Forsyth County Division of Environmental Health



Make Good Food Choices To Help Prevent Lead Poisoning

ead poisoning can cause your child to have learning and behavior problems, anemia, hearing loss, kidney disease, and poor growth. It can even cause your child to have a lower IQ. Your child can get lead from leadbased paints, dust and soil, water, air, and take-home exposure from a family member's job.



y ou can protect your child by making good food choices. Good nutrition will help prevent lead poisoning. Make sure your child eats regular, healthy meals and snacks. A child with an empty stomach will absorb more lead. Serve foods high in iron and calcium, and limit foods high in fat.

Foods with Calcium and Iron Protect the Body Against Lead

CALCIUM SOURCES: IRON SOURCES: IRON-FORTIFIED CEREALS MILK & CHEESE SALMON WHOLE GRAIN BREAD (with bones left in) **RED MEATS** OATMEAL TUNA SEAFOOD GREEN VEGGIES FRUIT JUICE GREEN VEGGIES MAC & CHEESE **NUTS EGGS BEANS** Also Cottage Cheese, Dried Also Raisins, Prunes, Soybeans, Beans, Nuts, pasta, & Yogurt rice/pastas

For a Healthier Lead Free Life Style Follow these Tips:

Always wash your child's hands BEFORE eating to wash off any lead dust and germs

- Eat low fat or non fat dairy foods, lean red meats, poultry, fish, dried beans, and green veggies
 - Trim fat from the meats and remove skin from poultry before cooking
 - Avoid fried foods and use less butter, lard, oil when cooking
 - Limit foods with fat and sugars, such as potato chips, cakes, and cookies
 - A good diet should include Vitamin C because it helps the body absorb Iron