



# The Unleaded Post

## “Edgar the Elephant” Educates Kansas Kids About Lead Poisoning

Edgar the elephant began working with the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to educate Kansans on Lead Poisoning Prevention. One of his first appearances was at the State House during Kansas Day Celebration’s. Edgar met Governor Bill Graves and many Kansas Kids.



*Governor Bill Graves, Edgar the Elephant, and Barry Brooks, Director of the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program*

Edgar is going to be very busy going out in the public to spark interest and Lead Poisoning Prevention awareness among children. Edgar is going to home shows, health fairs, parades and special events to help “Stomp Out Lead”.

To arrange for Edgar to attend a special event call the Kansas Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 785-296-1747.

## Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

### Screening Update CY 2001 unofficial Data

11,943 blood tests on Kansas children were reported to the KCLPP

10,538 Kansas kids were tested.

224 “new” cases with elevated blood lead levels (EBLs) were reported

Approximately 2943 lead screen results were from LeadCare Machines

Approximately 2887 lead screen results were sent to the KDHE State Lab

Approximately 7000 lead screen results were from 22 private labs across the nation



## Radon Inspections Added to Lead Program

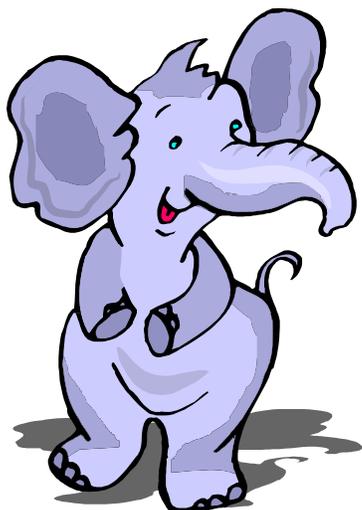
by Cassandra Baldwin

The Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, in conjunction with the Bureau of Air & Radiation and the K-State Radon Program, have developed a program to include radon tests in all Elevated Blood Lead (EBL) investigations. There is currently a five page questionnaire used during an EBL investigation, and this proposal would include a one-page addition consisting of five questions about radon, and contact information for the state radon program. The proposal also includes distribution and initial set-up of a free radon test kit after each EBL investigation, and a follow-up telephone call several days later.

This program will help promote radon testing across the state, as well as, help develop the radon screening database. The joint effort of the programs is a promising start towards the creation and implementation of a Healthy Homes Program within the state of Kansas.

If you have any questions about the radon testing or Healthy Homes, please contact Cassandra Baldwin at (785) 368-7391 or cbaldwin@kdhe.state.ks.us.





## Meet Cory Cassandra and Jessica

### Meet Cory Lambrecht Enforcement Officer

**Duties:** Enforcement Officer, performs audits of companies dealing with renovation/remodeling in homes built before 1978. Lead Abatement Inspections. Responsible for certification, licensing and accreditation of Kansas Lead professionals.

**Education:** Graduated from the University of Kansas in 2001 with a degree in Environmental Studies

**Hobbies:** Outside activities including golf and mountain-bike riding

### Meet Cassandra Baldwin Compliance Assistance Officer

**Duties:** Conducting meetings with contractors and other people within the regulated community to answer questions and insure compliance with all of our program regulations.

**Education:** BA in Environmental Studies from KU, currently attending graduate classes in Urban Planning at KU

**Other:** I have been with the program since July 2001. I am a certified Lead Inspector, Risk Assessor, Supervisor, and Mold Specialist.

### Meet Jessica McDonald Public Health Educator

**Duties:** Develops, implements, and coordinates tasks that include developing educational and promotional materials related to KCLPP program. Responsible for organizing and conducting education meetings, seminars and training for community, industry, local and state health officials about KCLPP.

**Education:** Kansas State University  
Degree: Family Studies and Human Services  
Emphasis: Family Life and Community Services  
Certified Family Life Educator

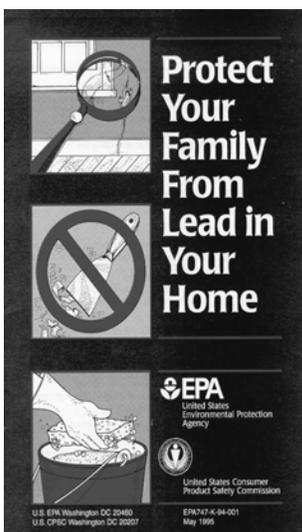
**Hobbies:** Reading, traveling, camping, skiing, and planning an August wedding.

## Pre-Renovation Education Project in Lawrence

By: Maria Albert

In an effort to reduce childhood lead poisoning the Department of Neighborhood Resources, City of Lawrence and KCLPPP will begin a pilot project April 1, 2002 to improve compliance with the State of Kansas Pre-Renovation Education (PRE) Rule.

The PRE is a state regulation (K.A.R. 28-72-51 to 28-72-54) that requires anyone performing work for compensation that disturbs more than 2 square feet of paint; in pre-1978 housing to provide the owners and/or tenants with a copy of the *Protect Your Family from Lead in the Home* pamphlet and a renovation notice.



The contractor must retain documentation recording the receipt of the pamphlet and renovation notice for 3 years.

