is Necessary to Raise Healthy Children". It provides a pediatric overview of lead toxicology, research findings and how lead impacts on young children.

<u>Date</u>: Recorded by the Connecticut Network (CT-N) Legislative Office Building March 14, 2007

Duration: 00:31:26

"A Healthy Town / Village is Necessary to Raise Healthy Children" (Dr. John Rosen)

To View CT-N Video Presentation, Click on Link Below:

FEA H.E.L.P. Training Link: http://feact.org/training/3/3.html

Module #4 - Presenter: Bruce P. Lanphear, M.D., MPH

Bruce P. Lanphear MD. MPH., Director of the Cincinnati Children's Environmental Health Center and Professor of Pediatrics and Environmental Health



<u>Description of Course Module</u>: Dr. Bruce Lanphear presents on the Lingering <u>Legacy</u> of Lead Toxicity and Primary Prevention Tools to Protect Children from Lead Poisoning

Description: Recorded by the Connecticut Network (CT- N) Legislative Office Building March 14, 2007

Duration: 00:42:37

"The Lingering Legacy of Lead Toxicity"

Dr. Bruce Lanphear

To View CT-N Video Presentation, Click on Link Below: FEA H.E.L.P. Training Link: http://feact.org/training/4/4.html

Module #5 - Presenter: Dr. Theodore Lidsky
Dr. Theodore Lidsky is the Head of the Laboratory of Electrophysiology and the Director of the Center of Trace Element Studies and Environmental Neurotoxicology. Dr. Lidsky is also an Adjunct Professor at Thomas Jefferson University School of Medicine, Department of Neurology.



Description of Course Module: Dr. Lidsky provides a neuropsychological perspective on Childhood lead poisoning entitled: "Effects of Lead Poisoning on Individual Children: Methods of Assessment and Clinical Presentation

Date: Recorded by the Connecticut Network (CT-N) at the Legislative Office Building on March 14, 2007.

Duration: 00:22:17

"The Effects of Lead Poisoning on Individual Children"

Dr. Theodore Lidsky

To View CT-N Video Presentation, Click on Link Below: FEA H.E.L.P. Training Link: http://feact.org/training/5/5.html

Module #6 - Presenter: Dr. Jay Schneider

Dr. Jay Schneider, Professor of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology and Neurology Jefferson Medical College - Thomas Jefferson University Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Description of Course Module: The Neurologic Impact of Childhood Lead Poisoning: Dr. Schneider provides a biological perspective of what lead does to the brain of young children and how lead impacts on brain functioning and development.

Description: Recorded by the Connecticut Network (CT-N) Legislative Office Building March 14, 2007

Duration: 00:36:33

"The Scientific Basis for Detrimental Effects of Lead on the Developing Brain"

Dr. Jay Schneider

To View CT-N Video Presentation, Click on Link Below: FEA H.E.L.P. Training Link: http://feact.org/training/6/6.html

Module #7

- Neil Kelly, Rhode Island's Assistant Attorney General



Description of Course Module: Rhode Island - Assistant Attorney General Neil Kelly provides a presentation on Protecting Public Health through Public Nuisance Litigation. Although this law suit was overthrown, the legal process of litigation against paint manufactures is discussed from a historical and contemporary perspective.

Description: Recorded by the Connecticut Network (CT-N) Legislative Office Building March 14, 2007

Duration: 00:25:44

"Protecting Public Health through Public Nuisance Litigation"

Neil Kelly, Rhode Island's Assistant Attorney General To View CT-N Video Presentation, Click on Link Below: FEA H.E.L.P. Training Link: http://feact.org/training/7/7.html

Module #8 - Presenter: Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda

Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda. Research Professor of Environmental Sciences & Policy and Director of the Children's Environmental Health Initiative at Duke University.



Description of Course Module: Dr. Miranda, lead researcher for the Centers for Disease Control funded study entitled: "The Relationship of Early Childhood Lead Exposure and End of Grade Testing" discusses the impact of lead on childhood learning as measured by end of grade tests.

