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The Pediatric Lead Assessment NETWORK (PLANET) is a peer-to-peer educational program, which will bring healthcare professionals some of the most current information available in the field of Childhood Lead Poisoning.

What is the goal of the PLANET program?

PLANET's goal is to provide up-to-date information about Childhood Lead Poisoning and to emphasize the importance of lead screening and patient caregiver education.

What will the PLANET program cover?

This program is a 1-hour Lead specific curriculum, which will update healthcare professionals about Ohio's Childhood Lead Poisoning screening recommendations, medical case management, and risk factors. This program will be presented to healthcare professionals in their offices or other healthcare settings. The PLANET program will be provided on site for the healthcare professional.

Why is the program geared toward healthcare professionals?

Healthcare providers of various disciplines see children at 6 to 36 months of age. During prenatal care and well childcare at 3-6 and 12 months, healthcare providers should discuss sources, effects, and hazards of lead. Many healthcare providers believe that lead is not a concern and may neglect to educate.

Are there any other programs like this one?

There is a MOBI program (Maximizing Office Based Immunizations) which was funded by the Immunization Program at the Ohio Department of Health. It has been very successful. PLANET is the first Lead specific peer-to-peer educational program.

How effective is this program?

PLANET is effective because healthcare professionals present the program; it is a peer-to-peer education program. Marcel Casavant, M.D., Medical Director of the Central Ohio Poison Center, Pharmacology/Toxicology at the Columbus Children's Hospital, has assisted in the development of this program as well as facilitating PLANET Train-the-Trainer courses. In the past, Immunization's MOBI initially trained 36 healthcare professionals, by the end of one year 101 trainers had been trained. Within a year and half, 2,587 healthcare professionals had attended a MOBI program. PLANET hopes to have the similar effect, if not exceed these numbers.

If I attend the PLANET program what will I get out of it?

Participants of PLANET will receive Continuing Education credit hours, along with a program packet that will be a valuable source to find quick references and resources about lead poisoning prevention in Ohio.

Whom do I need to contact if I want to get involved?

Contact the PLANET Coordinator at the Help Me Grow Hotline, 1-800-755- 4769(GROW). Or you can contact your Lead Regional Resource Centers for more information.

PLANET Objectives

At the completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Identify lead poisoning as the #1 preventable environmental threat.
- Recognize lead poisoning is still a problem today.
- Discuss the essential points of Ohio's lead poisoning problem.
- Differentiate between Universal and Targeted Screening Zip Codes.
- Recognize that signs and symptoms of lead poisoning are not indicators of Universal or Targeted Screening.
- Explain reasons that most children with lead poisoning will not look sick.
- Conclude the only way to identify lead poisoning is by a blood lead test.
- Recall that even low levels of lead poisoning affect cognitive and social development.
- Identify four topics to emphasize when educating patient families and caregivers.
- Recognize the importance of primary prevention.

Contact Hours

Contact hours for nurses will be awarded through the ODH Providers (OH-011) which is approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Ohio Nurses Association. The Ohio Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (OBN-001-91).



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