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Since 1998, Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers (SSCHC) has actively worked to improve the quality of life in the community by reducing the number of children impacted by lead poisoning through clinical services, comprehensive bilingual lead education, and prevention services. These services include:

- Rigorous clinical testing and retesting at specific intervals of all pediatric patients with a nearly 100% testing rate
- Targeted door-to-door canvassing on Milwaukee's south side to locate children under six years of age who need a lead test and follow up services
- Home visits conducted by bilingual lead outreach workers who provide:
 - Finger stick blood lead testing
 - Lead poisoning education
 - Visual Environmental Risk Surveys
 - Low-cost interventions to reduce exposure to lead
 - Referrals, as appropriate, to the City of Milwaukee resources that support lead abatement
- Distribution of water filters provided by the City of Milwaukee through lead outreach activities, our WIC department and women's wellness department home visits with pregnant and new moms
- The coordination of follow-up home visit activity in response to elevated blood levels detected through the screening conducted at SSCHC's medical and WIC clinics
- Community outreach at local parks, health fairs, and other community-based events to provide lead poisoning prevention education and testing

SSCHC is committed to a collaborative, solutions-oriented, comprehensive approach to address lead poisoning and to improve the wellbeing of Milwaukee's south side. Our dedication has not wavered. We continue to work in the community to help people who have been lead poisoned and to reduce the prevalence and adverse impact of future instances. Additionally, we are currently working with the Milwaukee Health Department and the Social Development Commission in a collaborative effort to expand the Lead Outreach Program model to the north side of Milwaukee.