Description: Recorded by the Connecticut Network (CT-N) Legislative Office Building January 31, 2008

Duration: 00:34:26

"Early Childhood Lead Exposure and Performance on End of Grade (E.O.G.) Exams"

Dr. Marie Lvnn Miranda

To View CT-N Video Presentation, Click on Link Below: FEA H.E.L.P. Training Link: http://feact.org/training/8/8.html

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Module	Presenter	List of Supplementary Reading Materials	
Module#1	Dr. Herbert Needleman	1) Biographical Sketch: Heinz Award / Shared Ideals Realized - 2 nd Annual Award Recipient Web link: http://www.heinzawards.net/recipients/herbert-needleman 2) Toxic Truth "A Scientist, A Doctor and the Battle over Lead" by Lydia Denworth - Publisher: Beacon Press © 2008 Web Link: http://www.smazon.com/Toxic-Truth-Scientist-Doctor-Battle/dp/0807000329#reader 3) Pittsburgh Medical Journal (2001): Houses of Butterflies by Rebecca Skloot - Dr. Herbert Needleman took on the Disease of where we live and work.	
		4) University of Pittsburgh Research Shows Early Lead Exposure may be a Significant Cause of Juvenile Delinquency - Web Link http://www.scienceblog.com/community/older/2003/B/20036889.html 5) Significant Cause of Juvenile Delinquency: Testimony of the Division of Criminal Justice - Public Health Committee - March.5, 2007 - S.B. No. 1340* Presented by: Judith R. Dicine, Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney (*This Senate Bill Successfully became CT Law entitled: Act 07-2 *An Act Concerning the Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning* that requires Universal Blood Lead Screening)	
Module #2	Dr. David Bellinger	1) Neurological and Behavioral Consequences of Childhood Lead Exposure PLoS Med 5(5): e115. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.0050115 - Published: May.27, 2008 Web Link: http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pmed.0050115 2) "Lead" Author: David Bellinger - PEDIATRICS Vol. 113 No. 4 April 2004 - Web Link: http://www.precaution.org/lib/lead_bellinger.2004.pdf 3) Biographical Sketch Web Link: http://www.childrenshospital.org/cfapps/research/data_admin/Site156/mainpageS156P0.html	
Module#3	Dr. Bruce Lanphear	 Childhood Lead Exposure Associated with Criminal Behavior – Coauthors include M. Douglas Ris, PhD, Richard Hornung, PhD, Stephanie Wessel, Bruce Lanphear, MD, Mona Ho, and Mary Rae, PhD. Funding for the study came from NIEHS and U.S. EPA. GRANTS - Web Link: http://www.healthnews.uc.edu/news/?/6986/ Science Daily: Childhood Lead Exposure Linked To Criminal Behavior In Adulthood Web link: http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/05/080527201839.htm The Columbus Dispatch : Lead in kids, violent crime appear linked Web Link: http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2008/05/28/LEADHARM.ART_ART_05-28-08_A1_CLAAPMN.html?sid=101 PLoS Medicine: Decreased Brain Volume in Adults with Childhood Poisoning Web link: http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pmed.0050112 "Association of Prenatal and Childhood Blood Lead Concentrations with Criminal Arrests in Early Adulthood" – Web Link: http://wedicine.plosjournals.org/perlsery/?request=get-document&doi=10.1371/journal.pmed.0050101 "Low-Level Environmental Lead Exposure and Children's Intellectual Function: An International Pooled Analysis" - Environmental Health Perspectives – Volume 113 Number 7, July 2005 Web Link: http://www.ehponline.org/realfiles/members/2005/7688/7688.html 	

(Continued) Module #3	Dr. Bruce Lanphear	 7) "Exposures to Environmental Toxicants and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in U.S. Children" - Environmental Health Perspectives - Volume 114, Number 12, December 2006 Web Link: http://www.ehponline.org/docs/2006/9478/abstract.html 8) "Intellectual Impairment in Children with Blood Lead Concentrations below 10 μg per Deciliter", The New England Journal of Medicine, Vol. 348, Number 16 - April 17, 2003 - Web Link: http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/348/16/1517 - 9) Curriculum Vitae - Dr. Bruce Lanphear Web Link http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/svc/find-professional//bruce-lanphear.htm
Module #5	Dr. Theodore Lidsky	1) Lead Neurotoxicity in Children: Basic Mechanisms and Clinical Correlates" by Dr. Theodore I. Lidsky¹ and Dr. Jay S. Schneider² - BRAIN: A Journal of Neurology, Brain, Vol. 126, No. 1, 5-19, January 2003 © 2003 Web link: http://brain.oxfordjournals.org/cqi/content/full/126/1/5 2) Curriculum Vitae: Dr. Theodore Lidsky
Module #6	Dr. Jay Schneider	1) Early Lead Exposure Impedes Recovery From Brain Injury – Science Daily (Dec. 4, 2007). Dr. Jay Schneider – Thomas Jefferson Medical College – Web Link http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/12/071203172959 . http://www.jrnlappliedresearch.com/articles/Vol5lss1/lidsky.pdf
Module # 8	Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda	 "The Relationship between Early Childhood Blood Lead Levels and Performance on End-of Grade Tests" Researchers: Marie Lynn Miranda, Dohyeong Kim, M. Alicia Overstreet Galeano, Christopher J. Paul, Andrew P. Hul, and S. Philip Morgan - Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA; Sociology Department, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, US Web Link: http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcqi?artid=1940087 "Environmental Contributors to the Achievement Gap" - Neurotoxicology. (July 2009) - Researchers: M.L. Miranda, D. Kim, J. Reiter, M.A. Overstreet, P. Maxson - Web Link: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19643133 "Early Childhood Lead Exposure and Exceptionality Designations for Students" Researchers: Marie Lynn Miranda, Pamela Maxson and Dohyeong Kim Forthcoming Article in the International Journal of Child and Adolescent Health. (February 2009) Web Link: https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=10156 Bio and Research: Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda - Web Link: http://fds.duke.edu/db/Nicholas/esp/faculty/mmiranda

