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Healthy Homes Initiative

The DPH Healthy Homes Initiative met on January 23, 2018. Attendees were provided with an overview of the:

- Healthy Homes Surveillance Report
- Healthy Homes Strategic Plan

The attendees met in 3 smaller groups for a brainstorming session on the key priority areas:

- 1) General Knowledge and Awareness
- 2) Policies, Goals and Practices
- 3) Workforce



The Healthy Homes Initiative will reconvene in the late spring to showcase the ideas that each of the 3 smaller groups brainstormed.

The Healthy Homes Surveillance Report and Strategic Plan:

<http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/Healthy-Homes/Healthy-Homes>

***** Save the Date *****

SHIP Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition

Friday, April 13, 2018

Annual Lead Inspector Risk Assessor Refreshers

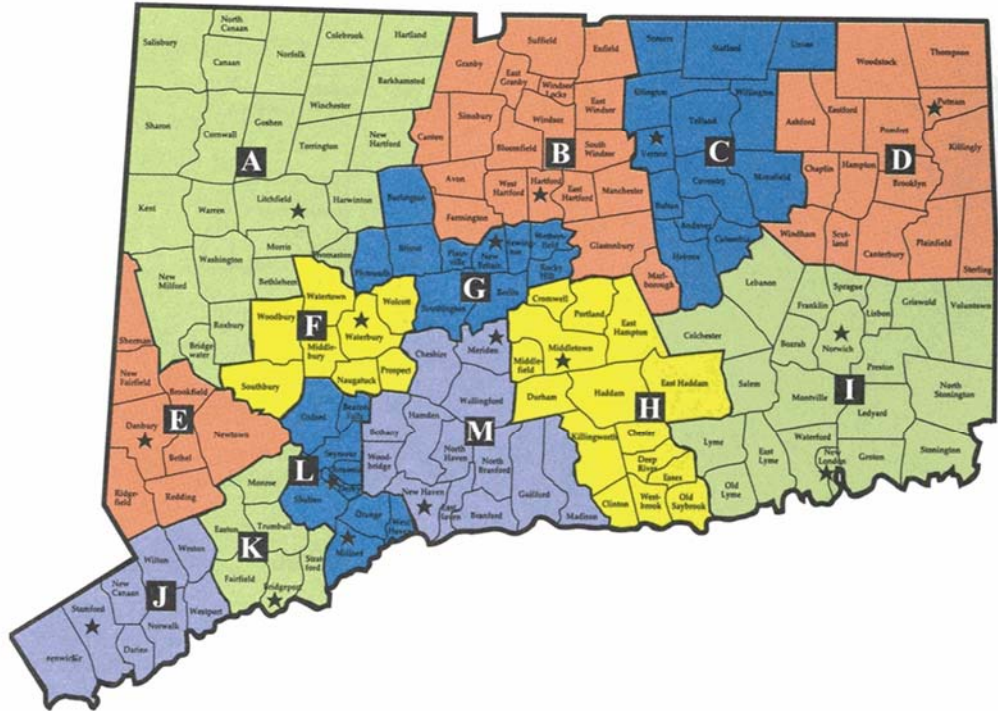
<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
4/5/18	Stratford Health Department
4/11/18	Yantic Fire Department
4/19/18	Sessions Woods
4/26/18	Kellogg Center
5/3/18	Sessions Woods

Updated Map from Judith Dicine

Regional Assignments of Housing Prosecutors

Connecticut's 13 Judicial Districts

- A: Litchfield**
- B: Hartford**
- C: Tolland**
- D: Windham**
- E: Danbury**
- F: Waterbury**
- G: New Britain**
- H: Middlesex**
- I: New London**
- J: Stamford-Norwalk**
- K: Fairfield**
- L: Ansonia-Milford**
- M: New Haven**



Housing Prosecutor Assignments as of 01/17/18

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Donna Parker, Senior Assistant State's Attorney

Fairfield, Stamford/Norwalk and Danbury JDs (K,J,E) (donna.parker@ct.gov) 203-579-7237

