



Lead Update

RI Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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The Lead Program Celebrates its 30th Anniversary on May 23, 2007!

The Lead Program celebrates “Lead Poisoning Prevention Month” in May and holds its annual Conference and Awards event. This year, the RI Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is hosting its annual event at the Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown, RI and is also celebrating its 30th anniversary from receiving federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1977. To honor the 30th anniversary, the Lead Program organized a very special program and hopes to bring together many of the founders who have had a significant role in the prevention of lead poisoning in the past three decades.

About a hundred representatives from housing agencies, local community organizations serving young children, early childhood health programs, including WIC, Early Intervention, Head Start, Lead Centers, Lead Clinics, Lead Hazard Reduction Programs and many other partners in our mission to eliminate childhood lead poisoning by the end of 2010 will be attending this event.

The agenda for this year includes keynote speaker Dick Jackson, MD, MPH. Dr. Jackson is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Berkeley California and is the former Director of the National Center for Environmental Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Jackson will deliver a presentation titled “For Health, We Need Healthy Places: Starting with Housing.”

Mary Jean Brown, ScD, Chief of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch from the CDC will speak about the CDC’s perspective on healthy housing. Ellen Tohn, from the National Center for Healthy Housing, will present on the applicability of the seven principles of healthy housing. Following our guest speakers, the Lead Program will discuss recent initiatives and release 2006 data.

One special highlight of this annual event will be the presentation of the video and anniversary report titled “The evolution of lead poisoning prevention in Rhode Island over 30 years”. The video was prepared with testimonies from the founders of the Lead Program that highlight the milestones that contributed to the innovation and creativity that has made the RI Lead Program a recognized national model.

Finally, awards and certificates of appreciation will be presented to several of the entities and individuals who have made significant efforts in promoting lead screening, healthy housing policies and those who provided the initial foundation for the Lead Program.

As we move towards the elimination of lead poisoning, we invite our partners to continue to work with us to implement the principles that make housing healthy: keep it dry, clean, pest free, ventilated, safe, without contaminants, and well maintained.

Congratulations on 30 years of efforts and significant progress. Let’s continue to work together to eliminate lead poisoning in Rhode Island!

Recipients of Awards and Certificates of Appreciation

Founders' Awards

In recognition of pioneering efforts in lead poisoning prevention in Rhode Island

Amy Zimmerman, MPH
 Anne Kineavy, RN, MSN
 April Wolf
 Brenda Clement
 Bruce Phillips, MD
 Gerald Faich, MD
 Helen McCarthy, PhD
 Helena Friedmann, MBA
 Irwin Becker
 Jay Orson, MD
 Jean Barry
 Jeff Brown, MD
 Jim Celenza
 June Tourangeau, LPN
 Lisa Andrews, MBA
 Liz Colón
 Lois Brown, RN
 Nick Tsiongas, MD
 Roberta Hazen Aaronson, MSW
 Walter Combs, PhD

Healthy Housing Awards

In recognition of their valuable contribution to healthy housing strategies

Patrick Vivier, MD
 Marissa Hauptman
 Susan McGee, MD and John Morton, MD
 Peter Marino
 Department of Administration's Statewide Planning,
 Housing Resources Commission and
 Weatherization Teams
 Mary Jean Brown, ScD
 Richard J. Jackson, MD, MPH

Lead Screening Awards

In recognition of "inaugural use" of KIDSNET Lead Screening report
 (Practices that began using the report in 2006)

Associates in Primary Care
 Bristol County Pediatrics
 Central Health Center
 Children First Pediatrics
 Everett Wilcox Center
 Family Health Services - Cranston
 Family Treatment Center
 Fatima Health Center
 Hillside Ave Family & Community Medicine
 Lincoln Pediatrics
 MHRI Primary Care Pediatric Center
 Pediatric Associates
 PRIMA
 Renaissance Medical Group
 Thundermist Health Center of West Warwick
 Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket
 University Medicine Foundation - Warwick

In recognition of "successive use" of KIDSNET Lead Screening report
 (Practices that used the report in 2005 and 2006)

Bald Hill Pediatrics
 Broadway Medical Treatment Center
 Dr. Stuart V. Demirs
 Family Doctors of East Providence
 Dr. Sharon Gunasti
 Kingstown Pediatrics
 Narragansett Indian Health Center
 Northwest Health Center
 Dr. Dante A. Ramos
 Wakefield Pediatrics
 Westerly Pediatrics
 Wood River Health Services

Lead Screening Certificates of Appreciation

In recognition of outstanding efforts in lead screening

Pediatric practices that used the KIDSNET lead screening reports 4-5 times during 2006)

Amato & Ross; Blackstone Valley Community Health Center-Central Falls; Blackstone Valley Community Health Center-Pawtucket; Capitol Hill Health Center; East Bay Family Healthcare; East Greenwich Pediatrics; Dr. Cheryl Flynn; Family Medi Center; Hasbro Northstar Clinic; Dr. Michael J. Hayden; Olneyville Health Center; Dr. Richard K. Ohnmacht; Park Pediatrics; Primary Care of Quality Hill; Rhode Island Family Care; Saint Joseph Hospital for Specialty Care-Pediatric Clinic; Smithfield Pediatrics; South Shore Family Medicine; University Pediatrics; Valley Primary Care

Congratulations to all of our partners and individuals who have made these 30 years worthwhile and have saved the lives of many children in Rhode Island!