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Lead Remediation and Abatement Program (LRAP)

Xin "Leo" Li

Jennifer Barrientos



Program Overview

- ▶ In the SY23 budget, the Murphy Oliver Administration made an unprecedented commitment of \$180 million to address the ongoing threat of childhood lead poisoning.
- ▶ To date, the Lead Remediation and Abatement Program has funded
 - ▶ 26 Grantees
 - ▶ 18 Coming on Board
 - ▶ 2 Undergoing Training



Lead Training Initiative

- ▶ Paid training for interested entities to become LRAP Grantees
- ▶ 18 agencies have successfully completed training (ranging from non-profits to municipalities)
- ▶ 2 agencies are currently undergoing training

Program Improvements

- ▶ Creation of Lead Training Institute to prepare future grantees and increase pool of contractors
- ▶ Creation of Online Portal for LRAP Application submission
- ▶ Policy changes to separate Program Support Costs
- ▶ Expansion of Eligibility
 - ▶ Reduction in Documentation Requirements
 - ▶ Categorical Eligibility
 - ▶ Section 8
 - ▶ LIHEAP/USF
 - ▶ LIWAP
 - ▶ Weatherization
- ▶ Cash Advance Policy
- ▶ Hired a 3rd party organization to do statewide marketing

Marketing Efforts

- ▶ Promotional video with NJDCA's Commissioner
- ▶ Audio ads in English and Spanish
- ▶ Targeted Google Ads for landlords and tenants
- ▶ Revamped General Information Flyer
- ▶ Community Outreach Events
- ▶ Newest Efforts:
 - ▶ Utilization of Lead Inspection Law Reporting Data to refer lead positive cases to grantees
 - ▶ Collaborating with NJAAP on Project ECHO to have more streamlined referrals to grantees.



Questions?

- For additional information you may contact us at:

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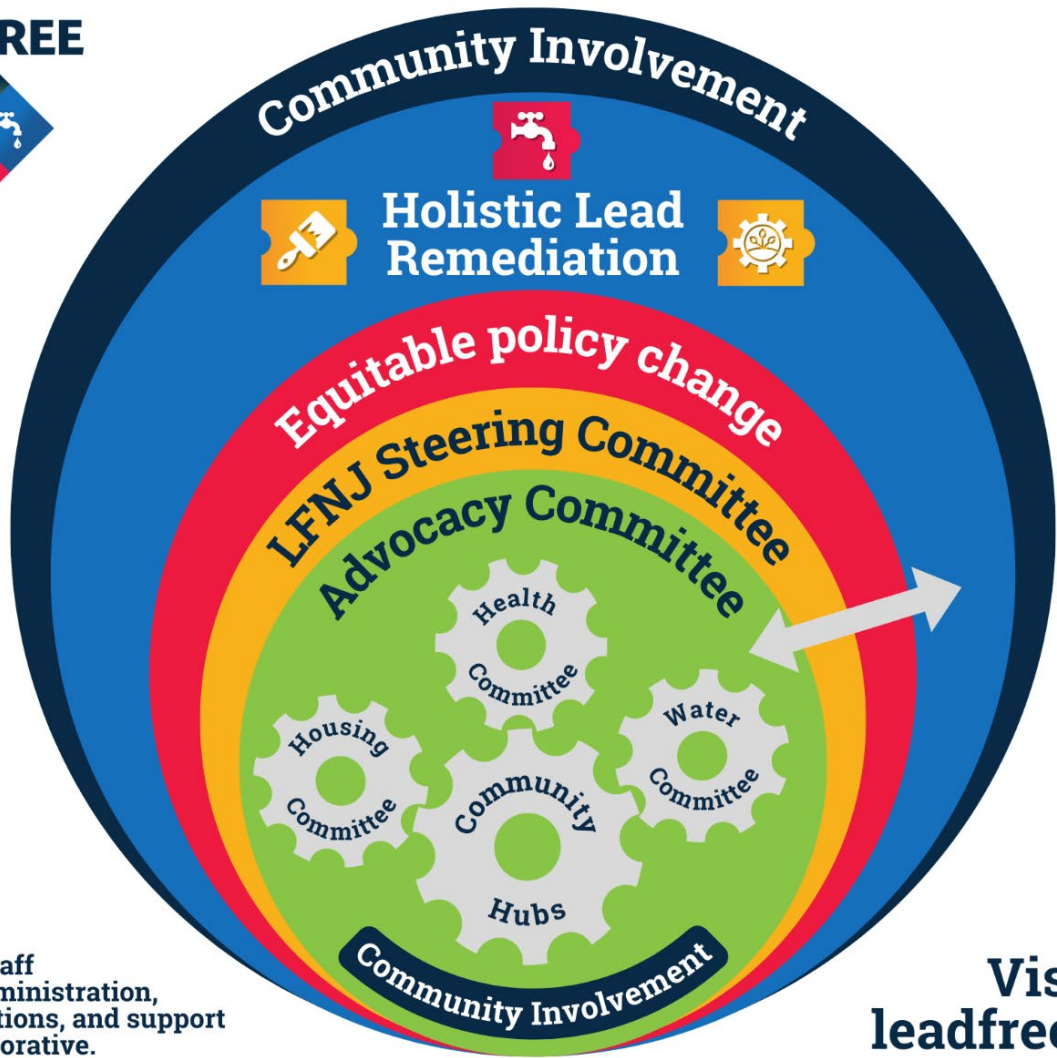
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Lead-Free NJ Committee Conversations

