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## **11/2/23 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Google Meet Lead Commission Distributed Meeting Material**

- Final Agenda 231102
- Draft minutes 231005
- 2023 Lead Commission Prez

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## LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

November 2, 2023 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Hybrid Meeting

### Approved Meeting Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks
- Approval of Minutes – October 2023
- New Business
  - BCHD – CLPPP Fiscal Year Report (Camile Burke)
  - MDE Childhood Lead Registry Report 2021 (Fred Banks / Shamola Dye)
- Agency Hot Topics/Current Events
  - **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment) Tyler Abbott
  - **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health) Cliff Mitchell
  - **MDAAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter) Paul Rogers
  - **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care) Manjula Paul
  - **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration) Benita Cooper
  - **MD-DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development) Jack Daniels
  - **BC-DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development) Katherine Taylor
  - **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): Camille Burke
  - **GHHI** (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative) Ruth Ann Norton
- Commissioner Comments and Updates
- Public Comments and Updates
- Next Meeting Reminder: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. which includes the Agenda items below:
  - Commission Reporting Calendar for upcoming year (All Commissioners)

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## LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION October 5, 2023 · 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. · Hybrid Meeting Draft Meeting Minutes

### Members Present:

|                   |                  |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Benita Cooper     | Cliff Mitchell   | Manjula Paul     |
| Jack Daniels      | Paula Montgomery | Christina Peusch |
| Anna Davis        | Barbara Moore    |                  |
| Susan Kleinhammer | Ruth Ann Norton  |                  |

### Members Absent:

|                      |                     |              |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Delegate Dalya Attar | Senator Jill Carter | Adam Skolnik |
| Jacob Benzaquen      | Paul Rogers         |              |

### Guests Present:

|                             |                              |                            |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tyler Abbott-MDE            | Marjorie D'Ambrosio-MDE      | Maria Prawirodihardjo-MSDE |
| Frederick Banks-MDE         | Sheneka Frasier-Kyer-MD-DHCD | Tim Rule-MDE               |
| Chevell Bash-GHHI           | Angela Hall-GHHI             | Candace Scott-MDH          |
| Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE      | Jason Harding-BC-DHCD        | Tiana Sheppard-GHHI        |
| Camille Burke-BCHD          | Steven Homola-BC-DHCD        | Anastasia Solano-MDE       |
| Stephanie Cobb-Williams-MDE | Darlene Israel-MDH           | Kevin Stanley-MDE          |
| Chris Corzine-OAG           | Dawn Joy-AMA                 | George (Wes) Stewart-GHHI  |
| Samantha Jacobs-Cribbs-HCHD | Comfort Kissi-GHHI           | Chris White-AR             |
| Devon Dodson-MDE            | Wade McCord-MDE              | Latesha White-MDE          |
| Shamola Dye-MDE             | Wendy Phillips-MDE           |                            |

### Documents Distributed:

Final Agenda 231005

Draft Minutes 230927

### Welcome and Introductions:

Commission Chair, Ruth Ann Norton, called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M. with welcome and introductions.

### Opening Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Other Discussions:

Chair Ruth Ann Norton welcomed everyone to the October 23 meeting of the Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission, highlighting Children's Environmental Health Month and National Lead Awareness Month. She expressed interest in filling commissioner slots, updating the strategic plan, and presenting to legislative committees in January. She emphasized the need to address the spike in lead cases and improve coordination, compliance standards, and support. Chair Norton thanked various agencies and discussed the goal of reducing the need for pediatric hospitals. She also noted the opportunity for lead removal in housing through funding related to greenhouse gas proposals as well as mentioned the

importance of funding for childcare and strategic planning. Finally, she requested an update on the annual report's status from Paula Montgomery. Lastly Chair Norton requested from Wendy Phillips, the Lead Commission Members' attendance record as she works to try and reach out to the appointed members of the legislature to encourage participation.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Paula Montgomery, seconded by Anna Davis to accept the September 7, 2023 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