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Supplementary Reading: Review of the Literature and Research on Childhood Lead Poisoning

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> Module # 1 - Supplementary Readings Dr. Herbert Needleman



- Biographical Sketch: Heinz Award / Shared Ideals Realized 2nd Annual Award Recipient
- Pittsburg Medical Journal (2001): Houses of Butterflies by Rebecca Skloot - Dr. Herbert Needleman took on the Disease of where we live and work.
- 3) <u>Toxic Truth</u> "A Scientist, A Doctor and the Battle over Lead" by Lydia Denworth Publisher: Beacon Press © 2008
- 4) University of Pittsburgh Research Shows Early Lead Exposure may be
- 5) Significant Cause of Juvenile Delinquency: Testimony of the Division of Criminal Justice *Public Health Committee March 5, 2007 S.B. No. 1340** Presented by: Judith R. Dicine, Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney

*This Senate Bill Successfully became CT Law entitled: Act 07-2 "An Act Concerning the Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning"

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Module # 4 - Supplementary Readings

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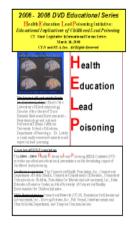
Research Studies and Articles

Below are the following Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) On-Line CEU Course Module Supplementary Readings:

- 1) Childhood Lead Exposure Associated with Criminal Behavior
- 2) Science News: Childhood Lead Exposure Linked to Criminal Behavior in Adulthood
- 3) Lead in Kids: Violent Crimes Appear Linked
- 4) Decreased Brain Volume in Adults with Childhood Lead Exposure
- Association of Prenatal and Childhood Blood Lead Concentrations with Criminal Arrests in Early Adulthood - Website Address: http://medicine.plosjournals.org/perlserv/?request=qet-document&doi=10.1371/journal.pmed.0050101.
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- 9) Curriculum Vitae Dr. Bruce Lanphear

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Module # 5 - Supplementary Readings
Dr. Theodore Lidsky



1) "Lead Neurotoxicity in Children: Basic Mechanisms and Clinical Correlates" by Dr. Theodore I. Lidsky¹ and Dr. Jay S. Schneider² - BRAIN: A Journal of Neurology Article Web link: http://brain.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/126/1/5
Brain, Vol. 126, No. 1, 5-19, January 2003 © 2003 Guarantors of Brain doi: 10.1093/brain/awg014

2) Curriculum Vitae: Dr. Theodore Lidsky

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Module # 6 - Supplementary Readings

Dr. Jay Schneider



1) Early Lead Exposure Impedes Recovery From Brain Injury - ScienceDaily (Dec. 4, 2007)

Dr. Jay Schneider – Thomas Jefferson Medical College

2) Autism and Autistic Symptoms Associated with Childhood Lead Poisoning

Dr. Jay Schneider – Journal of Applied Research - Vol.5, No. 1, 2005

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Module # 8 - Supplementary Readings Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda



Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) On-Line CEU Course Module Supplementary Reading Material

1) Research Document: <u>The Relationship between Early Childhood Blood</u> <u>Lead Levels and Performance on End-of Grade Tests</u>

Researchers: Marie Lynn Miranda, Dohyeong Kim, M. Alicia Overstreet Galeano, Christopher J. Paul, Andrew P. Hul, and S. Philip Morgan - Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA; Sociology Department, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, US

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- 3) "Early Childhood Lead Exposure and Exceptionality Designations for Students" Researchers: Marie Lynn Miranda, Pamela Maxson and Dohyeong Kim) Forthcoming Article in the International Journal of Child and Adolescent Health. (February 2009) Web Link: https://www.novanublishers.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=10156
- 4) Bio and Research: Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda

ACTION PLAN TO SUSTAIN H.E.L.P. INITIATIVE GRANT ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE GRANT PERIOD

The 2010 Bridgeport Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiative was successfully developed and implemented in Collaboration with the Bridgeport Health Department Lead Program and Public Schools, the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc, and the CT State Department of Public Health.

