



EPA Lead Program Grant Fact Sheet

Targeted Grants to Reduce Childhood Lead Poisoning Texas

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

The project's measurable and achievable goals are to reduce lead poisoning in rural counties. The \$94,126 grant project will:

- Increase public knowledge of lead poisoning through a bilingual "Lead Awareness" community based education campaign,
- Increase health professionals' knowledge of lead poisoning by bringing education materials directly to rural health care providers, and
- Increase the number of lead safe houses by having participants in the lead poisoning prevention program aimed at rural counties complete a home assessment.

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.