

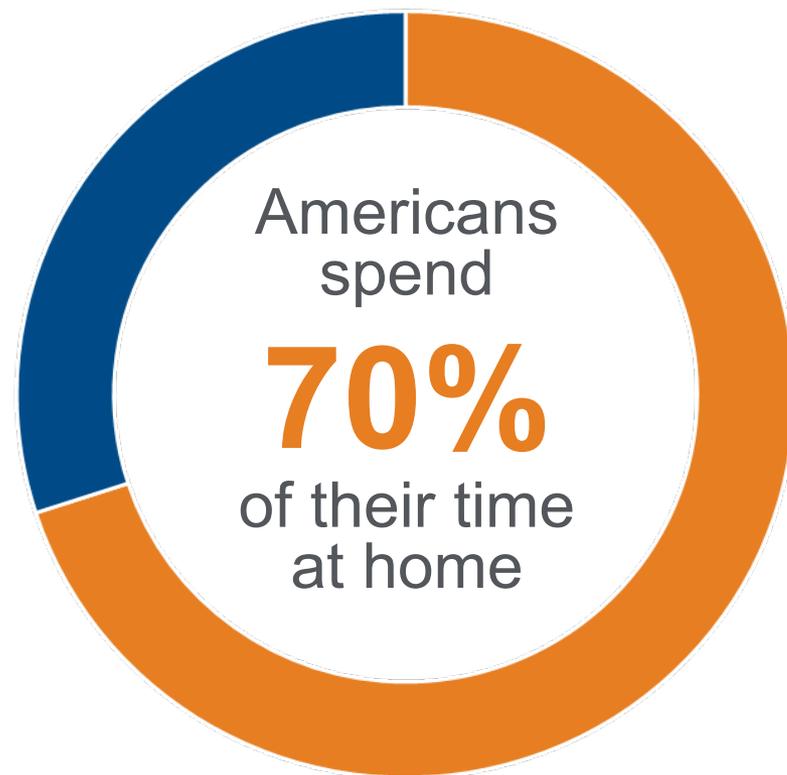
Lead Safe Toolkit for Home-Based Childcare



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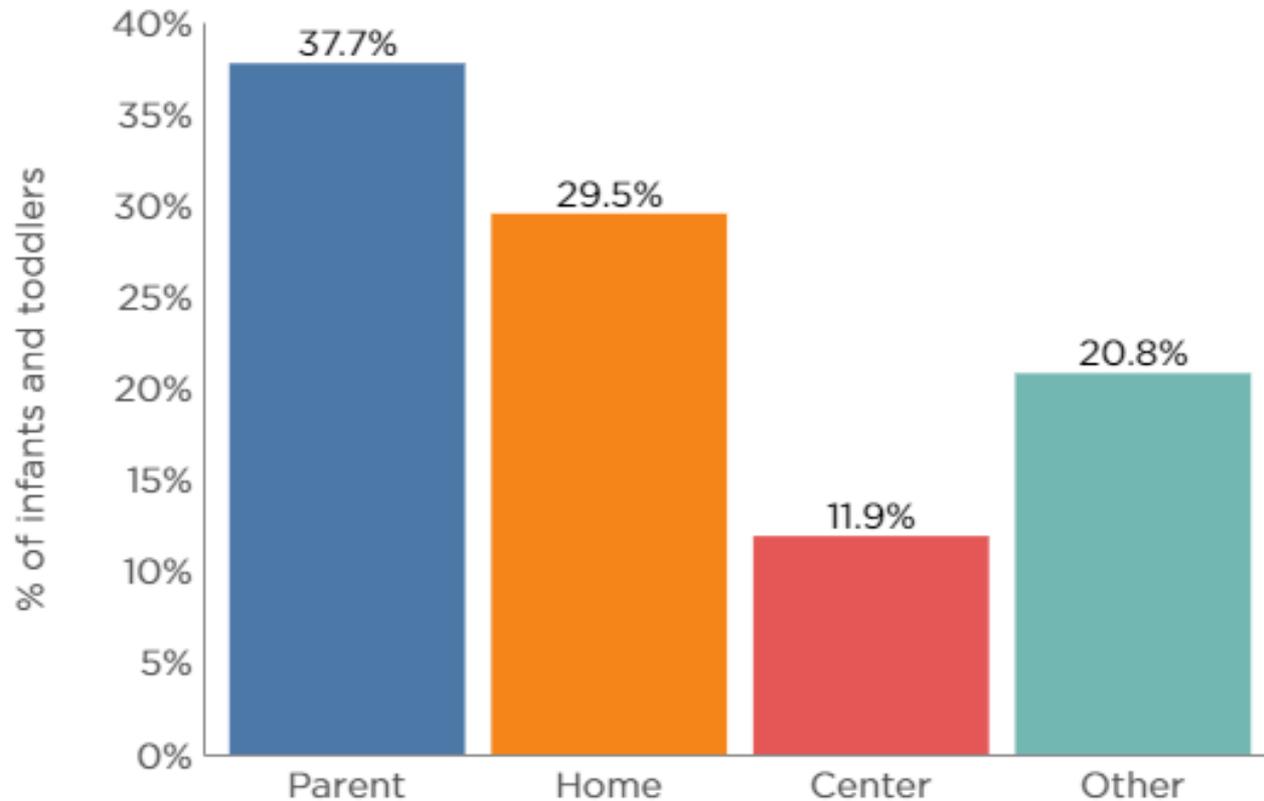
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 - The National Center for Healthy Housing
 - Children's Environmental Health Network
 - Eco-Healthy Child Care
 - National Association of Family Child Care
 - And also with the input and partnership of our advisory committee, Getting Ahead of Lead Network providers, and other local and national organizations