Below is a Bridgeport H.E.L.P. Summary and Action Plan based on the following:

- 1) Participant Survey Results and Recommendations from Front-Line Educators, Pupil Personnel Service Providers, Health Professionals, Parents and Community, Health Department and Education Department / Agency Input.
- 2) Connecticut State Statue Regarding Public Act 07-2 "An Act Concerning the Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning" and Federal Education Law (I.D.E.A. Parts B and C and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act).
- 3) A Review of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Research
- 4) National / State / Local Childhood Lead Poisoning Results Based Accountability & Systemic Program Implementation
- On-going Need for Training and Implementation of Action Steps for Compliance with CT State Law: *Public Act 07-2 "An Act Concerning the Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning.*

BRIDGEPORT TRAINING SURVEY OUTCOMES:

- 1) <u>Summary of Parent Needs</u>: Seventy Percent (70%) of City-Wide Parent Conference Survey participants responded "I Don't Know" or incorrectly responded to survey item related to mandatory blood lead screening of children under the age of three years old.
- 2) <u>Pre-K and Early Childhood Educators</u> District Birth-to Three Coordinator <u>Statements of Need</u>: Reported and requested information and materials for parents and the need for more training parents for Bridgeport parents.
- 3) <u>Summary of School Nurses' Statements of Need</u>: School Nurses comment that many of the physicians are not completing and the need for Parent Training.
- 4) Summary of Pupil Personnel Staff Statement of Need: Training for Parents, Educators and Health Professionals Needed
- On-Going Need for Access to "Birth to Three" and Early Intervention Services for Lead Exposed / Impaired Children.

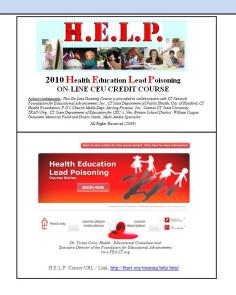
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 On-Going Need for the Development and Implementation of State Regulations / Guidelines to facilitate Compliance with Federal Law (I.D.E.A. Parts B and C and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

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Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) TOOLS FOR Learning and Keeping CT's Children Lead Safe and Lead Free

A Collection of Educational Materials, Resources and Support Services for Educators; Health Professionals; State / Local Community Agencies; Organizations and Parents

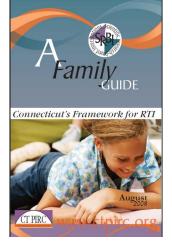


















HEALTH EDUCATION LEAD POISONING (H.E.L.P.) TOOLS AND INTERVENTION

RESOURCES for Educators, Health Professionals, State / Local / Community Agencies / Organizations, Child Service Providers, & Parents

Child Development Info-line

Do you have questions or concerns about your child's health, development or behavior?

If so, call Child Development Info line at 1-800-505-7000 for help!

Child Development Info line (CDI) is a specialized unit of United Way of Connecticut. Care Coordinators are available to answer the phone Monday through Friday from 8am-6pm, except on holidays. Messages can be left 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are returned promptly. This service is free and confidential, with multi-lingual and TTY capacity.

CDI care coordinators provide education on development, behavior management strategies and programs, make referrals to services, and provide advocacy and follow-up as needed. They take great pride in working with families to understand their individual needs, connect them to the best services available, and follow up to ensure their needs are being met. They are available by phone to help with questions or concerns about:



- General child development
- Challenging behaviors
- Disability and health related issues
- And more...

By calling the toll free Child Development Info line # (1-800-505-7000), families, child care, health care and social service providers have access to many of Connecticut's programs and services for children and their families including:

Birth to Three

For children birth-36 months of age with significant developmental delays or disabilities.

- Free developmental evaluation
- Service coordination
- In-home direct services

More Information:

Help Me Grow - For families with children birth through age 8, who are looking for information or services to support their child's development.

- Connects families to community based resources
- Provides Ages and Stages Child Monitoring Program
- More information >>

Early Childhood Special Education

For preschool and kindergarten age children with significant developmental delays.

- Provided by each Connecticut school district
- Provides public education based on a child's individual needs
- More information >>

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

For children and youth birth to age 21 with chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions who require more health and related services than other children the same age.

