



EPA Lead Program Grant Fact Sheet

Detecting Lead Hazard Risks and Preventing Lead Poisoning Among Thai Immigrant Children Los Angeles County, California

EPA selected **Thai Health and Information Services, Inc.**, a non-profit, community-based organization in Los Angeles, CA for a Targeted Lead Grant.

Thai Health and Information Services intends to use EPA grant funds to assess risk factors related to elevated blood lead levels, to determine blood lead levels and prevent lead poisoning among low-income Thai immigrant children in Los Angeles, CA.

Milestone objectives of this project are:

- A lead hazard risk assessment focusing on low-income Thai immigrant families in Los Angeles employing culturally- and linguistically-appropriate tools to identify potential lead hazards and exposure risks ,
- Health and education outreach concerning lead hazards with low-income Thai families in Los Angeles, and
- Blood lead screening of approximately 175 children from low-income Thai immigrant families in Los Angeles including identification of post-screening referral requirements.

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.