- **Housing Committee**
 - Bert Cooper, Green and Healthy Homes Initiative
- **Health Committee**
 - Sheila Caldwell, School Nurse & Elyse Pivnick, Isles
- **Water Advocacy Committee**
 - Yvette Jordan, NEW Caucus & Deandrah Cameron, New Jersey Future



10:00



Backbone staff provides administration, communications, and support to the collaborative.

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Housing Committee Update

Bert Cooper
Vice President, State and Local Strategic Services
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
July 17, 2024

**2024 NEW JERSEY
CONVENING ON
HEALTHY HOMES &
LEAD POISONING
PREVENTION**

JUNE 27, 2024

8:00AM – 3:30PM

AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Green & Healthy Homes Initiative®



<https://www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/new-jersey-convening-on-healthy-homes-lead-poisoning-prevention/>

This one-day event will convene individuals in the state of New Jersey dedicated to preventing lead poisoning and improving housing health, efficiency, affordability, and stability for families. Convening sessions are designed to advance awareness of emerging practices statewide in lead poisoning prevention and healthy housing programs, including the use of funding resources for intervention services, innovative partnerships supporting integrated housing and lead poisoning prevention programs, and equity-driven practices that reduce the burdens of unhealthy housing conditions.

Topics we covered:

- **Ending Lead Poisoning: Call to Action**
- **Lead Screening, Community Engagement, and Education**
- **Indoor Air Quality Improvements for Asthma Control**
- **Braiding Funding Resources to Support Holistic Approach to Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Housing**
- **Workforce Capacity Building for Program Implementation**
- **Asthma Program Partnerships**
- **2024 New Jersey Convening on Healthy Homes & Lead Poisoning Prevention Recording**

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TOOLKIT

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Commissioners Call for Cross-Departmental Collaboration, Information Transparency, and Systems Shift to Address Lead Poisoning in New Jersey

[Cassie Bolinger](#), Lead-Free NJ Program Coordinator

July 3, 2024



Pictured from left to right: Shawn LaTourette, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Jacquelyn Suárez, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJCA), Dr. Kaitlin Baston, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH)

"I want this interdepartmental collaboration that we're showing you here to be something that people hold in their minds," remarked Dr. Kaitlin Baston, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) as she delivered her closing response to a panel presentation last month. The panel, "State of the State of Lead Poisoning Prevention in New Jersey", with Baston,

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Recent Posts

Commissioners Call for Cross-Departmental Collaboration, Information Transparency, and Systems Shift to Address Lead Poisoning in New Jersey

Municipal Leaders Claim Public Engagement is Largest Asset to Lead Replacement Efforts

EPA Lead in Soil at Ulysses S. Grant Intermediate School in the East Trenton Neighborhood

Lead-Free NJ Statement on Governor Murphy's 2024 State of the State Address

EPA Sets New Standards for Lead Poisoning Prevention

Lead-Free NJ Housing Policy Table Advocacy Priorities-Moving to Align and Support Work in the HUBs

Proposed mandate: *Identify opportunities to reduce / eliminate childhood lead poisoning from contaminated paint and soil in homes via statewide policy changes emerging from community advocacy in the LFNJ hub areas of Paterson, Trenton, Greater Newark, and South Jersey.*

2024 Priorities:

Support effective, equitable implementation of the lead-safe rental law by working with partners in hub communities to:

A. Municipal Capacity: Support municipal agency staff in raising and addressing issues/challenges/needs related to enforcement and rollout to the state.

