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Upcoming Lead Inspector Risk Assessor Refresher Training

TRAIN Connecticut

HOME COURSE CATALOG YOUR LEARNING CALENDAR RESOURCES DISCUSSIONS

HELP

Lead Inspector / Lead Inspector Risk Assessor Annual Code Enforcement Official Refresher

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On-Site - Classroom Course Or Workshop ID 1032694 Skill Level: Intermediate

★★★★☆ (113 Ratings)

An annual refresher course for local code enforcement officials and local health department personnel who have completed the initial three (3) day Lead Inspector training course or the five (5) day Lead Inspector Risk Assessor training course. This course is taught by the Department of Public Health, Lead and Healthy Homes

Sessions About Contacts Reviews Discussion

April 3

Kellogg Center
500 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby

April 11

Yantic Fire Department
151 Yantic Road, Yantic

April 18

Tolland Fire Dept. Training Center
191 Merrow Road, Tolland

April 24

Stratford Health Department
468 Birdseye Street, Stratford

May 2

Sessions Woods
341 Milford Street (Rt. 69), Burlington

May 9

Sessions Woods
341 Milford Street (Rt. 69), Burlington

May 14

DPH Lab
395 West Street, Rocky Hill

Remember, you must complete the refresher training course before your certification expires. Certification is good for one year and will lapse upon the one year anniversary of your last refresher training.



Registration will open soon so stay tuned.

For refresher training questions, contact Jim Vannoy at jim.vannoy@ct.gov

JANUARY IS

NATIONAL

RADON

ACTION MONTH

Learn how you can Test, Fix, Save a Life

2018 Radon Poster Contest Winners

There were 313 posters submitted from five schools participating this past year. Please consider helping us recruit more community schools in September 2019 for the 2019/2020 Contest.

For information, please contact the Radon Program at DPH.RadonReports@ct.gov

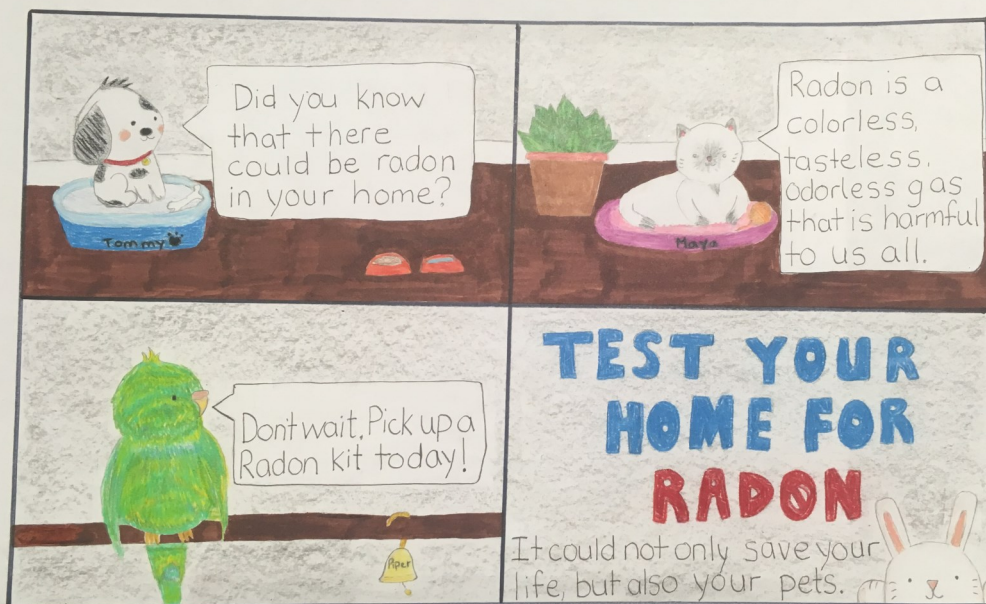
- First Place Winner** from John Wallace Middle, Newington
- Second Place Winner** from Central School, Simsbury
- Third Place Winner** from John Wallace Middle, Newington
- Honorable Mention** from Wheeler Middle, North Stonington

Other participating schools:

Prospect Elementary School, Prospect

Governor William Pitkin Schools, East Hartford

First Place Winner



2019 CT Radon Partnership Meeting

January 9, 2019

Sessions Woods WMA

341 Milford Street (also known as RT 69)

Burlington, CT 06013

Registration starts at 8:30am

*Please sign-up on CT TRAIN www.ct.train.org Course ID# 1081421

Contact Allison at allison.sullivan@ct.gov if you have any questions.

