OKLAHOMA CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

2009 SURVEILLANCE DATA REPORT
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The number of children less than or equal to (≤) six years of age receiving a blood lead test in Oklahoma has increased from 9,519 in 2000 to 38,264 in 2009 (Figure 1).

The blood lead testing rate in Oklahoma has increased from 3.4% in 2000 to 13.5% in 2009 (Figure 1).

The case rate or prevalence of children ≤ six years of age with elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs) in Oklahoma has decreased from 1.5% in 2000 to 0.5% in 2009 (Figure 1), which is a 66.7% decrease.

According to the most recent data from National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), the prevalence of EBLLs in the United States has decreased from 8.6% in 1988-1991 to 1.4% in 1999-2004, which is an 83.7% decrease.

There were 176 (0.5%) prevalent (existing) EBLL cases in Oklahoma. Of the total EBLL cases, 137 (0.4%) cases were incident (new) cases (Figure 2, Table 1).

There were 27 (0.1%) children < six years of age with EBLLs ≥ 20 μg/dL (Table 1).

There were 149 (0.4%) children ≤ six years of age with blood lead levels between 10-19 μg/dL (Table 1).

The geometric mean blood lead level for children ≤ six years of age in Oklahoma was 2.1 μg/dL (Table 1).

Map 1 shows the distribution of EBLL cases in different counties throughout the state.

Twenty-one (21) zip codes within nine Oklahoma counties have been identified as high-risk target area (HRTA) zip codes in which there is a likelihood of a high number of young children at risk for lead exposure and poisoning (Map 2).
• A high proportion of older housing, particularly houses built prior to 1950, a high proportion of children living in poverty, a high EBLL prevalence rate, and a high proportion of minority populations are the factors used to identify HRTA zip codes. Table 2 provides data related to these risk factors for all the HRTA zip codes.

• The blood lead testing rate for children ≤ six years of age living in HRTA zip codes was 25.2% (Table 2).

• There were 72 (1.2%) children ≤ six years of age living in HRTA zip codes with an EBLL (Table 2).

• There were 13 (0.2%) children ≤ six years of age living in HRTA zip codes with blood lead levels > 20 μg/dL (Table 2).

• There were 59 (0.9%) children ≤ six years of age living in HRTA zip codes with blood lead levels between 10-19 μg/dL (Table 2).

• The geometric mean blood lead level for children ≤ six years of age living in HRTA zip codes was 2.5 μg/dL (Table 2).

• The case rate or prevalence of SoonerCare (Oklahoma Medicaid program) members ≤ six years of age living in HRTA zip codes with an EBLL (1.3%) was slightly higher than non-SoonerCare members with an EBLL (0.9%) living in HRTA zip codes (Table 2).

• Maps 3-11 show the distribution of EBLL cases in different zip codes within nine Oklahoma counties.

• During 2000-2009, the case rate or prevalence of children ≤ six years of age with EBLLs has declined in both the SoonerCare (1.7% to 0.5%) and the non-SoonerCare populations (1.3% to 0.4%). This current trend suggests no significant disparity in EBLL prevalence among the
SoonerCare and Non-SoonerCare populations statewide. Disparities may continue to exist within some high-risk target areas (HRTAs), however (*Figure 3*).

- A similar trend has been observed nationwide as indicated by the NHANES data suggesting that the EBLL disparity which once existed between Medicaid eligible children and non-Medicaid eligible children is diminishing (21.0% for Medicaid eligible children vs. 5.0% for non-Medicaid eligible children during 1988-1991; 8.5% for Medicaid eligible children vs. 2.5% for non-Medicaid eligible children during 1991-1994; and 1.9% for Medicaid eligible children vs. 1.1% for non-Medicaid eligible children during 1999-2004).

- The case rate or prevalence of EBLLs among males and females were comparable during 2009 (0.5% for males vs. 0.4% for females – *Figure 4*).

- The case rate or prevalence of EBLLs among children < 36 months of age and children ≥ 36 and ≤ 72 months of age were comparable during 2009 (0.5% for children < 36 months of age vs. 0.4% for children ≥ 36 and ≤ 72 months of age – *Figure 4*).

