



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

Lead Testing in Drinking Water Program

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EPA Grant

Statute:

Section 1464(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended by section 2107 of the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) and by section 2006 of the 2018 America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA), authorizes EPA to award grants...to test for lead contamination in drinking water at...child care programs.



EPA Grant

OCFS recipient of the WIIN grant:

- Grant Purpose: To create a program to assist child care facilities in testing for lead in drinking water
- Grant Funding: \$1.96 Million
- Grant Timeline: 10/1/21-9/30/23



Lead Testing in Drinking Water Program



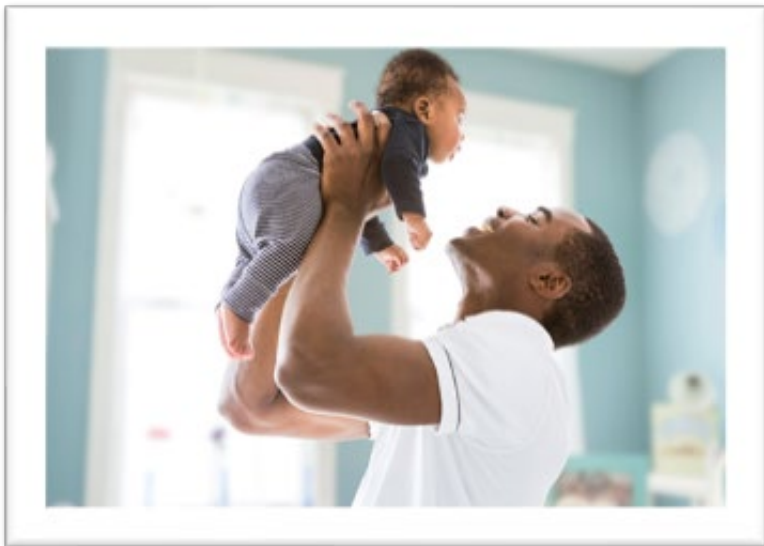
LTDWP Framework

- Participation is voluntary
- Prioritizing child care facilities:
 - In low-income areas*
 - Serving children six years and under
 - Not already subject to mandatory state testing requirements
- Use of EPA's 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Child Care Facilities: A Training, Testing and Taking Action Approach

**Defined as counties with 20% or more of their families living below 200% of the federal poverty level based on US Census Data*



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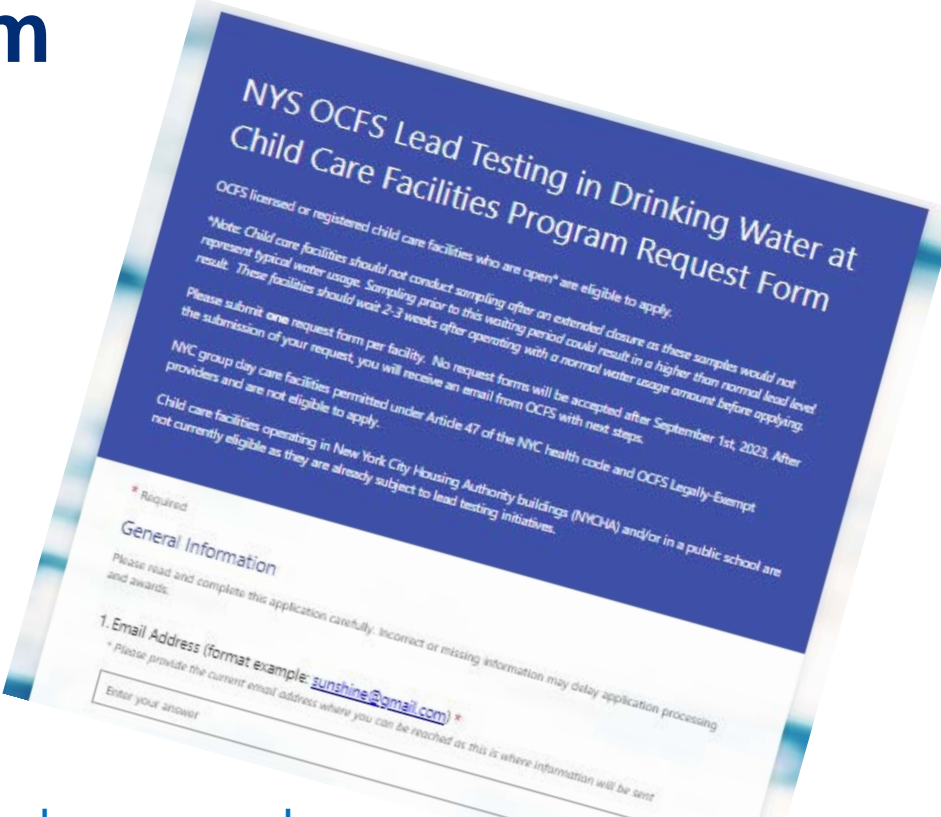


