

Join Us for a Conference and Training with National and International Renowned Experts ...  
**A Comprehensive, Seamless & Targeted Solution for Childhood Lead Poisoning**

***WHAT'S NEEDED: Research, Policy Changes, Prevention Practices, Elimination Action Steps with Outcomes & Compliance with Federal Law for the Provision of Crucial Intervention Services for Impaired Children Due to Lead Poisoning.***

**When: Thursday, January 31, 2008 - 1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Where: Legislative Office Building - Room 1-D 300**  
**Capitol Avenue - Hartford, CT.**



**James P. Comer, M.D.**

Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center. Dr. Comer is internationally renowned for his promotion and focus on child development as a way of improving schools and supporting the healthy development of young people.



**Dr. Marie L. Miranda**

Research Professor of *Environmental Sciences & Policy* and Director of the Children's Environmental Health Initiative at Duke University and lead researcher with the CDC sponsored study on the relationship between early lead exposure and state end-of-grade academic achievement tests results.

**Health  
Education  
Lead  
Poisoning**

**CT's Goal:  
End Childhood Lead  
Poisoning by 2010**

**What does this training offer?** This 2008 Health Education Lead Poisoning (HELP) conference offers a medical and educational overview of the impact of early childhood lead exposure on learning, child development, and neurological / behavioral / social / emotional development. A description of appropriate educational support for children impaired by lead poisoning will be included. There will be an interactive solution / recommendation and strategic planning session for participants and policy makers with the support of nationally renowned experts and researchers..

**Forum Participants:** Due to limited seating, priority will be given to Hartford Public School health professionals, (i.e., *school nurses, auxiliary medical service providers, educational administrators*) community health collaborators with Hartford Public Schools, policy makers and environmental / child development experts and researchers. Seating is limited so pre-registration is required.

**CT Legislative Sponsorship for the Eradication and Prevention of Lead Poisoning:** Representative James Amann, Speaker of the House, Senator Toni Harp, Chair of the Appropriations Committee

**Sponsors:** Connecticut Health Foundation, Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc., City of Hartford Department of Health and Human Services, Hartford Public Schools, Connecticut State Department of Public Health, the African-American Affairs Commission in collaboration with the following organizations: Yale University - Child Development Center, Duke University – Children's Environmental Health Initiative, Department of Developmental Services – CT Birth to Three, the Klebanoff Foundation, Connecticut Department of Education, Connecticut State Department of Children and Families, 211 Info Line United Way, LAMPP, Commission on Children...

# FORUM AGENDA

**12:00 Noon – 12:45 Complimentary Lunch with Dignitaries / Policy Makers for Hartford H.E.L.P Forum Participants in the LOB Cafeteria**

**1:00 PM Welcoming Remarks and Opening Preliminaries**

**Master of Ceremonies: Leo Canty, Second Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers (CT), Chairman of the Board of the Connecticut Health Foundation and University Health Professionals member:**

- **Legislative Representatives: Rep. Jim Amann (*Representative*) Senator Peggy Sayers and Senator Toni Harp**
- **City of Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez, Chairman of the Board of Education’s Representative: Council President Calixto Torres for the City of Hartford.**
- **CT State Department of Education Commissioner: Dr. Mark K. McQuillan**
- **CT State Department of Public Health Deputy Commissioner: Dr. Norma Gyle**

**1:10 – 2:05 A RESEARCH PERSPECTIVE THAT IMPACTS School Achievement and NCLB:**

**Forum Presenter:** Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda, Research Professor of *Environmental Sciences & Policy* Dr. Miranda is the Director of the Children's Environmental Health Initiative at Duke University. Her experience lies in Children's environmental health; environmental justice and spatial modeling (Geographic Information Systems). She is the lead author of the Landmark Research Study Entitled: “The Relationship between Early Childhood Blood Lead Levels and Performance on End-of-Grade Tests”

**2:05 – 2:35 - Comprehensive School Development Model**

**Forum Presenter:** Dr. James Comer, founder of the Comer School Development Program which promotes the collaboration of parents, educators, and community to improve social, emotional, and academic outcomes for children that, in turn, helps them achieve greater school success. His concept of teamwork has improved the educational environment in more than 500 schools throughout America.