- The case rate or prevalence of EBLLs among children enrolled in SoonerCare and children not on SoonerCare were comparable during 2009 (0.5% for children enrolled in SoonerCare vs. 0.4% for children not on SoonerCare – *Figure 4*).

- The case rate or prevalence of EBLLs among minority groups cannot be determined because of the missing or incomplete race and ethnicity data in Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OCLPPP) surveillance database - *Figure 4*).

- OCLPPP provided limited follow-up for 2,274 children ≤ six years of age whose blood lead levels were between 5 and 9 μg/dL (*Figure 5*).
• Case management was provided to parents of 176 children with an EBLL which also included environmental investigations for 18 children (Figure 5).

• Of the 18 EIs performed during 2009, 15 (83.3%) identified lead-based paint hazards as the only source of childhood lead poisoning. Three (16.7%) EIs identified an occupational take home source of lead poisoning along with lead-based paint hazards (Figure 5).
Figure 1: Oklahoma Childhood Blood Lead Surveillance 2000-2009

Population of children < 6 years of age was calculated from US Census Bureau 2000.
Figure 2: Prevalence and Incidence of Childhood Lead Poisoning in Oklahoma, 2000-2009

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- Population of children ≤ 6 years of age was calculated from US Census Bureau 2000.
- Geometric mean was used instead of straight average (arithmetic mean) since there may be a wide variation in the blood lead levels. A geometric mean suppresses the effect of very high or low values and therefore does not bias the mean.
- EBLL (Elevated Blood Lead Level): An EBLL is defined as a confirmed concentration of greater than or equal to (≥) 10 micrograms (μg) of lead per deciliter (dL) of blood measured on a venous sample.
- Case rate is defined as the number of children less than or equal to (≤) 6 years of age with an EBLL divided by the total number of children ≤ 6 years of age who received a blood lead test.
Map 1: EBLL Case Rates in Oklahoma, By County - 2009

Legend
- Counties with 0.0% Case Rate or 1 Case
- Counties with 0.1% - 1.0% Case Rate
- Counties with 1.1% - 2.0% Case Rate
- Counties with > 2.0% Case Rate

Notes
During 2009, there were 176 EBLL cases in Oklahoma. The overall case rate in Oklahoma during 2009 was 0.5%.

Data Source: Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance Data
Map 2: High-Risk Target Areas (HRTA) Zip Codes for Childhood Lead Poisoning

Legend
- High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Codes
- Other Zip Codes

Notes
The OCLPPP has identified 21 HRTA zip codes in Oklahoma. These zip codes are located in Garfield, Hughes, Jackson, Kay, Muskogee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Ottawa, and Tulsa Counties.

The HRTA zip codes include 73106, 73107, 73108, 73109, 73111, 73117, 73119, 73129, 73521, 73701, 74104, 74106, 74110, 74115, 74127, 74354, 74401, 74403, 74447, 74631, and 74848.

The HRTA zip codes are identified using the following criteria:
1. Zip codes having the highest proportion of pre-1950 housing;
2. Zip codes having the highest proportion of children under six years of age living in poverty;
3. Zip codes having high elevated blood lead level (EBLL) prevalence rate; and
4. Zip codes having the highest proportion of minority populations.

Data Source: Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance Data, US Census Bureau 2000
## Table 2: Oklahoma Childhood Blood Lead Testing Data, By High-Risk Target Areas (HRTA) - 2009

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<th>TOTAL HOUSING UNITS</th>
<th>PRE-1950 HOUSING UNITS (%)</th>
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- Total population, population of children ≤ 6 years of age, children ≤ 6 years of age living below poverty, total housing units, pre-1950 housing units, and minority population calculated from US Census Bureau 2000.
- Geometric mean was used instead of straight average (arithmetic mean) since there may be a wide variation in the blood lead levels. A geometric mean suppresses the effect of very high or low values and therefore does not bias the mean.
- EBLL (Elevated Blood Lead Level): An EBLL is defined as a confirmed concentration of greater than or equal to (≥) 10 micrograms (µg) of lead per deciliter (dL) of blood measured on a venous sample.
- Case rate is defined as the number of children less than or equal to (≤) 6 years of age with an EBLL divided by the total number of children ≤ 6 years of age who received a blood lead sample.
- SodnerCare is Oklahoma’s Medicaid program.
Map 3: Case Rates, Garfield County - 2009