B. Tenants' Rights: Support know-your-rights outreach in multiple languages, identify creative solutions for lead-safe housing during remediation/abatement, and research and elevate legislative options to protect against eviction and rent hikes following lead-related improvements.

C. Support for small landlords: Advocate for streamlined, turn-key funding programs to subsidize lead remediation/abatement costs for small, local landlords.

D. Monitor and Support Effective ARPA Lead Funding Spend Down



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**Comments on Proposed Readoption with Amendments to N.J.A.C. 8:51
PRN 2024-050
Childhood Blood Lead at or Above the Blood Lead Reference Value
July 5, 2024**

Submitted on behalf of Lead-Free New Jersey

Debbie Mans, Lead-Free NJ Steering Committee Co-Chair, TWENTYTWENTY public affairs

Yvette Jordan, Lead-Free NJ Advocacy Committee Co-Chair, Newark Education Workers Caucus

Sheryl Snider, Lead-Free NJ Community Hub Leader in Trenton, East Trenton Collaborative

Sheila Caldwell, Lead-Free NJ Health Committee Co-Chair, School Nurse

Bert Cooper, Lead-Free NJ Housing Committee Co-Chair, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative

Introduction

Lead-Free New Jersey supports the state of New Jersey's commitment to updating N.J.A.C. Section 8:51, which defines New Jersey Department of Health childhood lead poisoning prevention case management policies. By adopting 3.5 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) as the state's Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV), the state of New Jersey will be more prepared to align lead poisoning prevention policies with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and local health departments will be able to reach more children with prompt actions to reduce elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs) and remediate sources of lead exposure in their environments.

Recent and upcoming opportunities for collaboration

NEW JERSEY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACTION PLAN



HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grants: DUE AUGUST 19th!!!

GHHI will host a
New Jersey
specific webinar
soon to explain
the program and
provide
application tips.



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Announcement



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Healthy Communities

Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

Lead Hazard Reduction Funding Opportunity

We are pleased to invite you to an upcoming webinar discussing the OLHCHH Lead Hazard Reduction Funding Opportunity. This webinar will provide valuable insights and guidance on the application process, eligibility criteria, and key considerations.

Webinar Details:

- **Topic:** OLHCHH Lead Hazard Reduction Funding Opportunity
- **Date:** July 17, 2024
- **Time:** 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
- **Join ZoomGov Meeting** <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617725900?pwd=U0ZQjiaaKakgfeWe2JsJogxebwHa8h.1>
- Meeting ID: 161 772 5900
- Passcode: 910523

We encourage all interested parties to attend and learn more about this funding opportunity. Please feel free to share this invitation with colleagues or others who might benefit from this information.

Health Committee



Co-Chairs: Sheila Caldwell & Elyse Pivnick

Description: Improve relationships with the NJ health system to improve lead poisoning prevention and offer better services for children affected by lead exposure.

Top priority: Improve access to blood lead level screening in NJ

Next steps:

- NJ American Academy of Pediatrics, pediatrician council meeting on August 28
- Meet with pediatricians, insurance providers, Medicaid
- Meet with NJDOH and local health departments
- Pursue legislative solutions



Virtua Pediatric Mobile Services Blood Lead Level Testing

Meet Your Presenter

Maria Emerson, MA, CCC-SLP, Director Rehabilitation Services, Pediatric and Community Based Services

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- 31 years working with children, birth – 21 years old, throughout New Jersey
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Oversees Virtua Rehab Pediatric programs including Early Intervention, School Therapy, Pediatric Mobile Services, Good Foods to Grow, and Aqua Buddies with a dotted line to OP Pediatric Services, NICU and SCN
- Passionate about Health Equity and that **ALL** Children and Families have an equitable start



Why?