### **Old Business:**

- **Status of Commissioner Membership Renewals:** Wendy Phillips asked for and was given an update from the Commission Members regarding their status of reapplying for their appointment.
- **Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions Announcement and Awards Presentation:** Yearly, the Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission aims to recognize excellence, innovation, and leadership from within the Lead Poisoning Prevention community. The Commission members voted amongst the nominees previously submitted and the following nominees received an award:
  - Manjula Paul was awarded with the Outstanding Child Health Environmental Advocate Award 2023
  - Lateisha White was awarded Outstanding Advocate Award 2023
  - Paula Montgomery was awarded Special Recognition Award 2023
- **Lead Poison Prevention Week 10/22/23 - 10/28/23:**
  - Chevelle Bash from GHHI and her team are actively coordinating a series of events and social media campaigns to raise awareness about Poison Awareness Week. They have collaborated with various organizations, including the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Baltimore City Health Department, to plan activities such as press conferences, presentations at schools, clinic days, and workshops aimed at educating the community about lead poisoning prevention. They are also finalizing details for resource fairs and property owner training events to take place later in the week. She discussed the details of the schedule for the week.
  - Paula Montgomery discussed MDE's regular meetings with state partners and GHHI to coordinate activities during "Lead Week," highlighting the success of these meetings for outreach and education efforts. She suggested continuing these meetings on a quarterly basis. Paula also mentioned Maryland's Lead Paint Abatement Service Provider Program, which regulates around 4,000 service providers and contractors in the state. Additionally, she mentioned upcoming forums in October and November and various outreach events throughout September and October.
  - Cliff Mitchell from MDH explained that they are examining their programs with a focus on health equity and addressing disparities in their services. They assessed their home visiting program for asthma last year and are currently evaluating their Lead Home visiting program and the Environmental Health Bureau's lead abatement program. Their goal is to ensure that children at the highest risk receive lead abatement services, emphasizing a continued focus on this issue in their future efforts.

### **Agency Hot Topics/Current Events**

- **MDE** (Maryland Department of the Environment) Fred Banks gave a brief status of the Annual Report and indicated that the 2022 report should be done by the end of October 2023 and then the 2023 report should be ready by mid-February. He plans to ask Jonathan Klanderud to provide an enforcement report in upcoming Commission meetings. Rena Boss-Victoria added that there have been continuing conversations and discussions with MDE's Office of Attorney General in regard to MDE's continued issues and potential real barriers, related to MDE's lab reporting compliance.
- **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health) Cliff Mitchell mentioned that MDH has collaborated with the Johns Hopkins Preventive Medicine Residency Program and the Baltimore City Health Department to create a program where residents visit physician offices. During these visits, they provide a brief 15-20 minute overview of MDH's home visiting program, lead testing, and services related to lead abatement offered through DHCD and the Children's Health Insurance Program. The goal is to raise awareness of these services within the primary care community. MDH plans to work with Medicaid and MDE to identify potential providers for these visits and may use a few healthcare providers as test subjects to evaluate the effectiveness of this outreach effort. Barbara Moore volunteered to be the first test subject.

- **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care) Manjula Paul informed the Commission that the newly revised Lead form is working well and is more simple and clear.
- **MD-DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development) Jack Daniels explained that MD-DHCD is collaborating closely with MDH and Medicaid to improve outreach, increase the number of applications, and generate more interest in their programs. This is aimed at enabling MD-DHCD to focus on its core function of facilitating lead abatement and related services. They've already had several meetings to identify actionable steps to boost enrollment and services. MD-DHCD is also working with a family mentioned in the previous meeting, having received their application and coordinating a property visit to finalize the scope of work. Additionally, they are finalizing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with local weatherization agencies to allocate four million dollars towards addressing critical repairs that have hindered energy projects, aligning with their goal to improve homes' energy efficiency, reduce utility bills, and enhance livability.
- **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): Camille Burke mentioned that Baltimore City has changed its testing strategy to encompass more than just immunizations. They are now working with organizations like Saint Vincent De Paul Head Start and conducting a testing tour by visiting various locations. This new approach has led to a partnership with the Y Head Start, facilitated in part by Saint Vincent de Paul's efforts to spread the word.
- **GHHI** (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative) Ruth Ann Norton reported that GHHI has been actively working to promote the Lead Safe Kids Act, which is set to be introduced in the Senate and Congress. This act aims to enhance safety standards in public housing. Additionally, GHHI, along with MDE and other organizations, has submitted comments on the EPA's proposal to lower Dust-led standards. This change would impose stricter regulations on contractors, property owners, and agencies in relation to lead contamination. Wes Stewart asked that MDE update the Commission on its Lead In Water funding for the different jurisdictions.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

