

# Lead Remediation and Abatement Program (LRAP)

**Protect your family's health by eliminating lead-based paint hazards in your home!**



Lead-based paint in homes poses serious health risks, particularly for children. The **New Jersey Lead Remediation and Abatement program (LRAP)**, funded by a \$180 million federal grant, aims to address this issue by supporting the removal of lead-based paint from homes built before 1978 that are occupied by low- to moderate-income households.

As a grantee under the LRAP program administered by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, the United Way of Greater Union County helps eligible households in Union County safeguard their families' health by identifying and addressing lead hazards in the home.



## What are the dangers of lead in my home?

Before it was banned by the federal government in 1978, lead-based paint was used extensively in homes.

Lead is toxic, especially to **children**, and can potentially cause permanent health issues. The most common way young children are exposed to lead is by putting lead-based paint chips in their mouth or by inhaling invisible dust in and around their home or apartment.

In **adults**, lead exposure can cause high blood pressure, cognitive issues, digestive issues, kidney, and reproductive health issues.

**Pregnant women** exposed to lead risk harm to their unborn baby. Lead exposure can affect the unborn child's brain, causing developmental problems later in life.

**Lead exposure can cause developmental delays, learning difficulties, and behavioral problems in children. Lead-burdened children are:**

- **7X more likely to drop out of school**
- **6X more likely to become involved with the criminal justice system**
- **30% more likely to fail 3rd grade math and reading tests**

To learn more about the dangers of lead in your home and how to safeguard your family, please download and review the pamphlet [Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home](#), which is available in English, Spanish, Arabic, French, Chinese Simplified and Traditional, Russian, Somali, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

## Who is eligible for the program?

You may be eligible for the LRAP program if:

- You live in a home in Union County that was **built before 1978** and has no more than four residential units.
- Occupants' gross annual **household income** is less than 80% of median income for the area. Current income limits for Union County are:

Household Size							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$68,500	\$78,250	\$88,050	\$97,800	\$105,650	\$113,450	\$121,300	\$129,100

The program is open to homeowners, tenants, and landlords. (Occupants must meet income limits based on their household size. Landlord participation is required).

## What services are offered?

Eligible applicants may receive the following services at **no cost**:

- **Lead Inspection:** Professional testing to check for lead in your home.
- **Lead Removal Services:** Safe removal of or abatement of lead-based paint.
- **Education:** Resources and information on how to maintain a lead-safe home after abatement.
- **Referral to other services:** Families can be referred to other services (if needed) provided by United Way of Greater Union County or partnering organizations.

## How do I apply?

For more information, to determine your eligibility, or to submit an application, please contact:



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You can also learn more and apply via the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs website, [leadabatement.nj.gov](http://leadabatement.nj.gov). When prompted, please select United Way of Greater Union County as your local agency.