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### Recommended Links:

#### Local

[Childhood Lead Action Project](#) - Founded in 1992, The Childhood Lead Action Project works to eliminate childhood lead poisoning through education, parent support and advocacy. The Project is the only organization in Rhode Island devoted exclusively to this critical issue.

[RI Housing Resources Commission](#) - The Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission (HRC) was created by legislation in 1998 to be the planning and policy, standards and programs agency for housing issues. The Commission's purpose is to ensure that all Rhode Islanders have access to safe and affordable housing. We are a 27 member Commission, representing a wide range of constituents, from government to providers to advocates.

[Rhode Island's Lead Crisis](#) - The Rhode Island Department of Health collects information on lead hazards. Go to the database compiled by HEALTH and provided to the Providence Journal. Information in this database is updated quarterly.

[Rhode Island Housing](#) - RI Housing can help make your home lead safe. Lead is found in most homes built before 1978, when lead paint was banned. Lead is poisonous. In children, it can cause damage to the brain and learning problems. In adults, lead poisoning has been linked to migraines, chronic fatigue and sexual dysfunction.

[Westbay Community Action, Inc.](#) - The only multi-service agency serving the basic needs of Kent County residents. We help individuals and families become self-sufficient and improve

their lives. A private, nonprofit, charitable organization, founded in 1966. Designated by the RI DOH as a state certified Lead Center

### **National**

[Children's Health Forum](#) - The Children's Health Forum is a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and eradication of childhood diseases that disproportionately impact underserved communities. We do this through outreach, public education, and collaboration with states and cities seeking programs and funding to promote prevention. CHF's primary activity has been in the prevention of childhood lead poisoning, the most significant and preventable environmental health problem facing America's children. We also focus on juvenile diabetes, asthma, and pediatric AIDS.

[HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control](#) - Learn more about lead paint safety, home maintenance, and HUD's guidelines for the evaluation and control of lead hazards in housing.

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) - Important information on the effects of lead poisoning in children and adults; a guide to various regulations involving lead; and standards for the evaluation and control of lead hazards.

[U.S. Food & Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) - Best source for information about potential lead contamination of the food supply, from such potential sources as soldered cans and old/foreign glazed dishware.