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## **Forum to Focus on Protecting Children by Eliminating Lead Poisoning Hazards**

**Grand Rapids** – In partnership with the Michigan Child Lead Exposure Elimination Commission (CLEEC) the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) will host two public forums to gather public input on the commission’s five-year action plan.

Two forums will take place on May 31 at the Kent County Health Department 700 Fuller Ave. G.R. 49503. The first one is from 3:00pm-5:30pm, and the second one is from 6:00pm-8:30pm. Both forums will cover the same information. People interested in attending may register by clicking [here](#).

Those who pre-register will be given priority to make a comment or ask a question.

The CLEEC Action Plan builds upon the work of the former Child Lead Poisoning Elimination Board. The published recommendations to be addressed are focused on creating a state free of lead exposure for Michigan children. The Child Lead Poisoning Elimination Board report can be found by clicking [here](#). The CLEEC five-year action plan can be found by clicking [here](#).

The Action Plan, made up of 51 specific action steps, places a priority on the prevention of exposure before children are lead poisoned. To gather feedback on the Action Plan, public forums are being held across the state for federal, state, local and community leaders, healthcare providers, private sector/academic experts, privacy law experts, local health departments, childcare centers, homeowners and tenants to provide input on the next steps for implementation.

This is an important time to meet with your local health department leaders, advocates for lead exposure prevention and Commission members, and to contribute your input. These forums will be held in all regions of the state from May through July 2018.

KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and three satellite clinics located in Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit [www.accesskent.com/health](http://www.accesskent.com/health).

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