

Children's Environmental Health Child Care and Lead Updates Overview

FLI Regional Meeting
May 13, 2025





- Environmental Health
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Food Protection and Facilities Branch
- Children's Environmental Health
- Centralized Intern Training & Authorization
- Health Hazards Control Unit [Asbestos & Lead-Based Paint]
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- [Environmental Health Staff by County \(PDF, 1.6 MB\) Updated 2024](#)
 - [Regional Staff Territories \(PDF, 165 KB\) Updated 2024](#)

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Children's Environmental Health

The Children's Environmental Health Unit includes three programs that play vital roles in the health of our children.

- **Phone:** 919-707-5951
- [Regional Staff Territories \(PDF, 165 KB\) Updated 2024](#)

Child Care Sanitation (CCS) Program

The Child Care Sanitation (CCS) Program monitors and oversees sanitation requirements for licensed child care centers and provides consultation to local health departments regarding communicable disease control and sanitation in the child care setting. Technical assistance, continuing education and training, are provided for local health departments, environmental health specialists and public health nurses involved with the implementation of the CCS program.

- [1617 Child Care Sanitation Inspection Form - Revised 6/23 \(PDF, 164 KB\)](#)
- [Child Care Sanitation Rules \(PDF, 428 KB\)](#)
- [Comment Addendum \(PDF, 7 KB\)](#)
- [Chain or Franchise Child Care Center Application \(PDF, 197 KB\)](#)
- [Policy Memos](#)
- [Training and Regional Meeting Information](#)
- [Child care operators training](#)
- **03/07/24:** [Memo re: Water testing at child care centers located at public schools](#)
- **06/03/24:** [Memo on Funding and Enrollment at child care centers and public schools](#)

Related Sites

- [National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education](#)
- [N.C. Division of Child Development](#)

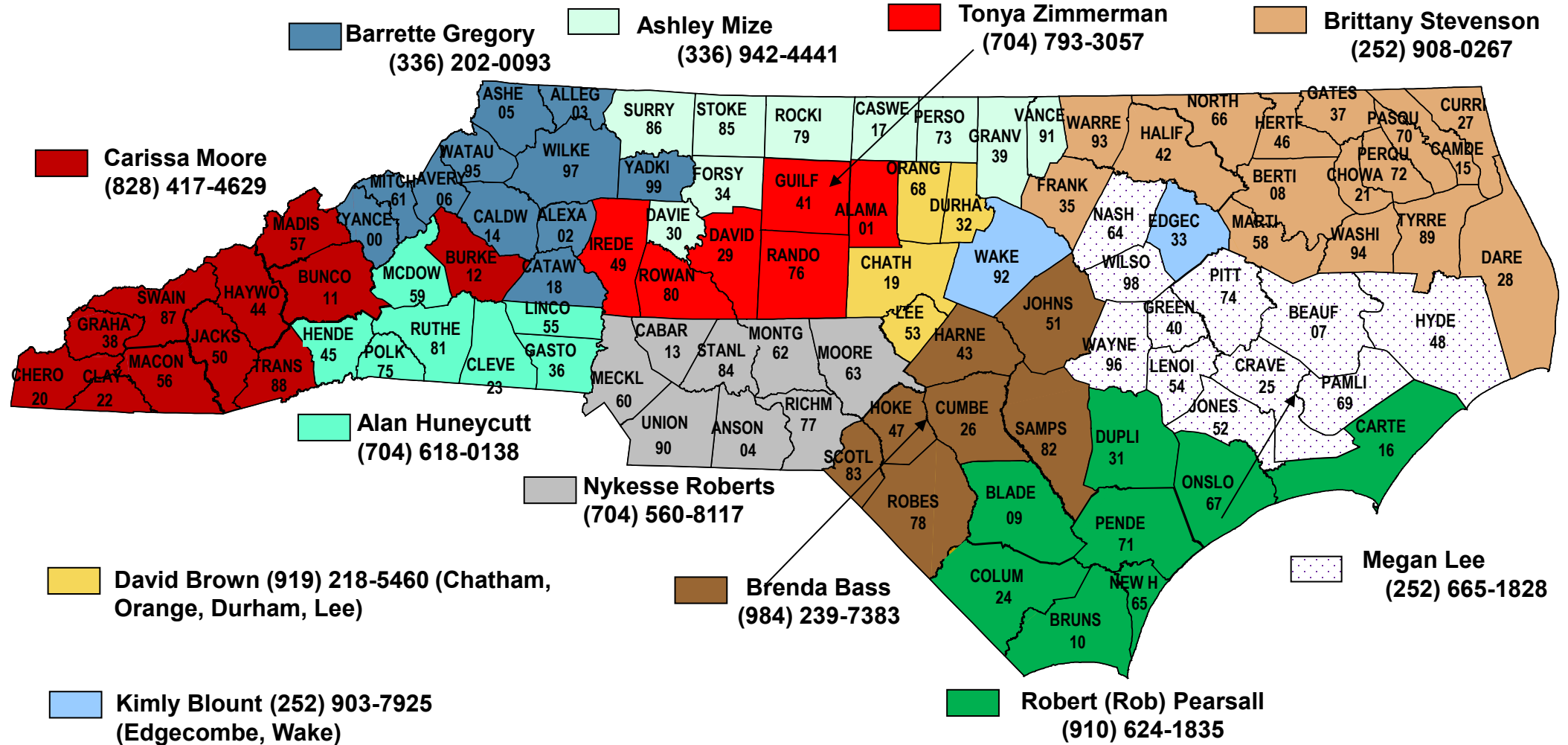
North Carolina Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

The North Carolina Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) currently coordinates clinical and environmental services aimed at eliminating childhood lead poisoning. NC CLPPP also

