



Priority Public Policy Recommendations for Wisconsin: 2009 – 2010

These policy recommendations were developed and endorsed by the Wisconsin Childhood Lead Poisoning Elimination Plan Implementation and Oversight Committee (IOC), June, 2008. For 2008-9, the IOC co-chairs recommend focusing efforts on IOC Policy Priority No. 1.

Priority #1

A) Statutory change: Revise Chapter 254.11(5m) to require lead hazard investigation and intervention when a child has a blood lead level of 10 micrograms per deciliter (mcg/dL).

B) Budget increase to support statute: Lowering the statutory investigation and intervention blood lead level will increase local health department case loads, requiring an annual increase of one million dollars to be allocated statewide in addition to the \$1,004,100 now budgeted each year.

C) Renovation loan / grant funding: The lower intervention level will also require more capital to finance lead hazard reduction and renovation of older homes. Annual funding of 10 million dollars for housing rehabilitation loans or grants is needed to make Wisconsin's hazardous homes safe.

Priority #2

Statutory change: Enact legislation that would enable and support both state and local governments to establish housing trust funds to eliminate lead poisoning risks in housing.

Priority #3

Governor's directive: Require state agencies to coordinate housing activities with other agencies tasked with housing-related agendas; include federal agencies in state initiatives and coordinate efforts, as appropriate.

Priority #4

Needed Policy change: Encourage state and local governments to provide incentives to make affordable renovation loans with provisions for lead hazard reduction available.

Priority #5

Statutory and Policy Change: Enact legislation and utilize existing codes and local ordinances to require that paint on housing built before 1978 be in intact condition.

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