- Coordinates medical care services
- Family/Caregiver support
- Referrals to community based services
- More information >>

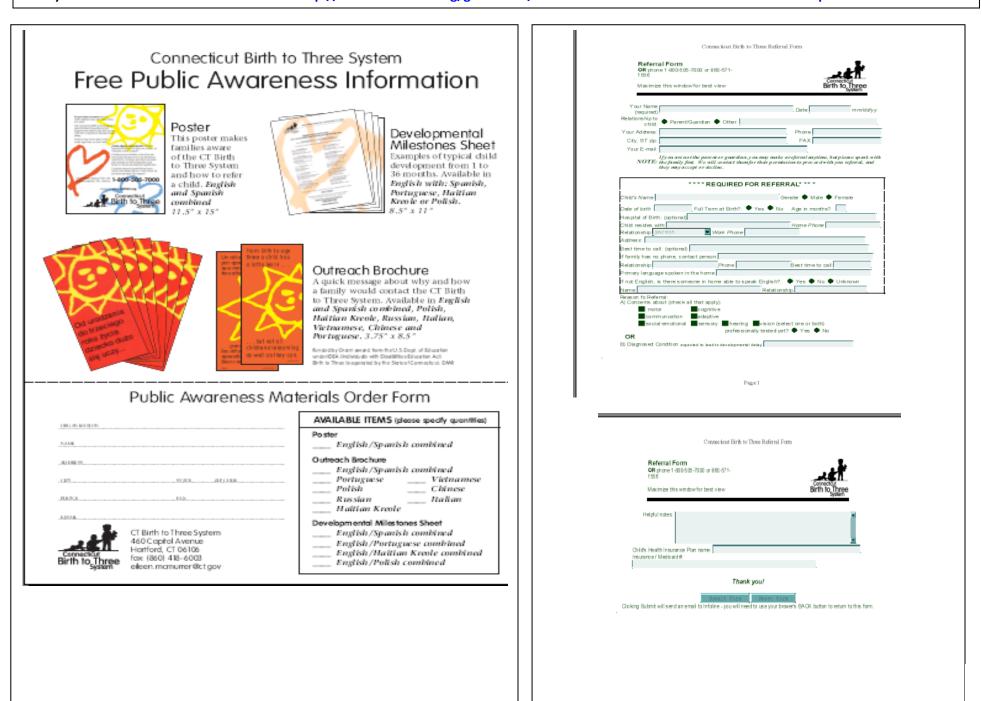
Birth to Three

The Connecticut Birth to Three System is the state's early intervention program for children under age three who have significant developmental delays or who are diagnosed with a physical or mental condition with a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay (diagnosed conditions list). If you have concerns about an infant or toddler's ability to talk, eat, walk, handle toys, see, hear or play with others, you can call the Child Development Infoline (CDI) at 1-800-505-7000 to discuss your concerns. You may also use the Referral Form on the Birth to Three website. The child development experts at CDI help callers with their concerns and may offer a free developmental evaluation. Infants and toddlers with significant delays are given appropriate supports as soon as possible.

Anyone can call to make a referral to Birth to Three, however, if someone other than the family calls, the care coordinators at CDI will then contact the family to discuss the referral, help them understand the process, and get the family's permission to move forward with the referral to one of the approved Birth to Three programs that serve the town in which the family lives. A family handbook about the referral and eligibility evaluation is then mailed to the family, and the selected Birth to Three program will call the family to schedule an in-home developmental evaluation.

Callers concerned about the development of a child who will be turning three years old within 45 calendar days will be given information about preschool special education and how to refer their child to their local school district. For children who are evaluated and are found to be not eligible for Birth to Three services, information on resources available through Help Me Grow and/or the Ages and Stages Child Monitoring Program is given to the families. For more information on the Connecticut Birth to Three System, visit the Birth to Three website at www.birth23.org.

- 1) FREE PUBLIC AWARENESS INFORMATION: http://referral.birth23.org/guestbook/PA_Order_Form_2008.pdf
- 2) Birth to Three Referral Form Link: http://referral.birth23.org/guestbook/Connecticut%20Birth%20to%20Three%20Refe.pdf



Ages and Stages Child Monitoring Program

Every parent wants their child to be healthy and develop new skills as expected for the child's age. Children grow, develop, and learn throughout their lives and you as a parent can help monitor your child's development to make sure your child is meeting milestones in all of these key areas. Every child is different and will develop at his or her own pace but if your child is not developing properly, you can take the necessary steps to help your child reach his or her full potential.

The Ages & Stages Child Monitoring Program offered by Help Me Grow, can help you learn about your child's development and identify potential delays as early as possible. The Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ-3) provide a fun, interactive way to understand the many changes a child goes through.