Eligibility:

- ✓ Public or Private water sources both eligible
- ✓ OCFS licensed or registered child care facilities who are open
- ✓ Child care facilities located in a rented space are eligible

OCFS LTDWP Program

- ✓ Easy online request form!
- ✓ One request per program
- ✓ Available on OCFS website*



NYS OCFS Lead Testing in Drinking Water at Child Care Facilities Program Request Form

OCFS licensed or registered child care facilities who are open* are eligible to apply.

**Note: Child care facilities should not conduct sampling after an extended closure as these samples would not represent typical water usage. Sampling prior to this waiting period could result in a higher than normal lead level result. These facilities should wait 2-3 weeks after operating with a normal water usage amount before applying.*

Please submit **one** request form per facility. No request forms will be accepted after September 1st, 2023. After the submission of your request, you will receive an email from OCFS with next steps.

NYC group day care facilities permitted under Article 47 of the NYC health code and OCFS Legally-Exempt providers and are not eligible to apply.

Child care facilities operating in New York City Housing Authority buildings (NYCHA) and/or in a public school are not currently eligible as they are already subject to lead testing initiatives.

* Required

General Information

Please read and complete this application carefully. Incorrect or missing information may delay application processing and awards.

1. Email Address (format example: sunshine@gmail.com) *

* Please provide the current email address where you can be reached as this is where information will be sent

Enter your answer

* <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/lead-program.php>



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Testing

- Test all water outlets that could reasonably be used for drinking or cooking
- No-cost to approved providers:
 - ✓ Sample containers
 - ✓ Return shipping
 - ✓ Laboratory analysis



Testing

- Providers collect their own samples
- OCFS has contracted with New York Environmental (NYE), an Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP) certified laboratory for analysis of samples



Results

- Lab emails results directly to provider
- If test results are at or over the 'action level' (15 ug/L microgram per liter) providers must remove outlet from use and take steps to address

NYE Report #: 20220404000000000000

Date Received:	04 Apr 2022	Analytical Method:	EPA 200.9 Rev. 2.2
Date Analyzed:	05 Apr 2022	OCFS Provider ID:	██████████
		Analyte, Matrix:	Lead, Potable Water

Lab ID	Client ID	Sample Location/Description	LOQ	Result	Units	Flag
220404N001	1	Kitchen Sink, First Draw	1.0	1.67	µg/L	
220404N002	2	Kitchen Sink, 30s Flush	1.0	<1.00	µg/L	
220404N003	3	Bathroom Sink, First Draw	1.0	1.09	µg/L	
220404N004	4	Bathroom Sink, 30s Flush	1.0	<1.00	µg/L	
220404N005	5	Field Blank	1.0	<1.00	µg/L	

Comment:
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Results

- OCFS will support programs in developing a plan to address the elevated levels from test results received from the OCFS Lead Testing in Drinking Water Program
- Follow-up supporting documents will be emailed to providers

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220404N004	4	Bathroom Sink, 30s Flush	1.0	<1.00	µg/L	
220404N005	5	Field Blank	1.0	<1.00	µg/L	

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Results

- Results posted on OCFS website on the LTDWP page
 - Including follow-up testing results
- No cost follow-up sample containers available through the program for water outlets which have been remediated

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Training



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
ROCKEFELLER COLLEGE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY State University of New York

Early Childhood Education and Training Program



- ❑ ***Coming soon!*** No cost e-learning for child care providers on the dangers of lead in drinking water
- ❑ Currently available: Keeping Children Safe: Prevention of Lead Poisoning and Other Dangers to Children



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Website:

- FAQs
- How-to collection videos
- Resources
- Testing options for families
- Informational Videos
- Printable classroom materials and info on lead for families and providers (handouts, posters, etc)



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OCFS Website:

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