Legend
- High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Code
- Zip Codes with 0.0% Case Rate or 1 Case
- Zip codes with 1.1% - 2.0% Case Rate
- Zip Codes with > 2.0% Case Rate

Notes
The OCLPPP has identified 1 HRTA zip code, 73701, in Garfield County. During 2009, there were 5 EBL cases in Garfield County and 2 of them were in the HRTA zip code. The overall case rate in Garfield County during 2009 was 2.3%.

Data Source: Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance Data
Map 4: Case Rates, Hughes County - 2009

Legend
- High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Code
- Zip Codes with 0.0% Case Rate or 1 case
- Zip codes with > 2.0% Case Rate

Notes
The OCLPPP has identified 1 HRTA zip code, 74848, in Hughes County. During 2009, there were 3 EBLL cases in Hughes County and all 3 of them were in the HRTA zip code. The overall case rate in Hughes County during 2009 was 1.7%.

Data Source: Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance Data
Map 5: Case Rates, Jackson County - 2009

Legend
- High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Code
- Zip Codes with 0.0% Case Rate or 1 Case
- Zip Codes with 0.1% - 1.0% Case Rate

Notes
The OCLPPP has identified 1 HRTA zip code, 73521, in Jackson County. During 2009, there were 5 EBLI cases in Jackson County and all 5 of them were in the HRTA zip code. The overall case rate in Jackson County during 2009 was 0.8%.

Data Source: Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance Data
Map 6: Case Rates, Kay County - 2009

Legend
- High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Code
- Zip Codes with 0.0% Case Rate or 1 Case
- Zip Codes with 1.1% - 2.0% Case Rate

Notes
The OCLPPP has identified 1 HRTA zip code, 74631, in Kay County. During 2009, there were 15 BLL cases in Kay County and 7 of them were in the HRTA zip code. The overall case rate in Kay County during 2009 was 1.4%.

Data Source: Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance Data
Map 7: Case Rates, Muskogee County - 2009

Legend
- High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Codes
- Zip Codes with 0.0% Case Rate or 1 Case
- Zip Codes with 1.1% - 2.0% Case Rate
- Zip Codes with > 2.0% Case Rate

Notes
The OCLPPP has identified 2 HRTA zip codes in Muskogee County. The zip codes are 74401 and 74403. During 2009, there were 19 EBLL cases in Muskogee County and 15 of them were in the HRTA zip codes. The overall case rate in Muskogee County during 2009 was 2.2%.

Data Source: Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance Data
Map 8: Case Rates, Oklahoma County - 2009

Legend
- High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Codes
- Zip Codes with 0.0% Case Rate or 1 Case
- Zip Codes with 0.1% - 1.0% Case Rate
- Zip Codes with 1.1% - 2.0% Case Rate
- Zip Codes with > 2.0% Case Rate

Notes
The OCLPPP has identified 8 HRTA zip codes in Oklahoma County. The zip codes are 73106, 73107, 73108, 73109, 73111, 73117, 73119, and 73129. During 2009, there were 36 EBL cases in Oklahoma County and 26 of them were in the HRTA zip codes. The overall case rate in Oklahoma County during 2009 was 0.5%.

Data Source: Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance Data
Map 9: Case Rates, Okmulgee County - 2009

Legend
- High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Code
- Zip Codes with 0.0% Case Rate or 1 Case
- Zip Codes with 1.1% - 2.0% Case Rate

Notes
The OCLPPP has identified 1 HRTA zip code, 74447, in Okmulgee County. During 2009, there were 4 EBL cases in Okmulgee County and all 4 of them were in the HRTA zip code. The overall case rate in Okmulkee County during 2009 was 0.7%.