- The first 5 years of a child's life are critical periods in development.
- The neuroplasticity of the brain is the “Secret Ingredient”, the ability to rewire, relearn, and strengthen connections
- The recent interest in the early years has been prompted by growing awareness that what happens during this period of development has lifelong consequences for children's health and wellbeing.
- It has also been prompted by a growing understanding of how early disparities in children's functioning can develop and the problems that this can create for future education, employment and opportunities.
- This heightened awareness of the importance of the early years has led to many government initiatives, nationally and internationally.



Who?

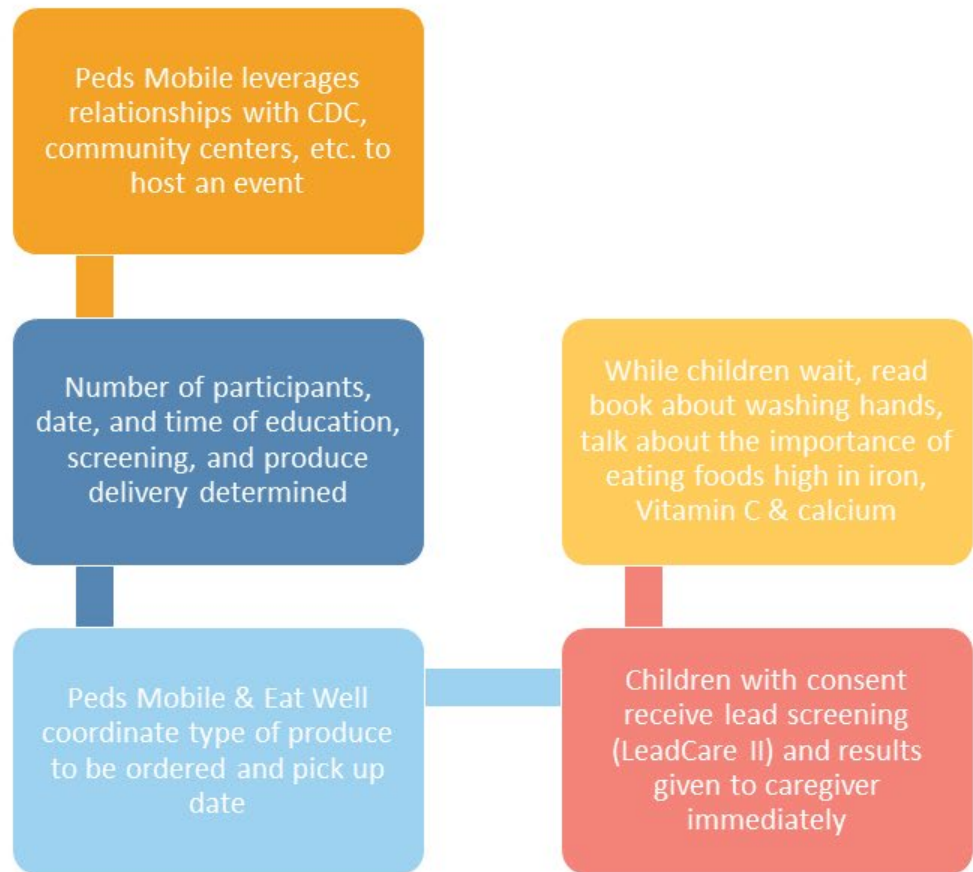
Children under 6 years old

Pregnant and lactating woman

Siblings of children (all ages) who had elevated BLL



The Program





How We Do It...



Collaboration & Community Buy-In



- Keys to Success:
 - Start by educating community “influencers”
 - Use trusted community members to spread the message
 - Hire Best People who are ENGAGED



JULY 17, 2024

Annual Membership Meeting
Filter First Approach
(Introduction)

