

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, March 7, 2012!



The 2012 Legislative Informational Forum

A Call to Action to Eliminate a Preventable Contributor to the Achievement Gap: Childhood Lead Poisoning

WHEN: Wednesday, March 7, 2012; 9 am to 2 pm

WHERE: Connecticut Legislative Office Building, Room 2C
300 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06134

WHO: **Lieutenant Governor and Chair and of the Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap, Nancy Wyman** and **CT Commissioner of Public Health Jewel Mullen, MD, MPH, MDA.** Speakers include nationally renowned experts and researchers as well as a panel of state and federal health/education specialists

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS TO DATE INCLUDE:

Margie Coons, MS, RN, Program Manager, Wisconsin Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Joel Forman, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Community and Preventive Medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City; member of the CDC Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (ACCLPP) Lead and Pregnancy Work Group

Theodore Lidzky, PhD, Neuroscientist specializing in research on the brain and behavior; world-renowned expert on lead poisoning

Gary Puckrein, PhD, President and CEO of National Minority Quality Forum, Inc.

Megan Sandel, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Pediatrics & Public Health, Boston University School of Medicine; Interim Executive Director, National Center for Medical Legal Partnership; member of the CDC ACCLPP and the Blood Lead Level of Concern Work Group

Cheryl A. Sharp, Esq., Attorney with the CT Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

Ralph Spezio, Ed.D., Principal (retired) Enrico Fermi School No. 17, Rochester, NY; founding member of the Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning

Children's Environmental Health Initiative, Duke University Presentation

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