Why does this matter?



National Human Activity Pattern Survey

Percentage of all infants and toddlers by primary care arrangement in the past week (2012)



Source: Child Trends analysis of the 2012 National Survey of Early Care and Education Household Public-Use Survey

And yet...

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Barriers

Identified by Roundtable Participants

- Lack of Awareness
- Recruitment Challenges
- Costs and Service Disruptions
- Liability
- Lack of Regulations and Mandates

We wanted to make it easier...

- Awareness
- Capacity
- Systems Change

Toolkits

- Available in English and Spanish, for home and center-based facilities
 - Each section contains sample policy and an implementation worksheet with incremental steps to reduce lead exposure across four common sources
 - Created with guidance of advisory committee
- COVID-19 Guidance
 - <https://cehn.org/covid19-resources>
 - <https://nchh.org/tools-and-data/technical-assistance/protecting-children-from-lead-exposures-in-child-care/>

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Lead in Paint



Lead in Drinking Water



Lead in Soil



Lead in Consumer Products

Getting Ahead of Lead Network

- Network of 31 home-based providers
- Completed online synchronous and asynchronous training and in-person training over the course of six months
- Implementing changes in own practices
- Serving as regional trainers of other providers
- Testimonials to motivate other providers
- New cohort launching in 2023

Additional Training

- 4-Part Webinar Series
 - <https://nchh.org/tools-and-data/technical-assistance/protecting-children-from-lead-exposures-in-child-care/>
- 300 scholarships available for home-based childcare providers to complete the online Eco-Healthy Child Care course free of charge

Embedding Lead into National Standards

- National Resource Council for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education (NRC)
 - Updates to Caring for Our Children (CFOC) standards
- National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC)
 - Quality standards for accreditation
- Council for Professional Recognition (CPR)
 - Opportunities to embed environmental health best practices into the core competencies of credentialing program

Community Grants and Coaching

- **2022 Finalist: City of Allentown Community Housing**
- Semifinalists
 - Child Care Network, Flint, MI
 - GA Early Education Alliance for Ready Students, Gwinnet County, GA
 - Panhandle Public Health District, Scottsbluff, NE
 - Women for a Healthy Environment, Allegheny County, PA
- New round of funding will launch in first quarter of 2023

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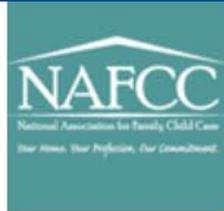
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