**2:35 – 2:55 A Legal Perspective: Access to Services for Children Exposed to the Neurotoxicity of Lead.**

**Forum Presenter:** Attorney Larry Berliner: Klebanoff Foundation – Specialist in Special Education Law

**2:55 – 3:25 What’s Needed to Close the Achievement and Health Disparity Gap**

**Panel Presenters:**

- Eileen McMurrer, Child Find Coordinator for Department of Developmental Services – CT Birth to Three System
- Valarie Johnson, CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Advisory Committee Voting Member and Executive Director of Urban Parent to Parent
- Ed Vargas, Co-Chair of Hartford Charter School Education Development Team.
- Dr. Vivian Cross – Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc., H.E.L.P. Coordinator

**3:25 PM – 4:00PM – AN INTERACTIVE SOLUTION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING / RECOMMENDATION SESSION**

Forum attendees will participate in an Interactive Solution and Strategic Planning Session for developing a statement with recommendations to address the need for research in the identification of CT children impaired due to lead poisoning, prevention and eradication, cognitive intervention services as well as the need to provide access per compliance with Federal Law (i.e., IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation of the Handicapped Act) to children impaired due to lead poisoning.

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### Health Education Lead Poisoning Professional Development Objectives:

#### Participants will be able to:

1. **Recognize** lead poisoning as the most serious environmental health issue for children in the U.S.
2. **Identify** the main environmental sources of lead poisoning
3. **Discuss** the major societal and economic issues related to childhood lead poisoning
4. **Discuss** current research on the relationship between early childhood lead exposure and NCLB end of grade standardized achievement tests results.
5. **Describe** the effects of lead poisoning on children
6. **Describe** the educational impact of lead poisoning and the effects on student learning and behavior
7. **Reference** the eligibility requirements for support services related to lead poisoning
8. **Summarize** the appropriate educational support and interventions for children who have been lead poisoned
9. **Discuss** a comprehensive, seamless and targeted solution for childhood lead poisoning
10. **Provide** recommendations for SDE guidelines for educating children with lead poisoning, lead safe school environments for children and educators and other crucial health recommendations to prevent and eliminate childhood lead poisoning

### What is lead poisoning?

Lead poisoning is considered the # 1 environmental threat to the health of children in the United States. Lead adversely affects virtually every system of the human body and causes permanent damage to the brain and other parts of the nervous system, cognitive impairments, and lifelong learning impairments and behavior problems. Lead poisoning places children at greater risk of learning disabilities, attention deficits, hyperactivity, developmental delays, school failure, school dropout, delinquency and even death, however, it is entirely preventable. In short, it means that hundreds of thousands of children may face significant obstacles to success in school and in life.

### Who is affected?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year, approximately 310,000 U.S. children under the age of 6 are lead poisoned. Although lead harms people of every social, economic, racial, and ethnic group, it disproportionately affects poor and minority children. Researchers estimate the financial impact of childhood lead poisoning to be \$43.4 billion annually.

## FORUM REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City /State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel# (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bus.) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

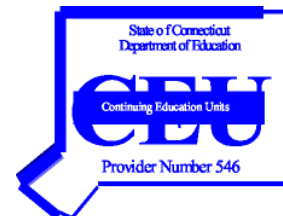
**Pre-registration is required by 3-20-08: Please email completed form as an attachment to [Rhonda.Pales@ct.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Pales@ct.gov) or fax to (860) 509-7785. Limited seating is available. You will be notified of your registration confirmation.**