Highlights

- **06/03/24:** [Memo on Funding and Enrollment at child care centers and public schools](#)
- **03/07/24:** [Memo re: Water testing at child care centers located at public schools](#)
- **10/03/23:** Post Disaster Assessment Form [\(PDF\)](#) [\(DOC\)](#)
- **01/18/23:** [QSR Glass and Multi Surface Cleaner](#)
- **11/1/2024:** [Updated Clinical Follow-Up Schedule](#)
- **11/8/21:** [Recall of LeadCare Blood Lead Test Kits](#)
- **06/24/21:** [Child Care Strong NC Public Health Toolkit](#)
- **01/29/21:** [Serving Local Foods in NC Child Care Centers Guidance](#)
- **09/28/20:** [FAQs for amendment to Rule 15A NCAC 18A .2816 \(water lead testing in licensed child care centers\)](#) (PDF, 234 KB)
- **05/20/20:** [Short-term Actions to Prevent Exposure to Lead](#) (PDF, 327 KB)
- **05/20/20:** [Medidas a corto plazo para prevenir la exposición al plomo](#) (PDF, 373 KB)
- [Lead in Balguti Kesaria and Other](#)

Children's Environmental Health Program Environmental Health Staff Regions



Effective: 02/01/25

2025 CEH Training

CEH Regional Meeting June 3, 2025 (virtual)

Lead Poisoning Prevention SOP

September 3rd -5th, 2025 (location TBD)

Child Care SOP (Revamped)

November 5th-7th, 2025 location (Greenville)



NEW

Lead Training for Authorized Agents

***"I'm Authorized, Now What?"* (Dates: Nov 19th & 20th)**

NCLead Trainings planned for 2025 (Dates: TBA)

CIT Dates For Child Care/Schools:

June 16th-17th

October 20th-21st

ARPA Related Webinars for Counties: Monthly 3rd Tuesday

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION UPDATE



NC LEAD UPDATES

UPLOADING DOCUMENTATION FOR COF

The Division of Public Health is requesting that authorized local health department lead agents upload needed lead information into NCLEAD for each facility. **(April 29, 2022)** This includes:

- the lead inspection or investigation report
- XRF data including (calibration data)
- lab results for soil, dust, spices and paint chips
- an approved remediation plan
- final clearance data from the lab noting that clearance has successfully passed
- the letter or email from the environmental health specialist (verification letter)

CHEMICAL STORAGE LOCKED BATHROOMS

A locked bathroom door **does not** meet the requirement for chemical storage of hazardous products.

A locked employee's restroom **does not** meet the requirement for chemical storage of hazardous products.

CHEMICAL STORAGE CHILD CARE OFFICES/FOYERS/ENTRANCES/SICK AREAS

Open office doors
Space in Open Foyer
Entrances including desk areas
Office space used as sick area

Must meet the requirement for chemical storage
of hazardous products

There is a reluctance by EHS to inspect these areas

However, chemicals are often improperly stored in
these areas

HOT WATER ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE BOTTLE WARMERS

- .2810 (f)(2) if bottles are warmed, bottles shall be warmed in the child care center's kitchen or food preparation area. Bottle warming equipment shall be kept out of reach of children. Microwaves and slow cookers shall not be used to thaw or warm human milk, baby food, formula, or other bottled beverages meant for consumption by children. Bottles shall be warmed by placing bottles under running potable water or in containers of potable water or by using bottle warming equipment that is used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. **Temperature restrictions listed in Rule .2815(e) of this Section do not apply to equipment manufactured specifically for bottle warming.** If other bottle warming methods are used in food preparation areas, compliance with temperature restrictions listed in Rule .2815(e) of this Section is required

HOT WATER ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE

Water in areas accessible to children shall be tempered between 80°F (27°C) and 110°F (43°C). For handwash lavatories used exclusively by school-age children, the 80°F (27°C) minimum temperature requirement shall not apply. Hot water in an area accessible to any child, which is in excess of 120°F (49°C), **shall be considered a burn hazard.**

***Look for thermos type containers in food preparation areas used for bottle warming. The temperature of these insulated beverage dispensers can be in excess of 160°F. Deemed as a burn hazard when in temps in excess of 120°F.





(February 2024)

- **Child needed multiple surgeries to repair her burned skin after a bottle warmer fell on top of her while she was at daycare**
- **The victim suffered third degree burns that covered 20 percent of her body**

CEH QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) OVERVIEW



2024 QA LEGISLATION

SL 2024-49 (S166)

Annual Agreement = Consolidated Agreement

Requirement for QA for all environmental health services

Liability

REHS defended by the AG and judgments against covered 50/50

(Department may agree to pay more than half)

If NOT entering into an annual agreement or fails to abide by the annual agreement OR if enforcing local rules

Not covered by the AG

Judgments against are covered 100% by the LHD

QA DEVELOPMENT

Session Law 2024-49

A QA committee was created January 1, 2025, and is creating polices and templates for the requirements in Session Law 2024-49.

These QA requirements will focus on Onsite Wastewater, Private Wells, Public Swimming Pools, Tattoos, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention, Child Care Centers, and School Buildings.

There is one main QA committee and then subcommittees for each of the areas listed above.

QA DEVELOPMENT

- CEH has been in the process of developing their QA Program. Created documents are being tested in the field during accreditation inspections and authorization inspections.
- QA Committees for child care and school sanitation and the childhood lead poisoning prevention program have been formed to include CEH Staff county EHS supervisors and county EHS.
- Counties: Buncombe, Chatham, Cumberland, Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, Haywood, Johnston, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Wake,

QA DEVELOPMENT

QA committees have created documents for Child Care and School Sanitation Program and the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program:

- Policy Template
- QA Summary Checklist
- QA Field Assessment Form
- QA File Assessment Form



QUESTIONS?