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#### Southern United Neighborhoods (SUN) Lead Survey Participation Letter

Thank you for your consideration in partaking in this important survey regarding lead prevention. SUN is a 501c3 public charity, and is dedicated to addressing the adverse conditions of poverty, discrimination, and community deterioration in order to improve the lives of low to moderate income families. Working on an array of social issues that disproportionately affect low to moderate income families, a major focus of SUN is lead prevention, education, and advocacy.

As child healthcare providers, your role in this issue is of utmost importance. Lead prevention, screening, and treatment has been a complex fight within New Orleans, with data severely lacking amongst healthcare providers. We hope that you consider participating, as these data is critical to form the best recommendations to curb lead exposure and poisoning in our city. Whether through faulty lead service lines, paint, soil, or other environmental hazards, we are aware of the multifaceted effects of lead, and we must uncover the area(s) within our city that enables this issue. To respect anonymity, it is best if the survey is online. The survey should only take about 5-10 minutes. Please call or email to receive the survey, or copy the link provided below. We ask that you cc Marie Hurt (director) and Kyle Mistretta (intern) in your email (see emails below). If you share your email in the survey, we will send a follow up email regarding the results, educational materials, and future plans we seek to take with the results.

We invite you to visit SUN's webpage ([southernunitedneighborhoods.org](http://southernunitedneighborhoods.org)) or call/email with any questions. Again, your participation is invaluable.

SURVEY LINK: <https://bit.ly/371YGF9>

Sincerely,

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# SUN Lead Prevention Survey for Child Health Care Providers in New Orleans

Southern United Neighborhoods (SUN), a 501c3 public charity, is dedicated to addressing the adverse conditions of poverty, discrimination, and community deterioration in order to improve the lives of low to moderate income families. Working on an array of social issues that disproportionately affect low to moderate income families, a major focus on SUN is lead prevention, education, and advocacy. By obtaining this information, it better informs and shapes SUN's policy recommendations to local officials. For more information regarding SUN's mission and work please refer to [www.southernunitedneighborhoods.org](http://www.southernunitedneighborhoods.org). Your insight is invaluable, and thank you for your time. Your response will be anonymous unless your email is recorded.

1. Email Address (not required)

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2. In which zip code do you practice?

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3. What percentage of your patients are medicaid recipients?

*Mark only one oval.*

- 0-25%
- 25-50%
- 50-75%
- 75-100%
- Unsure

4. How often do you typically test a patient's lead-blood levels?

*Mark only one oval.*

- 1x
- 2x
- 3x
- More than 3x
- Only at caretaker/parent request
- I do not normally test my patient's lead-blood level

5. Roughly what percentage of your patients undergo lead-blood testing?

*Mark only one oval.*

- 0-20%
- 20-40%
- 40-60%
- 60-80%
- 80-100%

6. At what age do you order a lead-blood test for your patients?

*Check all that apply.*

- In Utero
- 0-6 months
- 6-12 months
- 13-24 months
- 2-6 years
- 6+ years
- I do not typically order lead-blood tests for my patients

## 7. What prompts you to order a lead-blood test for your patients?

*Check all that apply.*

- Relevant environmental exposure
- Patient presentation of growth retardation, speech and/or language dysfunction
- Parent/caretaker request
- I order lead-blood tests for all my patients

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. How often do parents/caretakers ask to have their child tested for lead?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Rarely (nearly 0%)
- Sometimes (less than 50%)
- Often (over 50%)
- All the time (nearly 100%)
- Unsure

## 9. How often do you ask your patient's caretaker about their potential exposure to sources of lead?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Rarely (nearly 0%)
- Sometimes (less than 50%)
- Often (more than 50%)
- All the time (nearly 100%)

10. Are you knowledgeable on when it is necessary to report lead-test results to the Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPP), office of Public Health?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes, I am familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- No, I am not familiar

11. When analyzing lead-blood value results, which levels prompt you to take action and report the test to LHHCLPP, office of Public Health?

*Mark only one oval.*

- < 5  $\mu\text{g}$
- 5-10  $\mu\text{g}$
- 10-20  $\mu\text{g}$
- 20-44  $\mu\text{g}$
- 45-69  $\mu\text{g}$
- 69 +  $\mu\text{g}$
- I report all test results to the LHHCLPP

12. Do you see Lead exposure as a problem in New Orleans?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

13. Do you see Lead exposure as a problem in your practice?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

Unsure

14. Are you up to date with current city, state, and national policies regarding lead exposure, detection, and treatment?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

Somewhat

Not Really

Not at All

Unsure

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Did you receive education on lead poisoning, diagnosis, and treatment during your training/residency?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

Unsure

16. Please add any comments or concerns regarding lead exposure and prevention.

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