### CEUs ARE AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETE ALL FORUM REQUIREMENTS.

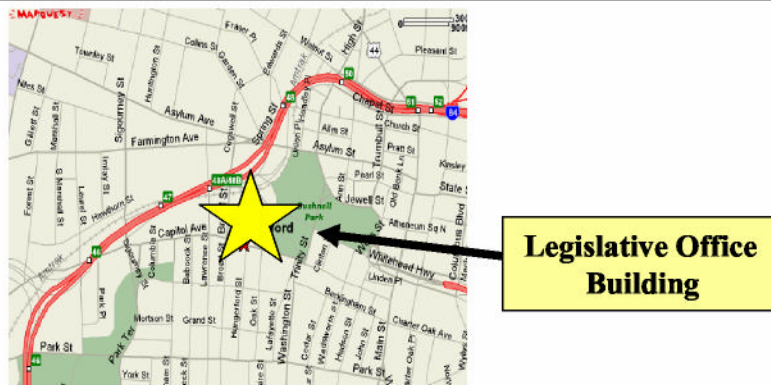
The March 24, 2008 Health Education Lead Poisoning FORUM training course has been approved for .3 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits by the Foundation Educational Advancement, Inc., a CEU provider approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CEU Provider #546).

#### To receive CEUs, participants must fully comply with the following:

- 1) Attend the entire forum (*No Partial CEU Credits are Available*),
- 2) Complete all requirements which include completion and submission of the following documents at the end of the forum:
  - a) H.E.L.P Interactive Strategic Planning Session Document
  - b) Participant Forum Evaluation Document



# DIRECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING



## *From I-84 Eastbound*

Take Exit 48, Capitol Ave (stay in right lane of exit). Go right at end of exit ramp onto Capitol Ave. and proceed past the Legislative Office Building which will be on your right. Immediately past the building, take first right and proceed past both the building and the parking garage beyond it. Continue all the way to the back of the garage to enter for parking. There is a covered walk way from the top level of the garage to the third floor of the Legislative Office Building.

## *From I-84 Westbound*

Take Exit 48, Asylum St. Go right at the light at the end of the exit, then bear immediately left onto the start of Farmington Ave. Go a very short distance on Farmington Ave. to the next light (YWCA is on the corner), and turn left onto Broad St. Go through one stoplight, and past the State Armory building which will be on your left. Immediately past the State Armory building, turn left into the Legislative Office Building access road, and then take your next left. You will be heading toward the Legislative Office Building parking garage. Continue all the way to the back of the garage to enter for parking. There is a covered walk way from the top level of the garage to the third floor of the Legislative Office Building.

## *From I-91 North or South*

Take Exit 29A, Capitol Area exit, and proceed along the exit 29A connector. You will come to a traffic circle at the end of this long connector road. Proceed around the traffic circle, and turn right from the circle onto Elm St. Follow Elm St. to the end, (you will see the State Capitol Building in front of you). At the stop light at the end of Elm St., go left onto Trinity St., then go right at the next light onto Capitol Ave. The State Capitol Building will be on your right. Proceed along Capitol Ave., going past the Capitol Building, and past the entrance to I-84. You will also go past the Legislative Office Building which will be on your right. Turn right into the entrance immediately after the Legislative Office Building, and proceed past both the building and the parking garage beyond it. Continue all the way to the back of the garage to enter for parking. There is a covered walk way from the top level of the garage to the third floor of the Legislative Office Building.

# PARKING at the Legislative Office Building

## Limited Parking. Please allow extra time to park.

Limited free public parking is available on level one of the Legislative Office Building parking garage;

Across the street from the Legislative Office Building (across Capitol Ave.) is Hungerford Street. There is on-street parking in this entire neighborhood, free of charge;

On Oak Street (diagonally across to the left from the Legislative Office Building) off of Capitol Ave., there is a public parking garage in the CT Education Association Building (CEA building - across from the Connecticut Supreme Court Library). This garage costs money, but can save you time and aggravation;

There is also parking available on the street next to the CT Education Association (CEA) parking garage.