Data Source: Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance Data
Map 10: Case Rates, Ottawa County - 2009

Legend
- High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Code
- Zip Codes with 0.0% Case Rate or 1 Case
- Zip Codes with 1.1% - 2.0% Case Rate

Notes
The OCLPPP has identified 1 HRTA zip code, 74354, in Ottawa County. During 2009, there were 5 EBLL cases in Ottawa County and 3 of them were in the HRTA zip code. The overall case rate in Ottawa County during 2009 was 1.7%.
Map 11: Case Rates, Tulsa County - 2009

Legend
- High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) Zip Codes
- Zip Codes with 0.0% Case Rate or 1 Case
- Zip Codes with 0.1% - 1.0% Case Rate
- Zip Codes with 1.1% - 2.0% Case Rate
- Zip Codes with > 2.0% Case Rate

Notes
The OCLPPP has identified 5 HRTA zip codes in Tulsa County. The zip codes are 74104, 74106, 74110, 74115, and 74127. During 2009, there were 13 EBL cases in Tulsa County and 7 of them were in the HRTA zip codes. The overall case rate in Tulsa County during 2009 was 0.3%.

Data Source: Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance Data
Figure 3: Comparison of Childhood EBLL Rates in SoonerCare and Non-SoonerCare Populations, 2000-2009

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Figure 4: Distribution of EBLL Cases in Oklahoma By Selected Characteristics - 2009

**AGE**
- Less than 36 Months: 67.0%, N= 118
- Greater than or equal to 36 months and less than or equal to 72 Months: 33.0%, N= 58

**GENDER**
- Males: 45.0%, N= 79
- Females: 55.0%, N= 97
Figure 4: Distribution of EBLL Cases in Oklahoma
By Selected Characteristics – 2009 (Continued)

SOONERCARE MEMBERSHIP (OKLAHOMA MEDICAID) STATUS

- 38.6% N= 68
- 61.4% N= 108

Enrolled in SoonerCare
Not enrolled in SoonerCare
Figure 4: Distribution of EBLL Cases in Oklahoma By Selected Characteristics – 2009 (Continued)
Among the children identified as EBLL cases during 2009, the percentage of children < 36 months of age was higher as compared to children > 36 and < 72 months of age during 2009 (67.0% vs. 33.0%). This was primarily because a higher percentage of children < 36 months of age were tested as compared to children > 36 and < 72 months of age during 2009 (66.2% for children < 36 months of age vs. 33.8% for children > 36 and < 72 months of age). The prevalence or the case rates among children < 36 months of age and children > 36 and < 72 months of age were comparable during 2009 (0.5% for children < 36 months of age vs. 0.4% for children > 36 and < 72 months of age).

Among the children identified as EBLL cases during 2009, the percentage of males was slightly higher as compared to females (55.0% vs. 45.0%). This was primarily because a slightly higher percentage of males were tested as compared to females during 2009 (51.5% for males vs. 48.5% for females). The prevalence or the case rates among males and females were comparable during 2009 (0.5% for males vs. 0.4% for females).

Among the children identified as EBLL cases during 2009, the percentage of children enrolled in SoonerCare (Oklahoma’s Medicaid) was higher as compared to children not on SoonerCare(61.4% vs. 38.6%). This was primarily because a higher percentage of children enrolled in SoonerCare were tested as compared to children not on SoonerCare during 2009 (57.9% for children enrolled in SoonerCare vs. 42.1% for children not on SoonerCare ). The prevalence or the case rates among children enrolled in SoonerCare and children not on SoonerCare were comparable during 2009 (0.5% for children enrolled in SoonerCare vs. 0.4% for children not on SoonerCare ).

Among the children identified as EBLL cases during 2009, the percentage of non-Hispanics and white children was higher as compared to other minority groups. However, the prevalence or the case rates among minority groups cannot be determined because of the missing or incomplete race and ethnicity data in OCLPPP surveillance database. Collection and reporting of reliable and valid race and ethnicity data by the providers and the laboratories is a problem which exists nationwide.
The OCLPPP has developed case management guidelines to facilitate the follow-up testing of children ≤ 6 years of age.

OCLPPP provide limited follow-up for children with blood lead levels between 5 and 9 μg/dL. A letter is generated to the parents alerting them to the child’s risk of lead poisoning, recommending follow-up testing and offering educational information to reduce further exposure. During 2009, OCLPPP sent 5-9μg/dL letter and the educational packet to the families of 2,274 children.

The OCLPPP provides individualized guidance to parents of children with EBLLs between 10 and 19 μg/dL, and consultation to health care providers on appropriate follow-up of children with EBLL. Families are provided with fact sheets, brochures, and pamphlets in order to increase their awareness about lead poisoning, sources of exposure, and how to reduce them. Children are retested (venous) every two months until two consecutive blood lead measurements below 10 μg/dL are achieved. During 2009, OCLPPP provided comprehensive case management services to the families of 149 children with EBLLs between 10 and 19 μg/dL.

The case management protocol for children with first time EBLL between 15-19 μg/dL is same as for 10-14 μg/dL range. However if the level persists (two venous EBLLs in this range at least 2 months apart), then the child receives an environmental Investigation (EI). An EI is performed in child’s home and other sites where significant amount of time is spent. During 2009, OCLPPP conducted three EIs for children with persistent blood lead level of 15-19 μg/dL.

Of the 27 children with an EBLL of >20 μg/dL during 2009, 23 cases were eligible for an EI while four existing cases already received an investigation in previous years. OCLPPP conducted EIs inside the homes of 18 children. Families of remaining five children either refused the service or moved to a different location and could not be located.
Lead-Based Paint Hazards and/or Occupational take home source

- Lead-based paint (LBP) hazards including deteriorated lead-based paint, lead contaminated dust, and soil were identified as the biggest source of childhood lead poisoning during the 18 EIs conducted by OCLPPP in 2009.
- Fifteen (15) out of 18 EIs (83.3%) identified LBP hazards as the source of lead poisoning, whereas three EIs (16.7%) identified an occupational take home source of lead poisoning along with LBP hazards.
Elevated Blood Lead Level (EBLL): An EBLL means a confirmed concentration of greater than or equal to (≥) 10 micrograms (μg) of lead per deciliter (dL) of blood measured on a venous sample. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has set a level of concern for children at 10 μg/dL at which recommended specific Interventions should be implemented to reduce the blood lead levels.

Capillary blood specimen: Blood drawn from the capillary (finger stick) to measure lead. Capillary blood specimens are acceptable for lead screening if appropriate collection procedures are followed to minimize the risk of environmental lead contamination.

Venous blood specimen: Blood drawn from the vein to measure lead. Venous blood specimens are preferred for blood lead analysis and should be used for lead measurement whenever practical.

Screening Rate: Number of children less than or equal to (≤) 6 years of age who received a blood lead test divided by total number of children less than or equal to (≤) 6 years of age.

Incidence of EBLL: New EBLL cases less than or equal to (≤) 6 years of age in a year that have never been lead poisoned before. It is calculated by dividing the total number of new EBLL cases for a year by the total number of children that either were not previously tested or previously had a blood lead level < 10 μg/dl.

Prevalence of EBLL: Existing (old and new) EBLL less than or equal to (≤) 6 years of age. It is calculated by dividing the total number of EBLL cases by the total number of children that received a blood lead test. The term prevalence is used interchangeably with case rate in this report.
**Case Rate:** Case rate is defined as the number of children less than or equal to \( \leq \) 6 years of age with an EBLL divided by the total number of children \( \leq \) 6 years of age who received a blood lead test.

**Geometric Mean:** For the analysis of blood lead levels, geometric mean is often used instead of straight average (arithmetic mean) since there may be a wide variation in the blood lead levels. A geometric mean suppresses the effect of very high or low values and therefore does not bias the mean.

**High-Risk Target Area (HRTA) zip codes:** Twenty-one (21) zip codes within nine Oklahoma counties have been identified as HRTA zip codes in which there is a likelihood of a high number of young children at risk for lead exposure and poisoning.

**SoonerCare:** Oklahoma Medicaid program.

**Case management:** Management of children with EBLLs through coordinating, providing, and overseeing the services required to reduce their blood lead levels below the level of concern.

**Environmental Investigation:** Investigating the child’s environment, which includes the home and other sites where the child spends significant amount of time to identify lead sources.