

Lead Prevention Model Program

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Our Core Team

- Started with 9 LHJs in October 2022.
 - 11 more LHJs attend meetings.
- Built framework for model program.
- Identified 4 buckets of work:
 - Case management.
 - Testing promotion.
 - Community education & engagement.
 - Infrastructure.



Purpose

Develop a model program for Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) that identified lead exposure as a foundational program.

Our goals:

- Ensure all children in Washington with elevated blood lead get appropriate and consistent services.
- Increase testing rates statewide.
- Promote federal mandate that children enrolled in Medicaid at 12 and 24 months be tested.



Model Program Elements



Scalable – Select activities for participation, in addition to case management.



Equity – Lead exposure disproportionately impacts some populations.



Efficient – Shared services, tool kits, and trainings.



Effective – Core Team members will evaluate program and offer continuous improvement.



Buckets

Case management

Model approach.

Ensures all children with EBLL of 5 or greater receive standardize service.

Testing promotion

Low testing rates across state.

Only 5% of children tested.

Community outreach & education

Increase awareness.

Focus on high-need populations.

Infrastructure

Evaluation to assess equity, efficiency, and effectiveness.

Building capacity.
Regional meetings.



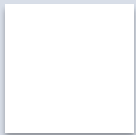
Next Steps



Draft of model program proposal ready.



Plan to pilot model program as able with current funding.



Great team- excited to do the work.



Pierce County Lead Response

Recent years:

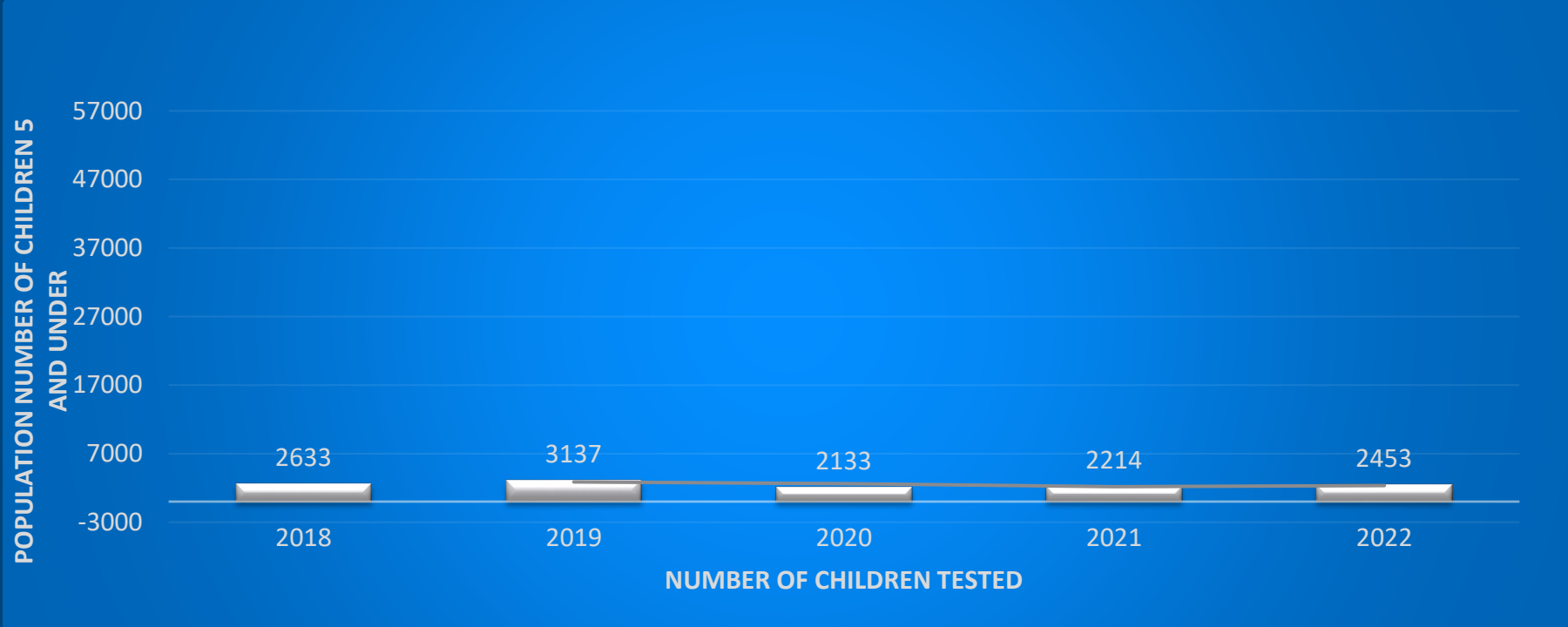
- Limited funding.
- Limited case management services.
- Currently receive .5 FTE in funding (FPHS).

Challenges:

- Low testing rates.
- Limited clinics testing for children.
- Limited awareness.
- Funding.



Pierce County Testing Rates



Goals

- Provide consistent services to children with elevated levels.
- Increase our testing rates and number of providers testing.
- Effective outreach and education to most vulnerable.
- Work with local merchants who sell products with lead.



Thank you!



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