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Two Rivers Public Health Department Recognizes National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week with Educational Webinar

KEARNEY –National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, observed October 25-31, highlights the importance of preventing lead exposure and protecting communities from its harmful health effects. Lead is a toxic metal found in sources such as older paint, household dust, soil, and drinking water, and exposure can cause serious health complications, particularly in children, including developmental delays and damage to the brain and nervous system.

To support these efforts, Two Rivers Public Health Department (TRPHD) will host *Leaving Lead Behind*, a lunch-and-learn webinar for clinicians and healthcare providers on Thursday, October 29, from noon to 1 p.m (CST). The session will cover the basics of lead, acute and chronic health impacts, clinical testing criteria and case management, and lead prevention programs available through TRPHD. Healthcare providers play an important role in identifying potential lead exposure, connecting patients with appropriate resources, and helping prevent lasting health effects.

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week serves as a reminder that preventing lead exposure requires awareness and action across healthcare, housing, and community settings. TRPHD encourages community members and healthcare professionals to learn more about lead exposure risks and available prevention resources. Providers and interested community stakeholders can join the *Leaving Lead Behind* webinar at bit.ly/leadaway using passcode **TRPHDlead**.

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