



EPA Lead Program
Grant Fact Sheet
*El Paso County Department
of Health
Colorado Springs, CO*

EPA has selected **the El Paso County Department of Health in Colorado Spring, CO** for a Targeted Lead Grant.

The project will focus on three areas:

- Data gathering,
- Outreach, and
- Partnership development.

The goal of the project is to reduce the risk of elevated blood lead levels in children by identifying the risk levels throughout El Paso County. The project will meet the goal by establishing systematic ongoing outreach and awareness, and developing local partnerships to sustain and expand activities designed to reduce childhood lead poisoning.

EPA's Targeted Lead Grants

EPA's Targeted Lead Grant Program funds projects in areas with high incidences of children with elevated blood-lead levels in vulnerable populations. In 2007 the Agency awarded more than \$5.2 Million in grants under this ambitious program. These targeted grants are intended to address immediate needs of the communities in which they are awarded, and will also highlight lead poison prevention strategies that can be used in similar communities across the country.

EPA's lead program is playing a major role in meeting the federal goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning as a major public health concern by 2010, and the projects supported by these grant funds are an important part of this ongoing effort. According to the Centers for Disease Control in 1978 there were 13.5 million children in the US with elevated blood lead levels. By 2002, that number had dropped to 310,000.

For more information about EPA's Lead Program, visit www.epa.gov/lead or call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD.