# **Child Care Facilities:** Sign Up To Have Your Drinking Water Tested for Lead for Free!

## Lead is Toxic

Lead is especially dangerous for children younger than six. Exposure to lead can have lifelong health effects. There is no safe level of lead. Learn more about lead online: **health.ri.gov/lead**.

### **Testing for Lead is Important**

Some plumbing materials contain lead. As these materials get older, lead can get into the drinking water. Testing drinking water is the only way to know if it contains lead.

#### **Get Free Testing and Advice**

All licensed child care facilities can sign up, including group family and family (home-based) child care facilities.

- Have your drinking water tested for lead for free by the Rhode Island Department of Health.
- Get expert advice on how to lower lead levels, if needed.
- Protect the health of children for years to come.

#### **Take Action Today**

Email Lisa Philo to get started: lphilo@uri.edu

**Questions?** Contact the Rhode Island Department of Health by calling **401-222-5960**. Multilingual answering services are available.



The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), in collaboration with the University of Rhode Island (URI) Cooperative Extension Water Program and supported by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services, is providing free lead testing and guidance to child care facilities.