**Future Meeting Date:**

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- 2) MDE Childhood Lead Registry Report (Fred Banks / Shamola Dye)





# Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

*Lead Commission  
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# One Step Further.....

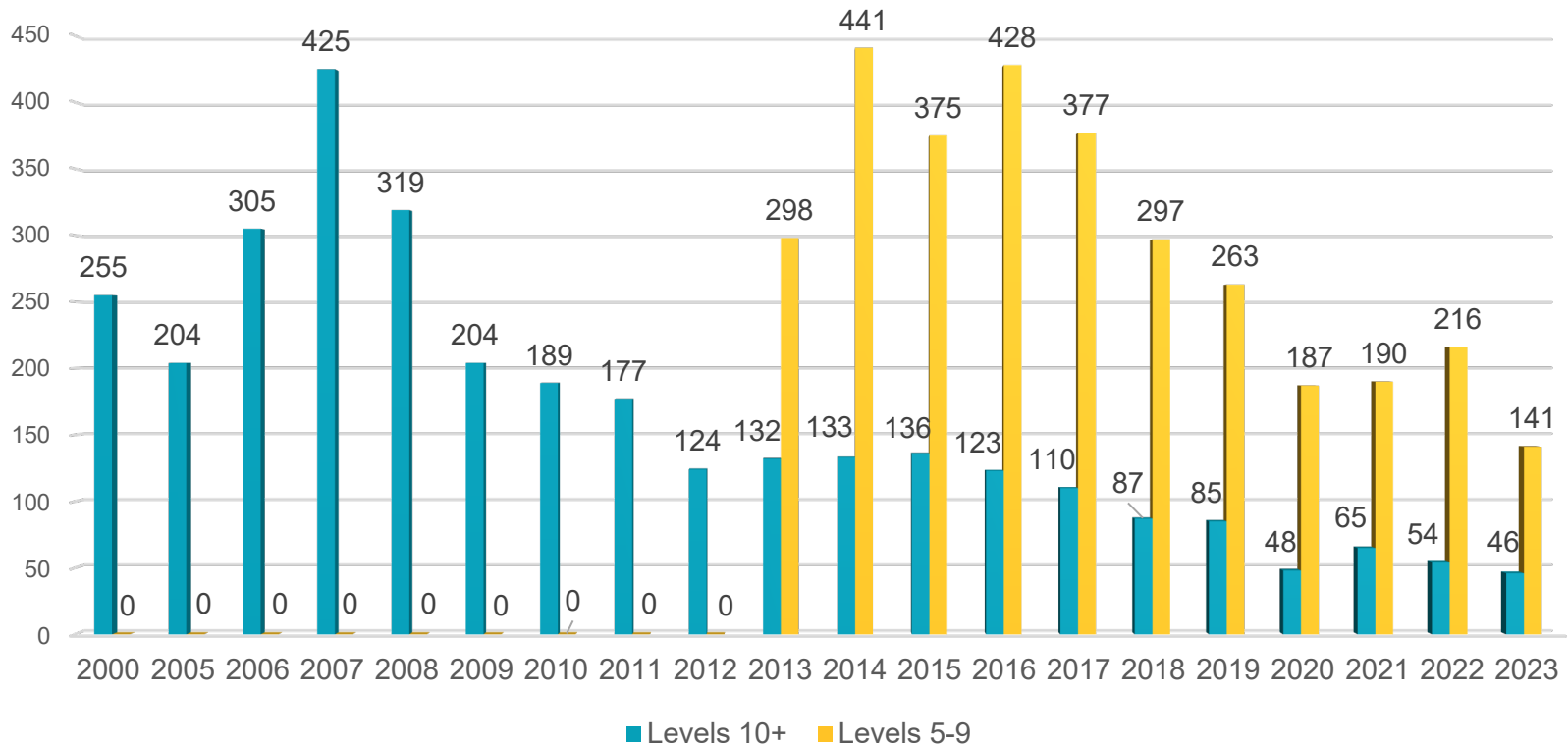


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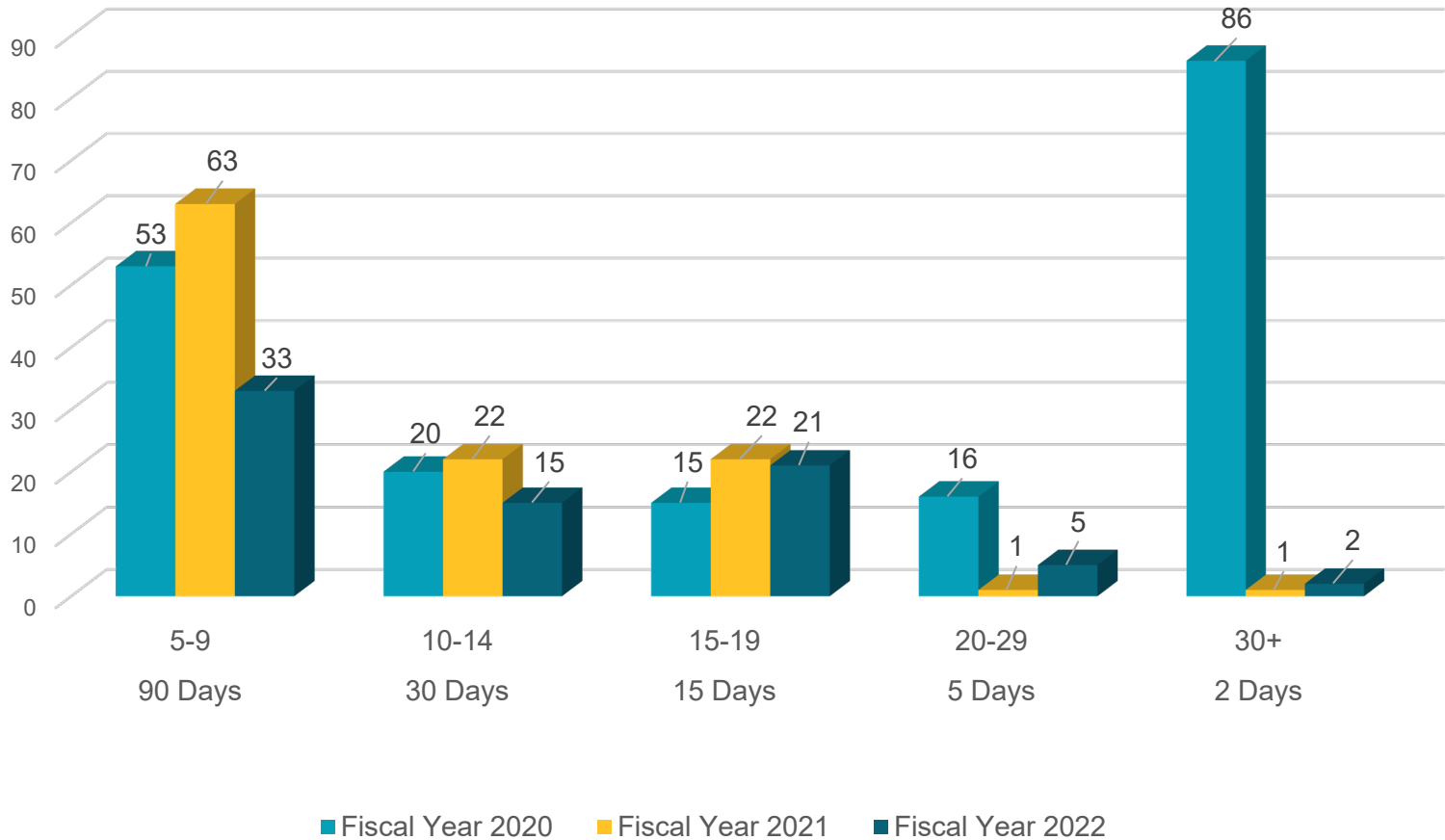
# Baltimore City Lead Poisoning Data by Fiscal Year



