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WHY
 Florida ranks eighth in the nation for the estimated number of children with elevated blood lead levels (22,000 per CDC). Lead poisoning is a serious threat to a child's cognitive and behavioral development. Early identification reduces the risk that a child will suffer permanent damage.

WHO
 Health Council of West Central Florida, Inc. through U.S. EPA grant

Lead Education and Awareness Project



PHYSICIAN TOOL KIT

LEAD EDUCATION and AWARENESS PROJECT

WHAT
 Raise community awareness and reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning in Hardee, Highlands and Polk counties

HOW

1. Convene key community partners to review local data on needs and resources, solicit their assistance with the educational outreach activities, and develop a long term strategic plan
2. Compile information on local resources related to lead poisoning testing and remediation
3. Provide educational information about lead poisoning prevention to increase testing and prevent lead poisoning:
 - Physician tool kit for family practice and pediatric physicians
 - Four train the trainer sessions for parents, agency staff and community members
 - Two trainings on lead safe techniques for construction/maintenance workers

