

***** New PA Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Initiative! *****

Your expertise is needed now to help eliminate child lead poisoning in PA! Please join an ambitious but do-able state-wide, three year effort to protect PA babies from toxic lead – funded by a Pritzker Foundation grant! [Sign up here](#) by July 16.

Some of you participated in the planning phase of this grant, but if you didn't, the Pritzker Foundation is funding a small group of PA non-profits to improve the health and well-being of pregnant women and children 0 – 3 years old in the areas of lead, child care, home visiting, maternal health, nutrition and insurance. This "Pritzker Children's Initiative" is a strong, public-private effort with key staff in many state government offices deeply invested, including the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Education and the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL).

For lead poisoning, the over-arching goals are to: a) increase funding for lead hazard remediation to get toxic lead out of children's homes, b) increase the number of children screened, and c) increase the number of poisoned children referred to Early Intervention services. Let's do this!

The three lead sub-groups described below will tackle these goals, and public and private partners like you are needed to participate to promote the workforce to test and treat homes, support providers and parents to get kids into care and ultimately protect tens of thousands of children!

[Sign up here](#) for one of the sub-groups by July 16th. The first meetings take place at the end of July. All are welcome - so please forward this email to your interested colleagues or coalition members who work on this issue! Any questions, let me know. Thank you -

Sub-Group	Focus	Examples of Types of Participants Needed	Co-Chairs	First Meeting Date
1) Screening	Increase # of children screened through provider incentives and finding new sites to test kids and improve care coordination for poisoned kids	Medicaid and CHIP health plans; health care providers; health professional organizations; health department staff	Ana Arcs, DHS and Dr. Jeff Martin, Lancaster General Health	July 20 at 2:30 – 3:45
2) Early Intervention	Create auto-enrollment process to into EI to improve referrals between	Early Intervention; early childhood education; public education; Medicaid	TBD	TBD

	health plans, providers and families	and CHIP health plans		
3) Public Engagement	Develop legislative and communications strategies that make the case for additional funds to get lead out of houses so children are never poisoned (e.g. primary prevention)	Health care providers; lead testers and remediators; parents; public interest lawyers; Medicaid and CHIP health plans; painter and construction unions; educators; communications professionals;	Colleen McCauley, PCCY and TBD	July 21 at 2:00 – 3:15