



CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING

A message from the Galveston County Health District
& the City of Galveston



Lead poisoning can be very harmful to your child. Your child can get lead poisoning in a number of ways. The most common way is from exposure to lead-based paint typically used in homes constructed prior to 1978.

Ask your doctor about testing your child for lead. Children are usually tested when they are between one (1) year and six (6) years of age. If you do not have a doctor, call **(409) 938-7221** to schedule an appointment at the 4C's Clinic located at 4700 Broadway on Galveston Island.

The Galveston County Health District's roles are to:

- Analyze reports of elevated lead levels that are reported to the health district's epidemiologist. For more information please contact Epidemiology by calling **(409) 938-2322**, or visit: www.gchd.org/epidemiology/bloodlead.htm.
- Perform nursing assessments and education to parents of children reported to have elevated lead levels above 10ug/dl. For more information about this program please contact Community Health Nursing by calling **(409) 938-2456**.
- When the lead level is above 20 ug/dl, perform environmental assessments to determine the source of lead through the District's Environmental Services. For more information about this program please call **(409) 938-2251**.
- Refer families to any available resources for information on lead abatement/remediation. For a variety of informational handouts visit the Texas Department of State Health Services website: www.dshs.state.tx.us/lead/default.shtm.

For more information about the Galveston City/County Taskforce on Preventing Childhood Lead Poisoning, please contact: Kurt Koopmann, Public Information Officer Galveston County Health District, **(409) 938-2211** or visit www.gchd.org

For information about laws regulating the removal of lead paint from the exterior of a structure, please contact the City of Galveston's Planning and Community Development Department by calling **(409) 797-3660** or visit www.cityofgalveston.org.