Contractors will be able to obtain the *Protect Your Family from Lead in the Home* pamphlet and documentation form from the Department of Neighborhood Resources. As part of the pilot project the City will request a copy of the signed form that documents receipt of the pamphlet and renovation notice before the building permit is issued. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will be conducting monthly audits of the project. For more information contact Maria Albert 785-368-7389 or Malbert@kdhe.state.ks.us



## KCLPPP Applies for CDC Cooperative Agreement

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention solicited state and local childhood lead poisoning prevention non-competing continuation applications for fiscal year (FY) 2002. The purpose of these non-competing continuation applications is to develop, implement, expand and evaluate state and local childhood lead poisoning prevention program (CLPPP) activities. Also, these Cooperative Agreements are to facilitate the following:

- 1) Determine areas of high risk for lead exposure;
- 2) Develop and implement a statewide and/or jurisdiction-wide screening plan;
- 3) Enhance statewide surveillance capacity to monitor **all** blood lead levels and determine the percent of Medicaid children screened with elevated blood lead levels;
- 4) Assure screening and follow-up of children identified with elevated blood lead levels;

- 5) Assure awareness and action between the general public and health professionals related to the prevention of childhood lead poisoning; and
- 6) Demonstrate collaborative relationships with other governmental and community-based organizations to expand prevention activities within high risk areas.

The Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (KCLPPP) is currently working for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year with a CDC funded cooperative agreement with a 1 (one) year budget period remaining. The application for FY 2002 was submitted to CDC early in March and was based on a \$667,000 budget. Continuation awards will be made based on satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of FY 2002 funds and are expected to begin July 1, 2002, for a 12-month budget period.



The "Risk Matrix" is now posted on the Website. This is a tool used to determine the KS counties most at risk for Childhood Lead Poisoning

Check it out and see where your county is ranked!!

[www.kdhe.state.ks.us/lead/medical](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/lead/medical)

## Licensure and Certification

The licensure and certification division of the KCLPPP has been very busy over the last couple of months. We have certified about 30 lead personnel, including workers, inspectors, and assessors, also one Training Provider, and one Lead Activity Firm. This hasn't been the only aspect that the program has been working on. In January of last year, the EPA had published its revisions concerning the levels of lead in dust and soil considered hazardous in and around the house. Therefore, the KCLPPP is changing its regulations. To meet those published by EPA. There are some other changes within 28-72 being proposed by the program. Soon those proposed changes will be up for public comment, in which the public has the chance to give the program some feedback. It is important that all Lead Personnel keep informed of the state's regulations. If you need a complete listing of Lead Personnel or questions about the regulation changes visit our website at; [www.kdhe.state.ks.us/lead](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/lead) or call Tom Morey at 1-888-291-2821.

## KDHE is saying Good Bye to the Bureau of Health Director Stephen Paige

Stephen Paige, Director of the Bureau of Health recently announced his retirement. He has been with the agency since 1970. When he started, it was the Kansas State Board of Health. He worked in the Laboratory, Division of Environment and the Division of Health in several capacities.

After retirement, he plans to visit his new grandson Nathan, catch up on reading, spend a great amount of time boating and motorcycle touring, and starting this fall, looking for work.

There will be a retirement reception in his honor Friday June 7 at the Curtis building in the KDHE 5th floor Hearing Room. If you are interested in attending call 785-368-7387.

## PRE Campaign

In March KCLPP began a Pre-Renovation Education multi-media, state-wide campaign. The campaign's purpose is to educate homeowners, landlords, contractors, and Kansas citizens about the Pre Renovation Education rule and prevent childhood lead poisoning from remodeling and renovation. This campaign will continue until the end of May. Then KCLPP will launch a Licensure Campaign to educate the public about the availability of certified individuals for Lead Activities. If you would like to have the newspaper or radio ads in your community call 1-866-unleadedks.

Kansas Childhood  
LEAD POISONING  
Prevention Program

Psssst!  
Mr. Contractor

WARNING:  
Remember you must DISTRIBUTE. NOTIFY. COMPLY.  
But you knew that, right? To learn more about the Kansas  
Pre-renovation Regulation and how it applies to you, call  
1-888-291-2821 or visit [www.kdhe.state.ks.us/lead](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/lead). It pays to be sure!



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## KS Lead Conference

On March 14-15 and April 4-5 the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program held the Kansas Lead Conference.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Thomas Schlenker, MD, MPH from Milwaukee WI his presentation was on "Finding and Treating Lead Poisoned Children".

Other medical speakers included in the conference were Pharmacists Dave Hoang speaking about "Chelation Products Available".

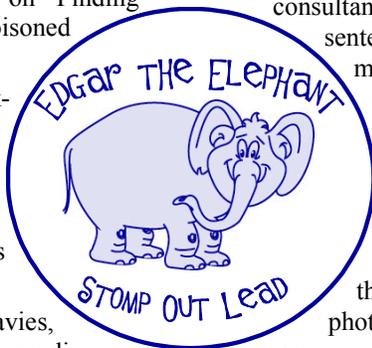
KCLPP Dr. Kim Davies, DVM, MD spoke about coordination with local physicians, physician education on lead and screening, what the blood lead results mean, and lead poisoning treatment plans.

The Conference had three break out sessions featuring several speakers. The sessions were Medical, Education, Funding, and Compliance and Cooperation, and Environmental.

On the second day KCLPPP nurse consultant Ronda Sanders, presented the KCLPPP case management book and conducted a presentation on the case management protocols.

Everyone at the conference got to meet KCLPPP mascot Edgar the Elephant and had a photo opportunity with Edgar.

If you would like more information about this conference Contact KCLPPP at 1-888-291-2821



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