

New York Zero-to-Three Network

Infancy Leadership Circles: Building Cross System Partnerships

SUPPORTING LEAD SCREENING FOR CHILDREN

The Infancy Leadership Circle / Niagara invites you to join us in promoting the healthy development of young children in your care. Please share the important lead screening information below with families you know.

- Lead poisoning is a danger for every baby and child.
- Lead affects the child's developing nervous system which can cause learning and behavioral problems.
- Often there are no signs or symptoms specific to lead poisoning due to delayed effect.
- This is why it is so important that every child be tested at 1 and again at 2 years of age and up to age 6 if at risk.

Risk Assessment Questions for All Children Up to 6 Years

- Does your child live in or regularly visit an older home / building with peeling, chipping paint or with recent or ongoing renovation or remodeling?
- Does your child eat non-food items (Pica)? Does your child often put things in his / her mouth such as toys, jewelry or keys?
- Does your child often come in contact with an adult whose job or hobby involves exposure to lead?
- Does your family use traditional medicine, health remedies, cosmetics, powders or food from other countries?
- Does your family cook, store or serve food in leaded crystal, pewter or pottery from Asia or Latin America?

If you have answered “yes” to any of the risk factor questions or would like more information, contact: Niagara County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program; 278-8212