

**SERO Regional Announcements
January – February 2007**

Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium wins NACCHO Award

The Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Emergency Public Health Preparedness was recognized by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for being ready to handle large scale public health emergencies. The consortium, which consists of 14 public health agencies in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties, submitted an application and received honors through the Project Public Health Ready initiative that NACCHO is conducting with support from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Kenosha/Racine Lead-Free Communities Partnership

The Kenosha County Department of Human Services-Division of Health and City of Racine Health Department were awarded 3.9 million dollars from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to implement the “**Kenosha/Racine Lead-Free Communities Partnership**”. The program is a partnership between the City of Racine Health Department and the Kenosha County Division of Health and will provide lead-based paint risk assessments and abatement in both communities while offering services for children residing in housing units in need of lead abatement. The three-year program will target 400 housing units (200 in Racine and 200 in Kenosha) and approximately 600 children under the age of six.

City of Milwaukee Lead Grant

The City of Milwaukee received a 3.9 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to produce an additional 1,775 lead-safe homes in the City of Milwaukee. The Milwaukee Health Department will manage the program and will work with the Dominican Center for Women and several other community-based organizations to maximize the number of children protected from lead poisoning and to reduce the number of housing units at risk for lead hazards.

Racine Mayor’s Grant

The City of Racine received an additional Lead Safe for Kids Sake, Mayor’s Grant, in the amount of \$175,000. This grant will expand the focus and educational efforts to prevent children from becoming poisoned. In order to expand efforts, the focus will be to work with tenants and landlords in the most vulnerable neighborhoods to eliminate lead hazards before children are poisoned.

City of Milwaukee Health Department Grant Award to Improve Health Outcomes for Families of At-Risk Mothers

The City of Milwaukee Health Department is the recipient of a three-year, \$449,376 grant from the University of Wisconsin (UW) School of Medicine and Public Health Partnership Fund. The grant will fund the Milwaukee Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Program. This program will implement a highly effective home visitation model that aims to improve health outcomes for children and families of first-time at-risk mothers.