

Investment in Children's Environmental Health

Progress in 2007

- Prevention of lead poisoning in homes, schools, and child care settings.
- Protection of fetal, infant, and childhood development, particularly among low-income children and children of color, from toxic environmental exposures including neurotoxicants such as mercury, lead, and certain pesticides.
 - Progress: The legislature made Michigan one of the only states to set a threshold for lead in toys and other children's products.
 - Progress: The Administration revised rules to require that all large daycare centers are assessed for lead hazards at licensing.
 - Progress: \$1 million were designated to address childhood lead poisoning in the Healthy MI Fund.
- Implementation of the Green Chemistry Executive Directive 2006-06 to protect children's environmental health and promote economic development.
 - Progress: The DEQ convened a stakeholder meeting in December.
- Access for all children to clean water, clean air, healthy food to support healthy development.
 - Progress: One small step was taken when the Governor signed the Environmental Justice Executive Directive.

Opportunities in 2008

- Implement the recommendations of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission to aggressively address the primary source of the vast majority of lead poisoning cases in Michigan – lead-based paint hazards in older housing.
- Urge the legislature to adopt the threshold of 40 parts per million, recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, for lead in children's products.
- Pass legislation to encourage state purchasing of mercury-free products to protect Michigan's children from additional products containing mercury.
- Support the Administration in expedient, full implementation of the Green Chemistry and Environmental Justice Executive Directives.
- Further protect Michigan's children from environmental contaminants at home, school, and at play, particularly neurotoxicants such as mercury, lead, and certain pesticides. Protecting children's health minimizes health care costs and protects Michigan's future.

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