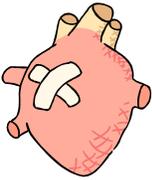




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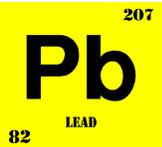
The **Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant** provides funding for health problems in Connecticut that range from childhood lead poisoning prevention to youth violence and suicide prevention. PHHS Block Grant dollars fund eight different Connecticut health programs.

PHHS Block Grant funds allow Connecticut to use dollars *where we need them, when we need them to protect the public's health*. Connecticut focuses the majority of its PHHS Block Grant funds for education and community programs, heart disease and stroke, emergency medical services, and injury prevention. Programs that serve our state's unique health needs through the PHHS Block Grant include the following:



Coronary Heart Disease—Cardiovascular Disease Prevention

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to conduct screening and education programs aimed at reducing the death rate per 100,000 population due to coronary heart disease to 166 by 2009. By 2002, the death rate per 100,000 population due to coronary heart disease was 153. This death rate is already better than the 2009 target rate.



Blood Lead—Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to support programs in six local health departments aimed at reducing the prevalence of lead poisoning through screening, education and risk reduction, case management and follow-up. In 2004, 2.17% of children under the age of six that were tested had blood lead levels greater than or equal to 10 µg/dL, the level that triggers family education to reduce the likelihood that levels will continue to increase. Children with blood lead levels greater than or equal to the toxic level of 20 µg/dL made up 0.43% of children under the age of six.



Youth Violence/Suicide Prevention Programs

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to sponsor education, awareness and skill-building violence prevention programs in predominantly urban communities and adult/elder suicide prevention programs in two CT regions. The rate of arrests for aggregated assault among CT youth has decreased from 2.41 per 1,000 youth 10-18 years in 2001 to 1.99 per 1,000 in 2003. In CT, deaths from suicide outnumber homicide deaths with the highest rates from 2000-2004 among adults ages 40-64. During this period, the overall suicide rate was 8.1 per 100,000 and 1,395 deaths. Elders 85+ have a rate of 11.1 per 100,000 with 40 deaths during that same period.



Community Health Promotion Programs—Older Adult Fall-Related Injuries

PHHS Block Grant funds are used to allow local health departments to conduct home safety assessments and provide safety supplies, fall prevention seminars, medication safety reviews, and fall prevention exercise classes for older adults. Pre- and post-evaluations found that 50% of program participants reported falls during the year preceding the visit, while only 3% reported falls at the time of follow-up. Of the participants in fall prevention exercise programs, 89% reported continuing to exercise after the program ended.

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