Steven M. Lesko, Assistant State's Attorney

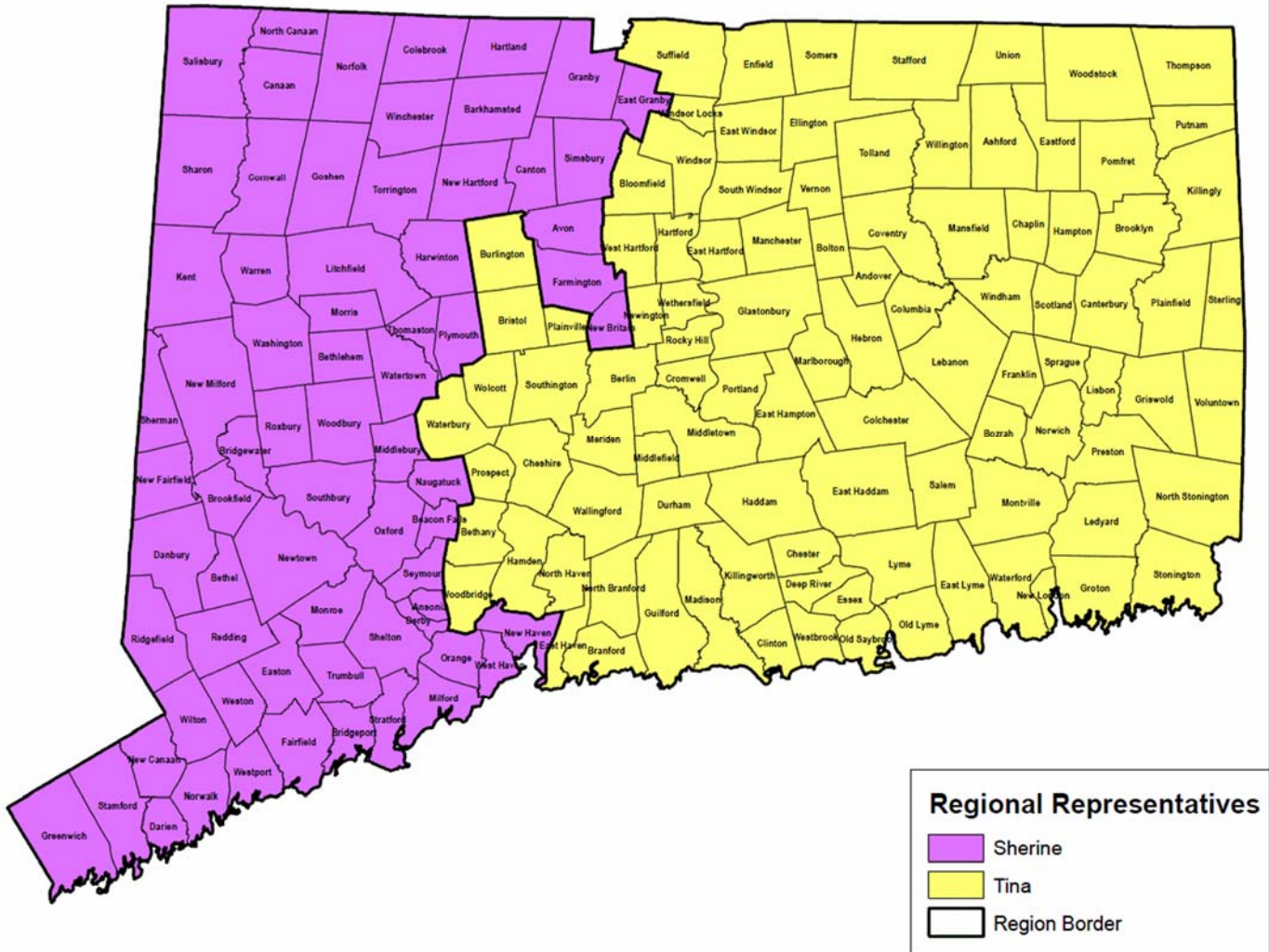
Middlesex JD (H) (steven.lesko@ct.gov) 860-344-2986

