

A Comparative Study of Preventing Childhood Lead Exposure in Germany and the United States

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Childhood lead exposure remains an ongoing problem internationally and there is widespread agreement that preventing exposure to lead is the best way of addressing this important children's health issue.

However, there is a great deal of variation both within and between countries in efforts to prevent lead exposure across different media, such as household paint/dust, water, and soil. I will conduct a comparative study of public policy, public health, and medical efforts to prevent childhood lead exposure in the US and Germany with a focus on exploring the factors—e.g., historical, social, scientific, governance—that account for differences in approaches and outcomes across countries.