

Today, childhood lead poisoning is considered the most preventable environmental disease among young children, yet approximately half a million U.S. children have blood lead levels above normal. A simple blood test can prevent permanent damage that will last a lifetime. During National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, October 21-27, 2012, the Brown County Lead Coalition would like to remind you that:

- Children under age 6 are most at risk for lead poisoning.
- Lead exposure often occurs with no obvious symptoms, it frequently goes unrecognized. Get your home tested. Get your child tested. Get the facts!
- Was your house painted before 1978? Protect your family from lead exposure.
- Remodeling the home? Renovate right with lead-safe work practices.
- Talk to your health department about testing home paint and dust for lead.

If you have questions or concerns about lead exposure and your child, please contact your local health department. You can reach Brown County Health Department by calling Stacy Ross at 920-448-6436, De Pere Health Department at 920-339-4054 or Oneida Community Health Center at 920-869- 4840 .