Open Position (Covered temporarily by Donna Parker, SASA)

Hartford, New Britain and New London JD's 860-756-7810

Lead Case Management Regions

Lead Poisoning Prevention & Control Program Regional Assignments - 11/28/17



2018 Exam Schedule for Registered Sanitarians

<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
6/8/18	5/11/18
12/14/18	11/16/18

For questions, email the
Environmental Practitioner
Licensing Program at
DPH.EHLicensing@ct.gov

On to his next adventure.....

Chris Prokop is leaving the Yale Regional Lead Treatment Center and the CT Children's Healthy Homes Program to begin a new adventure with the Yale Nurturing Families Network Home Visiting Program.

Chris has worked in lead poisoning prevention for over 15 years. During his tenure, he has assisted hundreds of families, clinicians and local health department staff in treating and preventing lead poisoning.

We want to wish Chris a "Bon Voyage" and best of luck in his new role. He will be missed by all.



The Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program (LR&HHP) has been working with HUD in response to an amendment to the HUD Lead Safe Housing Rule. The amendment requires Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to complete a lead inspection in subsidized funding housing units, when a child less than 6 years of age resides, and has a blood lead level ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$.

The LR&HHP will be emailing data matches to PHAs next week and sharing the same data with the respective local health departments (LHDs).

Next steps:

- PHAs will confirm that the poisoned child resides in the matched unit
- PHAs are then required to hire a licensed lead consultant to conduct a comprehensive lead inspection
- If lead hazards are identified during the inspection, this will be reported to the LHD and the LR&HHP - **this will trigger a non-EBLL case (LHDs will be required to proceed under 19a-111 regulations)**

Call Kimberly Ploszaj, (860) 509-7959, for more information.



Environmental Health Training Program (EHTP)

The EHTP course is designed to help prepare and train sanitarians, including those presently and aspiring to be employed in local health departments, in a variety of areas important to the field of environmental health. Topics covered in this course include, but are not limited to, food sanitation, sub-surface sewage disposal, and general environmental health topics such as lead, water, and asbestos. The EHTP general session beginning on March 21, 2018. For more information visit: <http://www.southernct.edu/academics/schools/health/academic-programs/publichealth/environmental-health-training-program.html>.

Questions regarding the EHTP should be referred to:

Dr. William Faraclas, Director EHTP

c/o Manish Watts

(203) 392-6965

Save the Date

Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program Semi Annual Meeting

March 12, 2018

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

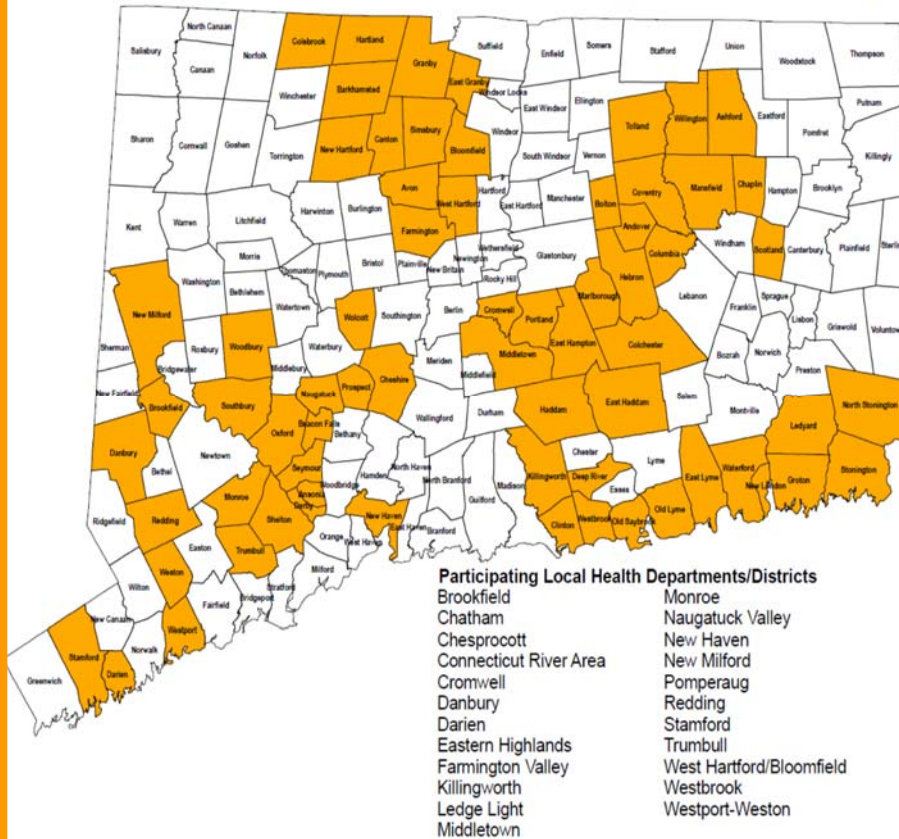
Meriden Public Library (Griffin Room)

