

## LEAD CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



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# Early Care Programs

## ***What is the Lead Case Management Program?***

The Garrett County Health Department Lead Case Management Program provides information to the community and families to help reduce lead exposure in children. The Lead Case Manager will work closely with families and health care providers to ensure child lead testing is completed at accurate times and to educate on and advocate for measures to be taken to reduce elevated blood lead levels in children.

The program involves coordinating, providing and overseeing the services that are needed to help reduce lead levels to a normal, safe range.



## ***What is lead?***

Lead is a metal that is created naturally in the earth's crust. Lead has been widely used in household items such as paint, ceramics, soil, pipes, toys, food containers, medications, etc.

Though lead exposure is not safe in any amount, children with a blood lead level of between 3.5 & 5 µg/dL, and higher, are designated to seek action in reducing any further exposure.

## ***How does lead effect children?***

Exposure to lead can have a wide range of effects on children's behavior and development. They include delayed growth and development, delays in puberty, reduced cognitive performance, speech and hearing problems, and increased behavioral problems.



## ***When should my child's lead level be tested?***

All children between 6 months and 6 years of age should be tested for lead exposure. Most medical providers include lead testing as part of your child's routine care. Testing is especially important for children who live, or spend time, in homes or buildings that are older that may contain lead paint.

## ***How can the Lead Case Management Program help me?***

- Help identify potential lead hazards
- Provide education on developmental milestones and screenings
- Provide assistance with lead prevention and referrals to State lead programs, if necessary
- Provide education and tips for keeping your home lead-free