Yvette Jordan/Deandrah Cameron



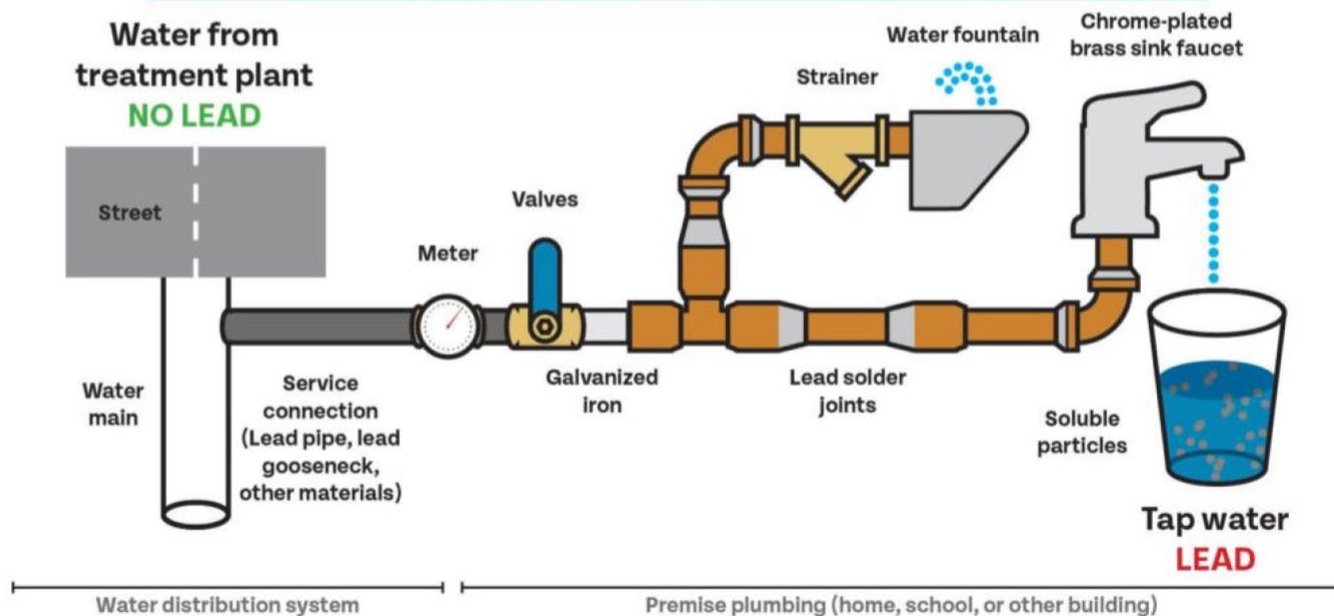
Overview:

- Lead Service lines vs Indoor Lead Plumbing
- Testing Standard/ Why Filtration Matters
- Requirements for Schools /Testing is not enough
- Model Approach
- Michigan's Example



Lead Pipes vs Lead Plumbing

Potential sources of lead contamination in tap water of homes, schools and other buildings



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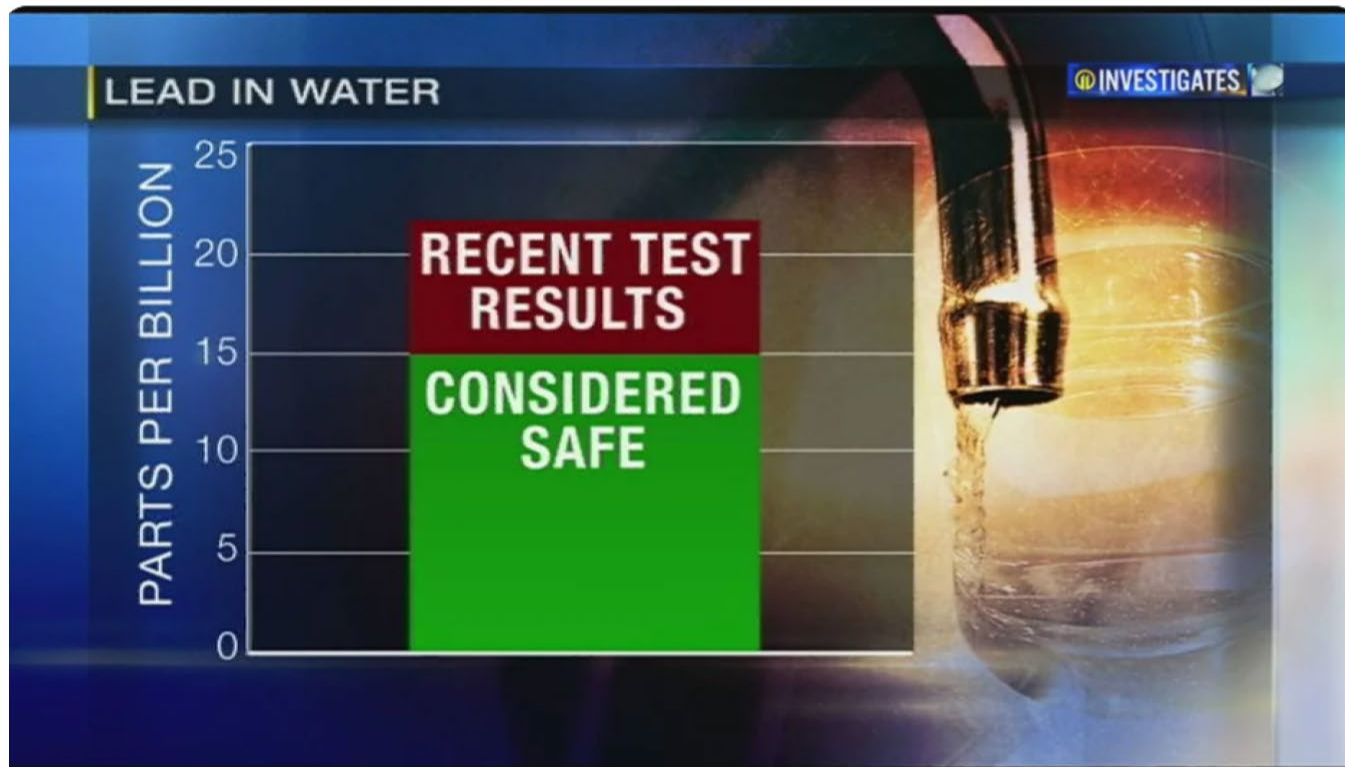