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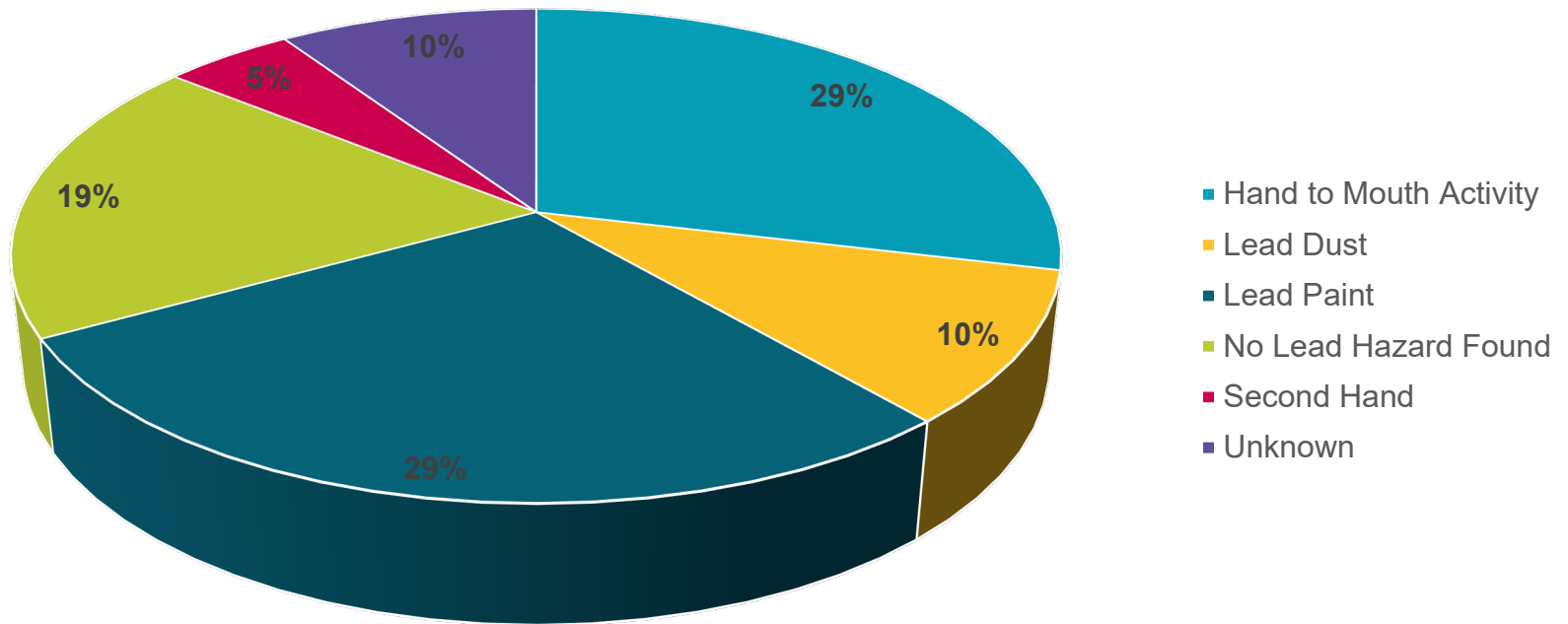
## Average Time to Complete Initial Home Visit (days)



