



HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH THE REMEDIATION PROCESS?

The remediation process will not cost you or your family anything. If your home is rented privately or through an organisation like Compass Housing, we require the landlord (owner's) consent before any remediation work can take place. We also require your consent. Although, BHELP organise the remediation work, Maari Ma's Lead Team can support you and your family through the process. In some cases we are able to assist

you and your family with temporary accommodation should you have to leave your home whilst it is being remediated.

OTHER SERVICES

It is important that we look after our families and children and we have a range of services at Maari Ma that you and your child can access such as Dietetics, Paediatrics and Speech Therapy. These services can be accessed through a referral from one of our doctors.

LEAD PROGRAM



Maari Ma Health



keeping our kids healthy

LEAD TESTING FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS



child through this process. Our Healthy Start team also provide some basic education and tips to minimise your child's exposure to lead at home.

HOW CAN THE LEAD TEAM HELP?

A collection of cleaning supplies including a white bucket, yellow gloves, a brush, sponges, and various spray bottles.

The XRF machine gives a reading of lead in parts per million (ppm). Levels of less than 300ppm are considered to be safe, but we will let you know the results and provide you with some advice and incentives to help reduce lead levels in your yard and in your home. Our incentives include cleaning packs and small tents with sand for kids to play in.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Ensuring that your child has a diet high in iron and calcium will also help keep lead levels down. We encourage children to eat red meat, green vegetables, drink milk and eat cheese.

MAARI MA & THE BROKEN HILL ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD PROGRAM (BHELP)



In some cases where a child has a high blood lead level and the incentives that Maari Ma has provided to the family are not effective in reducing the child's lead level, we need to consider other ways of reducing the child's exposure to lead which may come from soil in the yard, play equipment or a certain area in the home. We work with the Broken Hill Environmental Lead Program

(BHELP) to further investigate ways of reducing lead in the yard and in the home. This is called “remediation” and may involve replacing some dirt in your yard with dirt that is lead safe, or cracker dust. Sealing of cracks or gaps in ceilings and windows is another way of stopping lead dust from entering the home. Removing carpet and putting down new, easy to clean floors could also be an option.