



**CENTRAL NEW YORK  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Participatory Budgeting Project  
To Increase Lead testing for children

**TOP IDEAS**

Thank you for your guidance, knowledge and ideas to help us increase lead testing for children. Based on your work on this project, you and your neighbors have voted on ideas gathered from each meeting. Below is an overview of the top 3 ideas from the September - February 2023 meetings.

**February 7, 2023 - Top 3 Ideas**

1. Only rent to properties that have been deemed safe from lead - 18 votes
2. Partner with SCSD and Daycares to get more children tested and screened for lead - 9 votes
3. Research funding looking at connections with neuro-development disorders (ADHD, anxiousness, etc.) - 8 votes

**January 10, 2023 - Top 3 Ideas**

1. County Lead ambassadors who represent the 5 major language groups to conduct outreach and education for families - 20 votes
2. Mobile lead testing unit with tracker of locations to do pop-up testing where there are a lot of families (Mall, State Fair) - 17 votes
3. Tenant hardware store to subsidize cost of materials to do lead remediation (tenants would have to be certified by the county to do any lead remediation work) - 14 votes

**December 6, 2022 - Top Ideas**

1. Hold landlords accountable - 21 votes
  - a. Landlords test units
  - b. Landlords limit selling a house until lead problem is fixed
  - c. Landlords face higher penalties if lead is found
2. Lead Bus Testing - 14 votes
  - a. Bus testing at community centers, W.I.C., churches, daycares, and other community events
3. Mandatory lead testing during yearly children's physicals – 11 votes

**November 15, 2022 - Top 3 Ideas**

1. Incentives for Testing— 30 Votes

- a. Giving incentives – 5 votes
  - b. Have to get children screened in order to qualify for assistance (5 votes)
  - c. If you get lead tested you get a free physical (3 votes)
  - d. Incentivize screening for youth (merch, gift cards, etc.) (8 votes)
  - e. Grants/financial aid with conditional stipends during immunization [sic] process (14 votes)
- 2. Mobile Testing— 28 Votes
  - a. Bring back screening van (10 votes)
  - b. Mandatory mobile testing to get families tested by zip code (13 votes)
  - c. Mobile testing vans in community for accessibility (5 votes)
- 3. PSA that incorporate Social Media— 12 votes
  - a. Fun short PSA (social media, doctors' offices, etc.) (8 votes)
  - b. Information through social media with relatable candidates (4 votes)

### **October 4, 2022 - Top 3 Ideas**

#### **Top Ideas**

- 1. Public service announcements (church, press conferences, non-profits, social media, campaign, gather people to go to legislation, ACR Health, sororities, rescue mission, parks and rec, doctor office, boys and girls club) + Communication access/education (different languages, history, knowledge) – 18 votes
- 2. Make lead testing a requirement to go to school to increase the number of kids being tested – 15 votes
- 3. Doctors should raise awareness around lead (lead kits, cause/effects, symptoms, where to get information) – 11 votes
- 4. Communication access/education (different languages, history, knowledge) – 11 votes

### **September 13, 2022**

#### **Top Ideas**

- 1. Mandatory Testing before Renting— 16 Votes
- 2. Provide Free Interpreters; in person face-to-face— 14 Votes
- 3. Bring back the lead bus/mobile van— 11 votes