Agenda

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| 9:00 am | Welcome |
| 9:05 am | Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program updates |
| 9:20 am | DPH Healthy Homes Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Healthy Homes Initiative Surveillance Report- Healthy Homes Strategic Plan- Internal/External Partners Meetings |
| 10:00 am | Break |
| 10:15 am | Federal OSHA: How Lead Laws Relate to Your Work |
| 11:00 am | Mother to Baby CT: An Overview of Services for Mothers |
| 11:45 am | Wrap-up/Adjournment |
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2018 Local Health - Radon Program Partnership



Thank you to our 23 local health partners for your radon education and outreach efforts.

Together, we made this January's National Radon Action Month a success in CT.

- 1200 radon test kits were distributed through DPH website requests
- 1800 radon test kits were distributed to local health partners for distribution in their communities

Congratulations to our CT State Radon Poster Contest Winners!

1st Place: Cydney, Grade 7, North Stonington

2nd Place: Janithasri, Grade 5, East Hartford

3rd Place: Delainey, Grade 6, Simsbury

Honorable Mention: Sarah, Grade 5, Cheshire



Did you happen to catch our DPH Radon Program ad on your TV this month...?

https://www.dropbox.com/s/vs4s2qrc126cgg5/CTDPH_dec2017_radon30_hd_v5.mp4?dl=0

Connecticut HUD funded Lead Hazard Reduction Programs

Name of Program	Contact(s)	Town(s) Covered
City of Bridgeport	Audrey Gaines – 203 576-7131	Bridgeport
CT Children's Healthy Homes Program	Chris Corcoran – 860 837-6242	Bridgeport New Haven Danbury Norwalk East Hartford Stamford East Haven Torrington Enfield Waterbury Hartford West Haven Manchester Winchester Meriden Windham New Britain
Naugatuck Valley Health District (CT Children's Healthy Homes Program)	Carol Slajda – 203 881-3255	Ansonia Naugatuck Beacon Falls Seymour Derby Shelton
City of New Britain (CT Children's Healthy Homes Program)	Chris Corcoran – 860 837-6242	New Britain
City of Hartford	Arlene Robertson – 860 757-4773 Jeserika Figueroa – 860 757-4720	Hartford
City of New Haven	Paul Kowalkski – 203 946-8173 Jennifer Sanjurjo – 203 946-7420	New Haven
City of Norwich	Wayne Sharkey – 860 823-3770	Norwich
City of Waterbury	Francis Ford – 203 576-6786 Richard Lee – 203 346-3903	Waterbury

****** The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) provides funds to state and local governments to develop cost-effective ways to reduce lead-based paint hazards. In addition, the office enforces HUD's lead-based paint regulations, provides public outreach and technical assistance, and conducts technical studies to help protect children and their families from health and safety hazards in the home.



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