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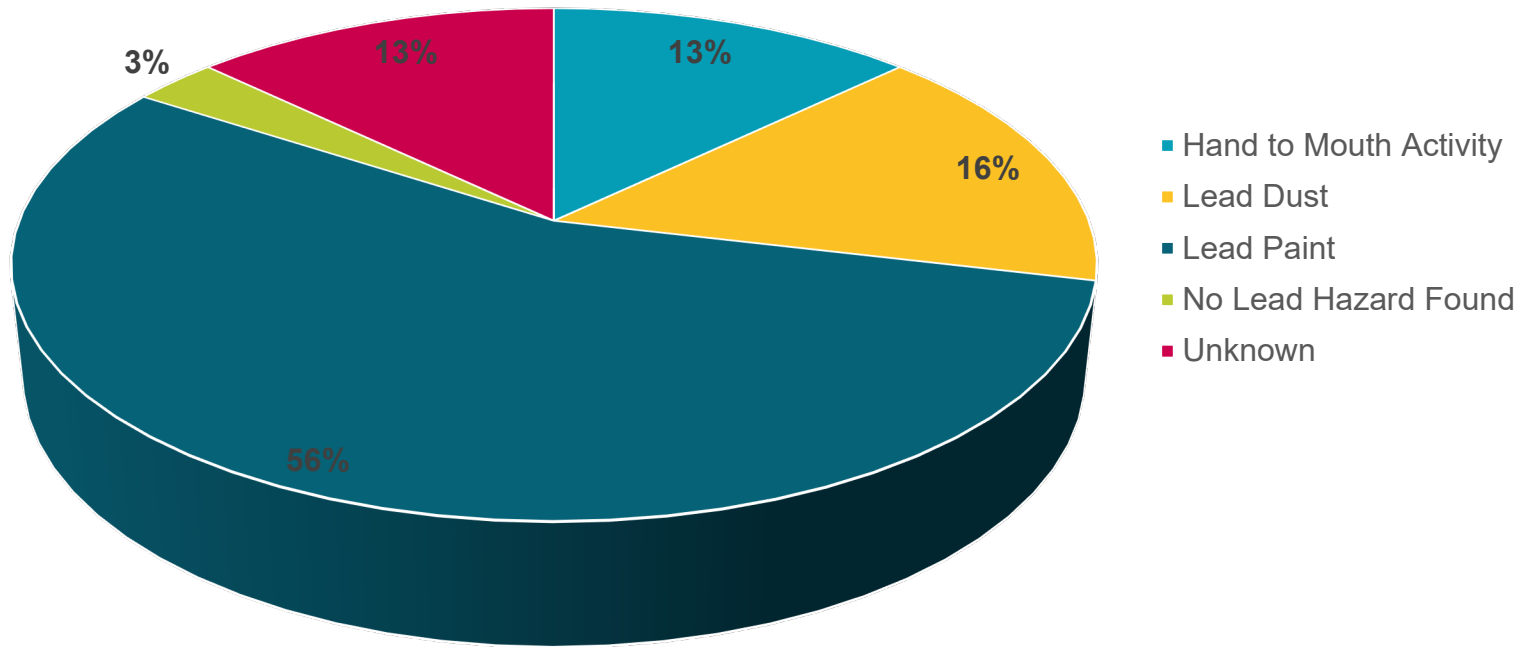
# 2020 Possible Sources of Lead Poisoning for Pre 1950 Rentals



