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LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

MEMPHIS, TN – The Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in encouraging children and parents to learn about how to prevent lead poisoning during Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW), Oct. 23-29.

Thousands of children living in the U.S. have elevated blood lead levels that may cause significant damage to their health. They can develop behavior and learning problems (such as hyperactivity), slowed growth, hearing complications and aggressive patterns of behavior.

The best way to prevent the harmful effects of lead in children is by stopping their exposure to lead in paint, house dust and other sources.

This year's NLPPW theme, "Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future," underscores the importance of testing the home, testing children and learning how to prevent lead poisoning's serious health effects.

Through education and outreach efforts, SCHD continues to raise awareness of the consequence of lead poisoning among parents and pregnant women who live in homes built before 1978.

For more information, call the SCHD Maternal and Child Health Program at (901) 222-9132.

Mission

To promote, protect and improve the health and environment of all Shelby County residents.

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