ASQ-3 questionnaires are sent out at the following intervals: 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 42, 48, 54 and 60 months of age and are available in English and Spanish. You can begin the program at any age prior to your child's fifth birthday. Participation in this program is entirely voluntary and at no cost to you.

To begin the process complete the **enrollment form** and send it to Child Development Infoline (CDI). At the appropriate age, a questionnaire will be mailed to you. A postage paid envelope will be included so you can return the completed questionnaire to CDI.

If the completed questionnaire shows that your infant, toddler or preschooler is developing on schedule, we will send you a letter telling you so and enclose some fun activities for you and your child to enjoy. We will mail the next age level questionnaire to you at the appropriate time.

If the completed questionnaire leads to a concern about your child's development, a Care Coordinator from Child Development Infoline will contact you to discuss those concerns. You may then choose to have their child's development evaluated through the Connecticut Birth to Three System, if your child is under age three, or by the local school district, if your child is between three and five years old. If so, we can help you with this process.

Results of the questionnaires may also be sent to your child's primary health provider if you sign consent.

Mail to:

Child Development Infoline 1344 Silas Deane Highway Rocky Hill, CT 06067

or you can fax the form to Child Development Infoline at 860-571-6853. If you have any questions, please call Child Development Infoline at 1-800-505-7000.

Sample ASQ-3 Materials

- Sample ASQ for viewing
- Ages and Stages sample activity

Interested in receiving training on administering the ASQ3 or ASQ SE?

The ASQ-3 focuses on general development, while the ASQ SE focuses on social-emotional development.

The Children's Trust Fund offers free trainings on the ASQ and ASQ SE to community providers on how to use and score the screening tools. For information, contact:

- Haley Scott (860) 424-5626 haley.scott@ct.gov or
- Luz M. Rivera (860) 424-5629 luz.rivera@ct.gov

Early Childhood Special Education



Early Childhood Special Education services are provided to eligible 3, 4 and 5 year old children with disabilities who are entitled to a free appropriate public education in accordance with their individual needs as mandated by special education law. In Connecticut, special education services are provided by local and regional school districts. Special education and related services are provided based on what the individual child needs to benefit from his education. By calling Child Development Infoline (CDI) at 1-800-505-7000, a family can be referred to their local or regional school district's Preschool Special Education services to discuss the need for an evaluation. Information on **special education**, as well as the contact information is then mailed to families. Follow-up is offered to ensure that the family gets connected to the school. For more information on **Early Childhood Special Education Services** in Connecticut, visit the Department of Education's website at **www.sde.ct.gov**.

- Child Development 211 Info-line
- Connecticut Birth-to-Three Program
- State Education Resource Center (SERC)
- National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
- National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
- Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)
- US DOE-Office of Special Education Programs
- Wrights Law
- Yellow Pages on Disability Issues

- Charts-a-Course (CCAC) Accreditation Facilitation Project (AFP)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC): Academy
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC): Self-Study
- Preschool Special Education Brochure-English [PDF] Spanish Version [PDF]
- Preschool Special Education End-of-Year Report 2003 [PDF]
- Data Bulletin CT's Children with Disabilities (Ages 3-5) [PDF]
- Family-Friendly Services in Preschool Special Education [PDF]





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Special education and related services are required by federal and state law. The laws are intended to ensure that young children o Transition with disabilities are provided a free and appropriate public education in accordance with their individual needs. Early childhood special education as defined by the federal law known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is for 3-, 4and 5-year-old children with disabilities who · Links/Resources require special education. In Connecticut, special education and related services are available to eligible children by age 3 and are provided by local and regional school districts.

Publications



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Topics

NAEYC Accreditation

- Model Interagency Agreement: for use between school districts and early childhood programs (2009-'10) [PDE] [DOC]
- Announcement of Available Funds to Support NAEYC Accreditation [PDF]
- NAEYC: Cover Letter to Interested Programs 2009-'10 [PDF]
- Application for Funding Support 2009-'10 [PDF] [DOC]
- NAEYC Training Opportunities
 - o Road Trip Overview [PDF]
 - o Support Group [PDF]
 - o Portfolio Development [PDF]
 - o Resource Links
 - <u>Charts-a-Course (CCAC)</u> Accreditation Facilitation Project (AFP)
 - National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC):
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Transition

- Course: Transitioning from Birth-to-Three Services to Special Education
- Transition Survey Results [PDF] [DOC]

