## **CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM**









- Lead is a toxic chemical element that can be found in old paint, soil, dust, pottery/water dispensers, home remedies, cosmetics, candies or seasonings, jewelry, crayons, toys, and other unexpected places, especially in imported products.
- A child's innocent play or other exposure to lead or lead dust can cause permanent physical, mental, learning, and behavioral problems.
- Approximately 1 percent of children at any given time have elevated blood lead levels in Orange County. However, not all at-risk children are being tested.
- The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP), under the guidance of the State of California, Department of Public Health and the County of Orange Health Care Agency, seeks to prevent and reduce the harmful effects of lead poisoning in Orange County children.

## The CLPPP Team Consists of:

Public Health Nurses
Registered Environmental Health Specialists
Health Education Staff
Information Processing Technician
Public Health Chemist

## The CLPPP Team Provides:

- Lead poisoning prevention education for parents, child caregivers, health providers, and community agencies
- Identification of lead sources and case management for children with lead poisoning
- Surveillance and outreach activities to increase testing for children who are at high risk because of the age and location of their housing, because of their contact with certain imported products, or other factors

## **Call for Information**

For general information:

(714) 567-6220

■ To schedule a lead poisoning prevention presentation, fingerstick training, or to report an elevated blood lead level:

(714) 567-6218 or (714) 567-6221

To schedule a lead poisoning prevention presentation in Spanish:

(714) 567-6237 or (714) 567-6247

For information about lead-based paint and environmental lead:

(714) 433-6000

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