

Dept. of Health Services and DNR: Progress in Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Detection

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State Agencies highlight efforts during National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced today that it is pleased with the progress the state is making in preventing [childhood lead poisoning](#), but both agencies acknowledge that there is work left to do.

“We are moving closer to our goal of no child ever being exposed to the damage lead can do to their bodies and minds, thanks in part to efforts made by Governor Scott Walker, our local and tribal health departments, and our other partners,” said State Health Officer Karen McKeown.

A report published by DHS in September showed that in 2016, there were more than 4,300 Wisconsin children who were tested and found to have too much lead in their bodies. Over the last 20 years, lead poisoning cases were identified in every county in the state.

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