Lead Poisoning

Bringing social awareness in Cincinnati through dance

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What is it?

- Highly toxic metal and a very strong poison
- Occurs when lead builds up in the body
- You cannot smell or taste lead
- It is not visible to the naked eye
What does lead poisoning do?

- Usually occurs over a period of months or years
- Permanently lowers IQ scores
- Increases violent and impulsive behavior
- Impairs fine and gross motor skills
- At a high levels: seizures, coma and even death
- Lead is more harmful to children because their brains and nervous systems are still developing
Uses

- Lead based paint was used on houses until nearly 1980
- It was very durable and expensive compared to other paints
Where is it?

- Older houses built before 1978
- East Price Hill
- Walnut Hills

“One woman who lives in an East Price Hill home has six children and says she was never told about the presence of lead.”

-worldnow.com
How can you be lead poisoned?

- Dust that is created from paint chips (usually on a windowsill)
- The soil is affected when lead paint chips off a house
- Gasoline products (no longer in the US and Canada)
- Art supplies
  - Paint sets
- Some beauty supplies
  - Lip sticks
Our proposal

• Collaborate with Pones Inc. and her Art Academy dance class for public dance performances

• Each group in the dance class will have a topic to interpret:
  – Causes of lead poisoning: lead paint, in soil, in gasoline
  – Behavior and mental effects, specifically children
  – Prevention: cleaning
Goal

• To create a broader outreach of awareness to the issues and effects of Lead
• Leave behind some sort of emotional impact after the performances are done
• Incorporate Fundreds into block party
  – Kids will be able to color one to contribute to the Pay Dirt campaign
Empower
/em-pow-er/ 
def: Give someone the authority or power to do something. Most often used in a work or legal environment.
Where are the performances?

• We plan to have a block party outside of the Art Academy on April 24th, 2015
• April 25th Washington Park is hosting a health and free health screening day
Inspiration

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHWliBBdB88

For more information go to:

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