ECO - Early Childhood Outcomes

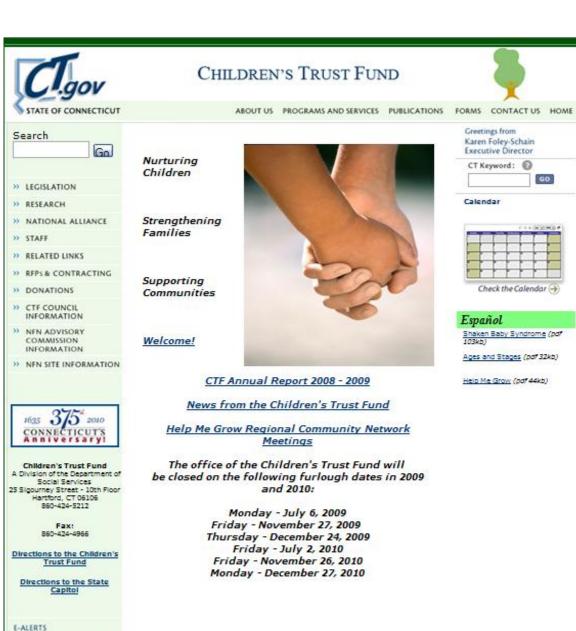
- Frequently Asked Questions Document (2008) [PDF]
- ECO: Brigance IED-II Ordering Information [PDF]
- ECO: Brigance IED-II Required Sub-Tests and Alternate Sub-Tests [PDF]
- ECO: Brigance IED-II Discontinue Points [PDF]
- Training Opportunities
 - o ECO: Power Point Back-to-School Meeting (2008) [PDF]
 - o ECO: RESC Technical Assistance [PDF]
- Resource Links
 - o Early Childhood Outcome Center
 - o Curriculum Associates, Publishers of the Brigance IED-II

Birth-to-5 Newsletters



All files below are in PDF format.

- Newsletter-Vol 11 #3: Assessments and Young Children
 - Spanish Version
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 - Spanish Version
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- Newsletter-Vol 8 #3: A Scoreboard for Our Programs
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 - Spanish Version
- Newsletter-Vol 8 #1: Movement and Young Children
 - o Spanish Version
- Newsletter-Vol 7 #2: Communication? Don't Ask!
 - Spanish Version
- Newsletter-Vol 7 #1: Assessing Young Children to Develop Authentic Goals and Interventions
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- Newsletter-Vol 6 #3: Tips for Teaching Social Skills and Preventing Problem Behavior
 - Spanish Version
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- Newsletter-Vol 6 #1: Growing to Read
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- Spanish Version
 Newsletter-Vol 5 #3: Tots and Technology: Making Children's Lives Fun and Productive



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Being a parent is one of the most rewarding - and challenging - jobs of our lives.

When the stress and exhaustion of parenting puts you at your wits' end, take five deep breaths. Take five steps back. Or make a five-minute phone call to get the support you need.

We at the Connecticut Children's Trust Fund understand the difficulties of parenting. Since 1997, the Children's Trust Fund has helped Connecticut's parents develop nurturing relationships with their children and improve their own lives through community programs and support networks.

Take five minutes to check out the parenting resources, tips and program information on this Web site. Those five minutes could change your and your child's life for the better.



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Links/Resources



- · Child Develoment Infoline
- . Connecticut Birth-to-Three Program
- . State Education Resource Center (SERC)
- . National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
- · National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
- . Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)
- US DOE-Office of Special Education Programs
- Wrights Law
- Yellow Pages on Disability Issues

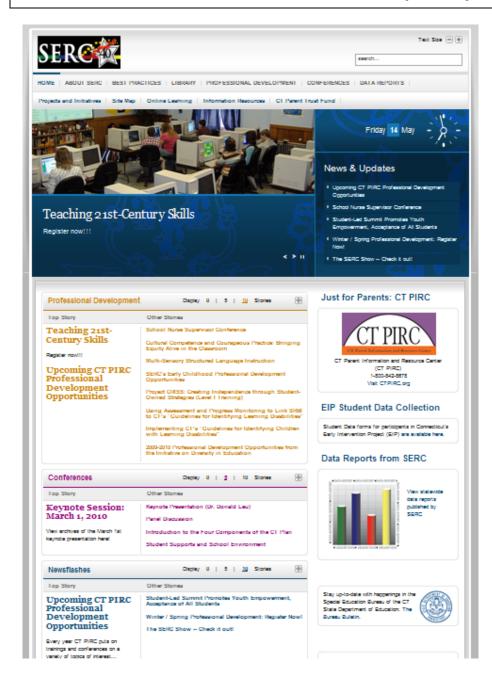
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Child Development



3-6 months









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Starting a Child

Complete business package to help you easily and quickly start your own profitable home-based day care business!

