RCAP WIIN Program

Assisting schools and child care facilities to reduce lead exposure in drinking water

RCAP's WIIN Program aims to reduce lead exposure in drinking water in schools and child care facilities, focusing on rural and disadvantaged communities in at least nine states, including Alabama, Arkansas, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. RCAP was awarded over $3 million in WIIN funding to complete this work over four years that will impact more than 16,000 students and staff in at least 54 rural schools and childcare sites.The intended beneficiaries of this program include:

> Staff and students/children of participating schools/childcare facilities.
> State departments of health, departments of education, and drinking water regulatory authorities where the participating schools/childcare facilities are located.
> Local public water systems serving the participating facility if applicable.

RCAP plans to collaborate with regulatory agencies, water system partners, and schools/childcare facilities to address identified lead challenges effectively. This program will address lead exposure through comphrensive site assessments, remediation plans, and the installation of water bottle filling stations, Point of Use filters, and other lead mitigation solutions. This new program is an expansion of RCAP's Agua4All program, but it addresses lead specifically. You can find more information on RCAP's Agua4All program here.

Field staff across the RCAP network will conduct site assessments, recommend interventions such as fixture replacements and Point of Use (POU) filters, and provide support for long-term solutions. In addition, RCAP will offer free reusable water bottles and lead testing before and after remediation.

Lastly, the program emphasizes education, outreach, post-installation sampling, and maintenance plans to ensure sustained water safety. RCAP intends to work with selected schools and child care facilities, leveraging existing relationships with contractors and vendors for efficient and affordable implementation.

Common contaminants in water such as arsenic can cause cancer, thyroid problems, and other serious health issues. This is especially of concern for children, who are one of the most susceptible populations when it comes to negative health impacts of poor water quality.

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