



How does lead affect children?

Lead is a toxin that attacks cells in the body. Lead poisoning hurts the brain and nervous system. Lead poisoning can:

- Slow down growth and development
- Damage hearing and speech
- Make it hard to pay attention and learn
- Cause behavior problems

How do I get my child tested for lead poisoning?

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recommends children who live in the City of Flint, live in a home using City of Flint water, or who attend school, childcare in the City of Flint have a blood lead level (BLL) test. Contact the Genesee County Health Department Lead Testing Clinic or call 810-257-3833.

I'm worried about my child. What can I do?

Babies and Toddlers – Birth to Three Years Old

[Early On®](#) provides free, early intervention services for babies and toddlers. *Early On* can assess a child's development to see if they qualify for services. Make this evaluation [request](#) to:

Genesee ISD, *Early On*

810-591-4947

2413 W. Maple Ave; Flint MI 48507

A BLL at or above 10 micrograms per deciliter is an [established condition](#), which means a child is automatically eligible for *Early On* supports and services. A BLL less than 10 µg/dL requires an individual assessment to determine [eligibility](#).

For eligible children, the parent(s) and school write an [Individualized Family Service Plan](#) (IFSP). An IFSP details the child's developmental levels, lists the [natural setting](#) where the services will be provided, sets goals, and determines services to reach those goals.

Parents have specific rights and protections in the IFSP process. These are called called Part C [Procedural Safeguards](#).

Continue to monitor your young child's developmental [Milestone Moments](#).

Children and Students Older Than Three Years Old

Parents can request a free, comprehensive evaluation for children suspected of needing help at school. Make this [evaluation request](#) to:

Genesee ISD

810-591-4883

2413 W. Maple Ave; Flint MI 48507

[Lead poisoning](#) is one of the medical conditions listed under the eligibility category of [Other Health Impairment](#) (OHI). The assessment may show your child qualifies for special education under a different category, like Early Childhood Developmental Delay, Specific Learning Disability, or Speech and Language Impairment.

For eligible children, the parent(s) and school work together to write a plan called an [Individualized Education Program](#) (IEP). The IEP describes the child's [present ability levels](#), sets [goals](#) that the child will reach within one year, and lists the specific [services](#) and [accommodations/ modifications](#) that will be provided so the child can meet the goals.

Parents have specific rights and protections regarding the IEP process. These are called Part B [Procedural Safeguards](#).



It's important that children be evaluated and special attention is paid to their growth and development. Michigan Alliance for Families can explain what local resources can help assess and monitor your child's development through early intervention and special education services. These services are free to families.

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More resources can be found online at: michiganallianceforfamilies.org/lead

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