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Testing standards



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Testing Is Not Enough!

- The **federal government** doesn't require schools to test for lead
- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** only requires that public water systems take action to address lead contamination when they find lead levels of **15 parts per billion or more**.
- In NJ, Schools are on a 3 year testing schedule
- No remediation required

There is no safe level of Lead !

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FILTRATION IS A MUST !

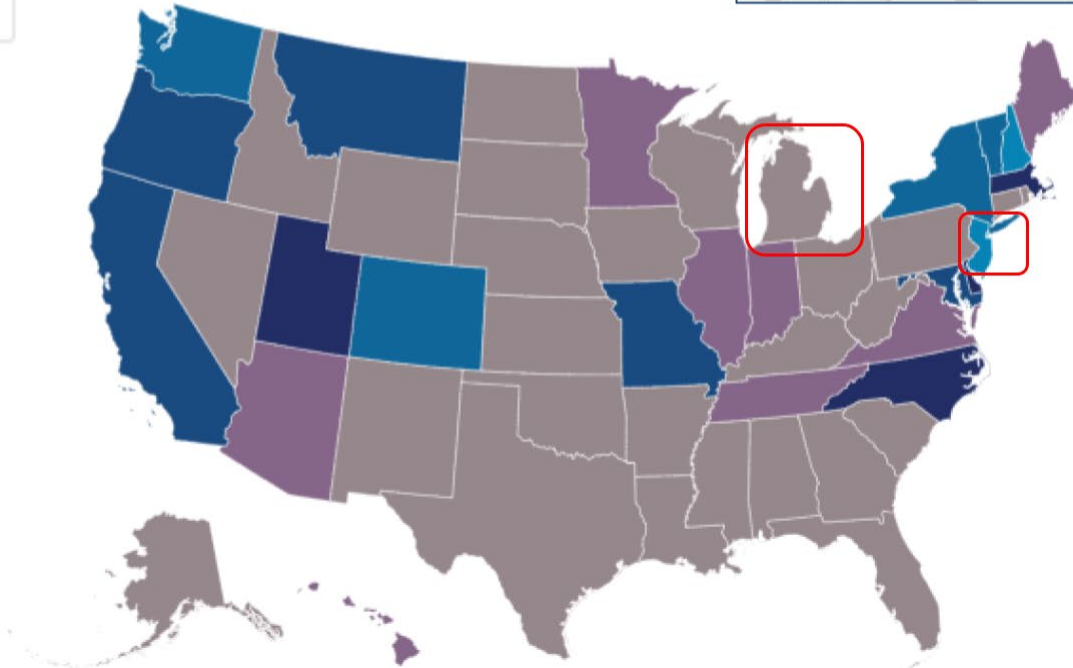
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Lead in schools' water

