

## PA Regional Lead Hazard Control



### Program Description

CAADC's Lead Hazard Control Program is designed to remove lead-based paint hazards from the homes of low-income families with children under the age of 6. All services are free, pending proof of eligibility.

### What Services Are Available?

CAADC's will first meet with you to explain the program in detail and to discuss the hazard of lead-based paint in your home. Next, a lead audit is performed by a licensed firm. A report is prepared showing where lead-paint exists in your home. CAADC then prepares a Scope of Work detailing the steps that will be taken to remove or reduce the lead to acceptable levels. This may include replacing doors and windows, installing new drywall, replacing trim and moldings, etc. When the renovations are complete, another lead audit is performed to be sure that all lead has been removed or reduced to acceptable levels. A copy of the final report, along with educational materials relating to lead hazards, will be given to you.

### What Are the Income Guidelines?

Household Size	Maximum Income
One Person	\$ 45,000
Two Persons	51,400
Three Persons	57,850
Four Persons	64,250
Five Persons	69,400
Six Persons	74,550
Seven Persons	79,700
Eight Persons	84,850

### Who Qualifies?

In order to qualify, you must:

1. Meet the income guidelines on page 2
2. Have a child under the age of 6 at the time of application
3. Be a homeowner (renters are not eligible at this time)
4. Be a resident of Delaware County, but NOT living in Upper Darby, Haverford, or Chester (these communities receive their own funding).

### How Do I Apply?

Call Community Action Agency at 610.891.5101 for an application and more information.

### Lead Poisoning FAQs

#### What is lead poisoning?

When a person has too much lead in the body, lead poisoning occurs. It is caused by exposure to lead that is either eaten or breathed in the form of dust. Lead harms several organs, including the nervous system and kidneys. Young children are at the greatest risk of getting lead poisoning.



#### What are common items that contain lead?

Paint manufactured before 1978 and the dust created when it deteriorates, chips, or is manually removed is the largest source of lead in the home. This paint was used for many purposes, including painting the interior and exterior of houses, playground equipment, farm machinery, and toys.

#### How can I tell if my child has lead poisoning?

The only way to diagnose lead poisoning is by having a blood test.

#### What are the symptoms of lead poisoning?

Since symptoms mimic the flu, lead poisoning is hard to detect. Children with elevated lead levels may suffer from learning disabilities, behavioral problems, stunted growth and hearing impairment. Convulsions, coma and death can occur at extremely high levels.