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| 8:30-8:55 | Arrival/Registration/Networking |
| 9:00-9:15 | Welcome/Updates from DPH Radon Program
Allison Sullivan, Environmental Analyst 3, Radon Program, CT DPH |
| 9:15-9:30 | CT Radon Data
Christopher Heneghan, Epidemiologist 2, Radon Program, CT DPH |
| 9:30-9:45 | Updates from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Dan Burke, State Indoor Radon Grant Project Officer, Region 1, EPA |
| 9:45-10:00 | Updates from American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists
David Hill, Chapter President, New England Chapter, AARST |
| 10:00-10:15 | Break/Display poster contest winners |
| 10:15-10:30 | Updates from American Lung Association/Lung Force Campaign
Mary Mackey, Manager, Development, ALA in CT |
| 10:30- 10:45 | CanSAR (Cancer Survivors Against Radon)/WAR (Women Against Radon)
Angel Price, Associate Director, CanSAR, Inc. |
| 10:45-11:00 | Katherine A. Kelley State Public Health Laboratory Radon Analysis
Paul Milne, Principal Chemist, Radiochemistry, CT DPH Lab |
| 11:00-11:15 | Private Well Overview
Tiziana Shea, Sanitary Engineer 3, Private Well Program, CT DPH |
| 11:15-12:00 | Local Health Partnerships: Stories, Lessons Learned, Shared Project Ideas
Don Mitchell, Director of Chatham Health District
Doug Hartline, RS, Redding Health Department
Maura Esposito, Director of Chesprocott Health District |
| 12:00 | Adjourn |

LRHH Staff News

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) Board approved Allison Sullivan as a member to the E-25 Committee on Radon on Oct. 23, 2018 at their board meeting following her nomination by the current Committee. See link below:

[CRCPD Working Group Fact Sheet](#)



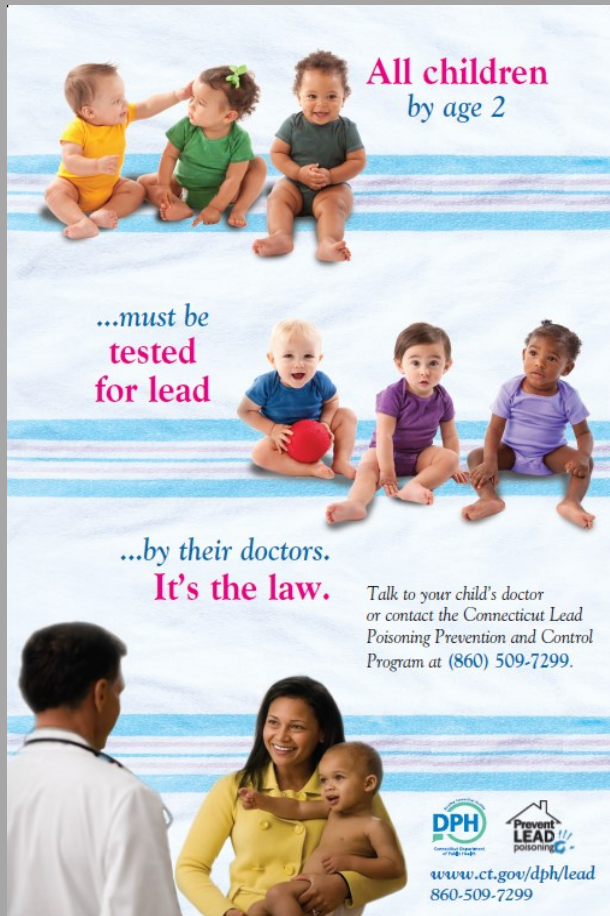
Denise Ortiz was recently published in the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice. In 2017, the FDA issued a safety recall for the Magellan Diagnostics' LeadCare Testing System due to the potential for erroneously low blood lead test results when used with venous blood samples. As a consequence, the CDC issued a health alert including recommendations for specific high-risk populations. Denise and colleagues in three other states wrote up case studies documenting concerns they found when the LeadCare equipment was used to analyze venous blood draws. During Denise's investigation, CT DPH became concerned with error rates and inconsistencies between LeadCare package inserts and the Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention's (ACCLPP) recommendations for confirmatory tests. In January 2016, the CT DPH notified pediatricians and hospital laboratories that venous results from LeadCare instruments were not an acceptable form of confirmation.

To read the article, click [here](#).



Denise Ortiz—epidemiologist and rock star.

Lead Testing Posters





All children
by age 2

...must be
tested
for lead

...by their doctors.
It's the law.

Talk to your child's doctor
or contact the Connecticut Lead
Poisoning Prevention and Control
Program at (860) 509-7299.

 
www.ct.gov/dph/lead
860-509-7299

#1. Poster in English



Todo niño
a los de 2 años

...deberá someterse
a la prueba
de plomo en
la sangre

...indicada por el médico.
Es la ley.

Hable con el médico de su niño o
comuníquese con Connecticut Lead
Poisoning Prevention and Control
al (860) 509-7299.

 
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#2. Poster in Spanish

To order posters, email Jim Vannoy at jim.vannoy@ct.gov with your request. Supplies are limited.



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