



## EPA Lead Program Grant Fact Sheet *Targeted Grants to Reduce Childhood Lead Poisoning Oklahoma*

EPA has selected the **Oklahoma Department of Health** for a Targeted Lead Grant.

Oklahoma's \$58,129 lead poisoning prevention grant project will:

- Match tax assessor data with birth data and newborn screening data in order to ascertain addresses of older homes (pre-1950) in "High Risk Target Areas" (HRTA) where children less than 6 years of age are living.
- Match the above-mentioned information to exclude addresses of Medicaid-eligible children and children who have already been screened and tested.

This project will allow the Oklahoma lead program to effectively target the non-Medicaid eligible high risk population for lead screening, education, and lead poisoning prevention outreach efforts.

### **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](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD.**