Grade: F D C- C C+ B- B+



Michigan: F 20/200

Nearly a decade after the advent of the Flint water crisis, Michigan still has no law or regulation to stop lead contamination of schools' drinking water. The state has set a 20 year deadline for replacement of all lead service lines, for which we

New Jersey: B- 112/200

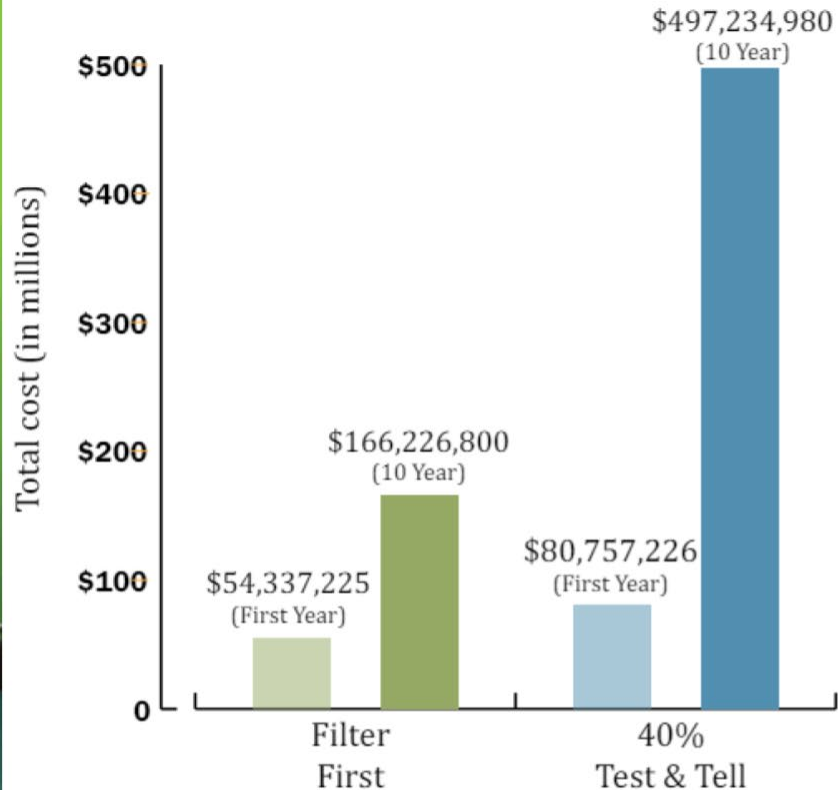
New Jersey has fairly weak "test and fix" rules on lead in water at schools and child care that only limit lead to the federal action level (currently 15 ppb). (Testing is every 3 years and online disclosure of test results and remediation is required.) In

The graph shows that both the first year and the 10-year costs of the Filter First are significantly lower than the Test and Tell costs. The 10-year cost savings may be as much as \$331 million.



Michigan Projected Costs

Filter First versus Test & Partial Fixture Replacement



Model Approach to Lead-Free Drinking Water in Schools

NRDC Model law available for States -Here's how it works:

First, the schools and child care centers must inventory and map their water taps.

Second, the schools and child care centers must install signs on taps that cannot be used as drinking water, (such as a sink in a janitor's closet or in a classroom) stating that it is not to be used for drinking water.

Third, for the taps that will be used for drinking water, schools and child care centers must install **certified filters**.

Fourth, each designated drinking water tap, which will already have a filter on it as required by this model law, will then be tested for lead.

- <https://www.nrdc.org/bio/joan-leary-matthews/get-lead-out-drinking-water-schools-model-law>
- <https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/get-lead-out-school-drinking-water-act-model-legislation.pdf>

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Example: Michigan's Filter First Requirements (Public Acts 154, 155, and 173 of 2023)

- Schools and child care centers must complete Drinking Water Management Plans by 1.24.25.
- Child care centers ensure that water furnished to children is from a filtered source by 10.24.25.
- Schools have approved filters on all designated fixtures by the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Schools and child care centers must do ongoing sampling and certify compliance with requirements once filters are installed.

Schools must sample annually, and child care centers must sample every two years.



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- ★ Join a committee: Health, Housing, Water, or Advocacy
- ★ Share information with your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and partners