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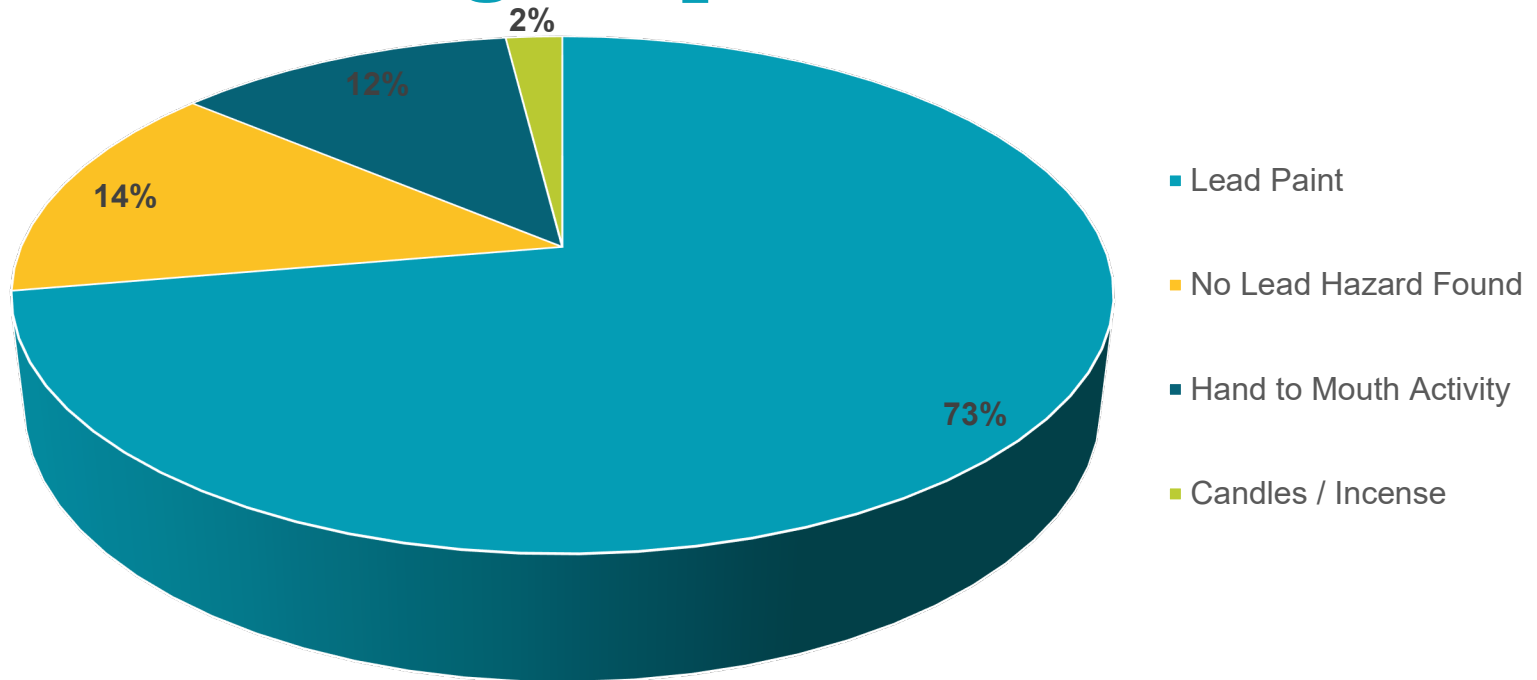


# 2021 Possible Sources of Lead Poisoning for Pre 1950 Rentals



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# 2022 Possible Sources of Lead Poisoning for pre 1950 Rentals



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# COVID -19 Impact on Blood Lead Testing

- Impact on Clinics, Healthcare Providers
- No in-person home visits
- Clinic closures
- Reassignment of BCHD staff
- Shift of resources to COVID-19 from other programs
- Little to No Blood Lead Testing



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# Post COVID Stuff

- Influx of clients accessing health care providers
- Clients have complained that obtaining appointments has been difficult
- Increased Blood Lead Levels
- Difficulty getting clients to agree to in-person home visits
- **Healthcare workers' mental well-being has been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in depression, anxiety, and stress.**
  - Recruitment has been challenging
- Removal of additional resources such extra SNAP \$\$, eviction moratorium have caused increased anxiety and stress



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# Case Management Challenges

- Missing current contact information (i.e.; name and telephone#) for parent or guardian on the lab sheet.
- Clients are transient & move often in and out of Baltimore City
- Failure or reluctance of the Primary Care Provider to provide missing or current contact information for the parent or guardian.
- Completing a Notice of Defect in the instance when the Adult staying/residing in the home is not the tenant listed on the lease.
- Hoarding, Cleanliness, Food Insecurity and Constantly changing telephone numbers.



