

PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



Live Lead Free QC: Getting the Lead Out

Scott County knew it had a problem. Its child lead poisoning rate was above the state and national average and more than 28% of its homes were built before 1978. So, in 2017, SCHD director, Ed Rivers, asked Augustana College to partner with the health department to study the problem. Entering the project, Rivers said three goals were established. Those were to better understand the scope of the problem, re-engage partners who had worked on the problem before, and develop alternative financing methods beyond the use of federal dollars. And so, a community coalition was formed, Live Lead Free Quad Cities (LLFQC), to help all involved better achieve these goals.

LLFQC is a bi-state, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization established in 2018 by organizational members of the Quad Cities with the purpose of creating healthy living, playing, and working spaces for its most at-risk community members.

The mission of LLFQC is to protect and preserve the health of Quad Citizens by preventing lead poisoning using the CARE philosophy. LLFQC is able to boost local resources through its **Collaboration** with healthcare organizations and other public and private community partners. Members of these groups work closely with local and state governments, **Advocating** for policies that promote, protect and preserve the health of Quad City communities. LLFQC also works with families, especially those with children under the age of 6, to identify homes that need **Remediation** in order to be labeled as "Lead-Safe." Finally, **Education** is provided through printed materials and face-to-face events, offering information to providers, home owners, parents, and the public regarding the sources of lead and its effects on our children and our communities.

It's with great courage, tenacity and love that LLFQC embraces one of the greatest challenges to the health of our community. LLFQC believes that, as members of this community, it is our responsibility to help create a better world, free of lead based paint poisoning, where future generations can thrive.

To learn more about Live Lead Free Quad Cities or how you may help us with our mission, please contact us at health@scottcountyia.com.



OUR MISSION:

The Scott County Health Department promotes, protects, and preserves health through leadership, services, education, and partnerships.

OUR VISION:

Scott County—
A safe and healthy
community.

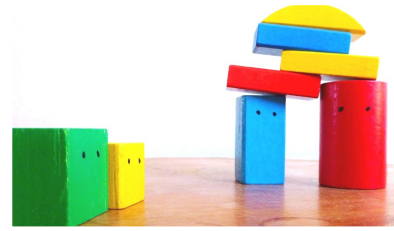


SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Please note that the Scott County Board of Health will not meet in August.*

Links

- Live Lead Free QC: <https://www.liveleadfreeqc.org/>
- Iowa Family Support Network <http://www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/>
- Zero to Three <https://www.zerotothree.org/>
- CDC Learn the Signs. Act Early. <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>
- Pathways.org <https://pathways.org/topics-of-development/milestones/>



Developmental Milestones

For children, age birth to five, physical, cognitive, linguistic, and social-emotional growth and development occur at a rapid pace. While all children in this age range may not reach developmental milestones (e.g., smiling, saying first words, taking first steps) at the same time, development that does not happen within an expected timeframe can raise concerns about developmental disorders, health conditions, or other factors that may negatively impact the child's development. Early, frequent screening provides a quick snapshot of a child's health and developmental status and indicates whether further evaluation is needed to identify potential difficulties that might necessitate interventions or special education services. By catching developmental issues early, children can be provided with treatment or intervention more effectively, and additional developmental delays may be prevented.

There are a variety of places your child can be screened, including their doctor's office, child care, or even the Scott County Health Department! Ask your child's doctor or call 563-328-4114 to learn more and set up a short screening.



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