Baby Gund

Hundreds of unique Baby Gund gifts that are always a hit at the baby shower.



Babies and children develop at their own pace, so it's impossible to tell exactly when your child will learn a given skill. The developmental ages and stages included in our child development section will give you a general idea of the changes you can expect, but don't be alarmed if your own baby's development takes a slightly different <u>course</u>.

Ages and Stages Article Archive

Click on links on side bar for age approriate Child Development

Food and Nutrition

Baby

Baby Formula
Breastfeeding
The Basics of Introducing Solid Foods to Your Baby
Tips for Parents with Picky Easters
Best Baby Spoon

Toddler - Preschool

Finger Food Mania: Tips and Recipes for Introducing Finger Foods to Your Baby

Baby's First Cereal: Make it from Scratch

Homemade Baby Food

"Hey Mom, there are lumps in my food!": Introducing Food Textures

Toddler Treat: Blueberries N' Banana Cream

Toddler Treat: Carrots and Cashews Toddler Treat: Cauliflower Soup Why Won't My Toddler Eat?

Toddler Pear Nog

Serving Sizes for Toddlers Toddler Sunflower Treats

Picky Eaters Toddler Treat: Cranberries

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Parent and Caregiver Tips for Kindergarten Learning



Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program



Apply for Disability Benefits - Child (Under Age 18)

Lead exposed / poisoned children who qualify for under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A.) Parts B or C or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act may be eligible for the Federal Government's Social Security Administration's Supplemental Security Income Program. To apply for disability benefits for a child, you will need to complete an Application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) AND a Child Disability Report. The report collects information about the child's disabling condition and how it affects his/her ability to function.

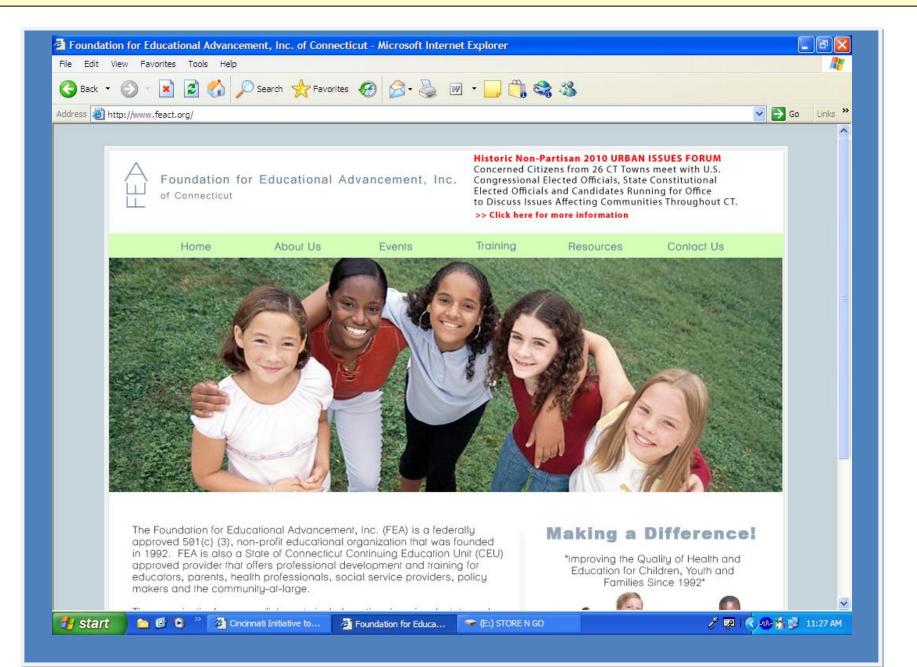
At this time, only the Child Disability Report can be completed online. Parents or Guardians may contact SSI to schedule an appointment to complete the SSI application. We will help you in person or by phone. Follow these steps to apply

- **Step 1. Review** the **Child Disability Starter Kit**. This kit answers common questions about applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for children, and includes a worksheet that will help you gather the information you need.
- **Step 2.** Contact Social Security right away to find out whether the income and resources of the parents and the child are within the allowed limits, and to start the SSI application process.
- **Step 3. Fill out** the online **Child Disability Report**. At the end of the report, we will ask you to sign a form that gives the child's doctor(s) permission to give us information about his/her disability. We need this information so that we can make a decision on the child's claim.

Contacting Social Security:

If you do not want to do this report online or you need help, you can call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213**. If you are deaf or hard-of-hearing, call our toll-free TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**. Representatives are available Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7p.m.

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Lead Poisoning

Limiting the Ability to Learn

What educators need to know about lead poisoning in children





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