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# Outreach

- Collaboration with the CBOs, community groups, MCOs, schools and early childhood centers.
- Disseminate primary prevention services to those families in areas most affected by Lead
- Lead prevention video now being shown in Mayor's office Of Human Services-Community Action centers. Centers offer:
  - Energy Assistance
  - Free Summer Meals for Youth
  - Money Management Classes
- Head Starts in Baltimore City operated by Baltimore City as well St. Vincent De Paul, the Y of Central Maryland
- Partnership with Division on Aging to engage Grandparents raising their grandchildren



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# Partners

- Regular contact with LHRP at DHCD
  - Data sharing to follow cases
- Regular contact with HABC
  - Especially for those HABC properties that have a lead violation or a child with a high lead level
- Meetings with HUD field office as needed
- Statewide Case Management Meetings with MDE & other Health Dept.'s
- Regular Contact & and Follow-up with GHHI
- BCHD Maternal & Child Health
- Regular Contact with Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital as needed



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# Partner Highlight

- Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood, Office of Child Care-Manjula!!!!!!
- Introduction of New Childcare portal for parents to utilize when applying for Childcare
  - Conditional approval for parents awaiting review of all needed documents
  - Increasing income limit to 73K for parents



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# Point of Care Testing

- Began OCTOBER 2017
- **Primary Focus was administering follow-up tests in homes with BCHD clients. However.....in 2022 & 2023**
- We have shifted to offering testing at Head Start locations and BCHD Immunizations monthly. BCHD tests twice a month during the Summer.
- Testing is also conducted at Health Fairs, Community Events, and as needed
- Continuing to Partner with MCOs (Amerigroup & Maryland Physicians Care) to increase testing-Reaching out to their non-compliant clients



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# 2023 National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

- October 2023
- Door to Door Community outreach in 21215, 21217, 21218, 21227, 21223, 21224,
- October 25, 2023-BCHD hosted participants from Frederick, Howard, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Baltimore County, Dorchester, St. Mary's, JHU, who were all in attendance at Healthy Homes Workshop at BCCC
- ***73 registered and 66 attended the workshop***
- Thanks to all who presented, DHCD, GHHI, MDSE, MDH, MDE and Transformational Health LLC



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# 2023 Healthy Homes Workshop survey highlights

***Do you have any suggestions for improvement or topics you would like to see covered in future workshops?***

1. Mold issues with clients.
2. Safety in work around environmental risks
3. Science/pathology of lead poisoning
4. Would love more topics on sources of lead not based in the home (cosmetics, spices)
5. Keep doing this stuff!



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# Moving Forward

## LEAD POISONING: KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES?

LOWER IQ • HEARING LOSS •  
SEIZURES • KIDNEY DAMAGE •  
LOSS OF APPETITE • LEARNING  
DIFFICULTIES • AGGRESSION

### GET YOUR CHILD TESTED

Every child should be tested at 12 months & 24 months. Children are still poisoned by lead in Baltimore City every day.

Talk to your doctor or visit your local clinic for lead testing today.

### Lead can be in:

- Paint
- Toys
- Household dust
- Soil

For more information, please contact the Baltimore City Health Department at: 443-984-2460

**GET THE FACTS. GET TESTED.**

Every child deserves to be Happy and Healthy.

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# Moving Forward

- Outreach continues.....
- Recently received a list of 4000 plus demolished homes in Baltimore City and we are comparing that list to our current list of outstanding Lead Violations.
- BCHD is implementing the OCHIN(Epic) system for EMR(Electronic Medical Records) which will allow departments to more efficiently determine what programs are interacting with clients so we can track services(# of touches) to clients/entire families...so we can bill for services such Lead testing & Environmental inspections.



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# Thank you for your time! Questions?

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