

CLEAR-Win Program



What is lead poisoning?

Lead poisoning is too much lead in the body and is especially harmful to children younger than 6 years old.

Where is lead?

Lead is in paint, dust, drinking water, and more. Lead gets in the body when eaten or breathed in.

How does lead affect a child?

Even small amounts of lead can harm a child's brain and nervous system. Lead poisoning can slow a child's development and cause learning and behavior problems. A child may have lead poisoning and not feel sick. A child may experience stomachaches or headaches or exhibit decreased appetite, hyperactivity, sleeping problems or irritability. Very high amounts of lead can cause kidney damage, seizures, coma or even death.

What is the CLEAR-Win Program?

The Comprehensive Lead Education, Reduction and Window Replacement Program (CLEAR-Win) was established by Public Act 95-492 as a pilot program and continues with legislative requirements and funding allocation under Public Act 100-0461 and 410 ILCS 43, Title 77 Administrative Code 843. CLEAR-Win aims to assist residential property owners to reduce lead paint and leaded plumbing hazards in qualified homes throughout Illinois by way of window replacement and remediation of other sources of lead.

As a homeowner, how may I qualify under CLEAR-Win?

Assistance may be approved for Illinois owner-occupied properties when:

- the property contains a lead hazard;
- the property is a child-occupied property (a child under age 6 years of age is on the property an average of at least 6 hours per week), a child-care facility, or the residence of a pregnant woman; and
- the owner is low-income (at or below 80% of the median income level for a given county, as determined

annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development).

As an Illinois property owner of a residential rental property, how may I qualify for a grant under the CLEAR-Win program?

Assistance may be approved for Illinois rental properties when:

- the property contains a lead hazard; and
- 50% or more of the renters in the residential property are low-income.

The property owner must certify that they will continue to rent to the same tenant or other low-income tenant for a period of not less than five years following the completion of the work.

Assistance may also be approved for any residence that is subject to a Lead Mitigation Notice or Order issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health or its delegate.

Who do I contact to start an application for the CLEAR-Win program?

Contact one of the CLEAR-Win grantee agencies to begin the application process:

Christian County Health Department:

902 W. Springfield Road

Taylorville, IL 62568

Phone: 217-824-4113

Website: www.cchdil.org

Ford County Public Health Department:

235 N. Taft St.

Paxton, IL 60957

Phone: 217-379-9281

Lee County Health Department:

309 S. Galena Ave.

Ste 100 Dixon, IL 61021

Phone: 815-284-3371

Website: www.lchd.com

Montgomery County Health Department:

11191 Illinois Route 185

Hillsboro, IL 62049

Phone: 217-532-2001

Website: www.montgomeryco.com/health

Winnebago County Health Department:

555 N. Court St.

P.O. Box 4009

Rockford, IL 61103

Phone: 815-720-4118

Website: www.wchd.org

Illinois Department of Public Health

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