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UPDATES: CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

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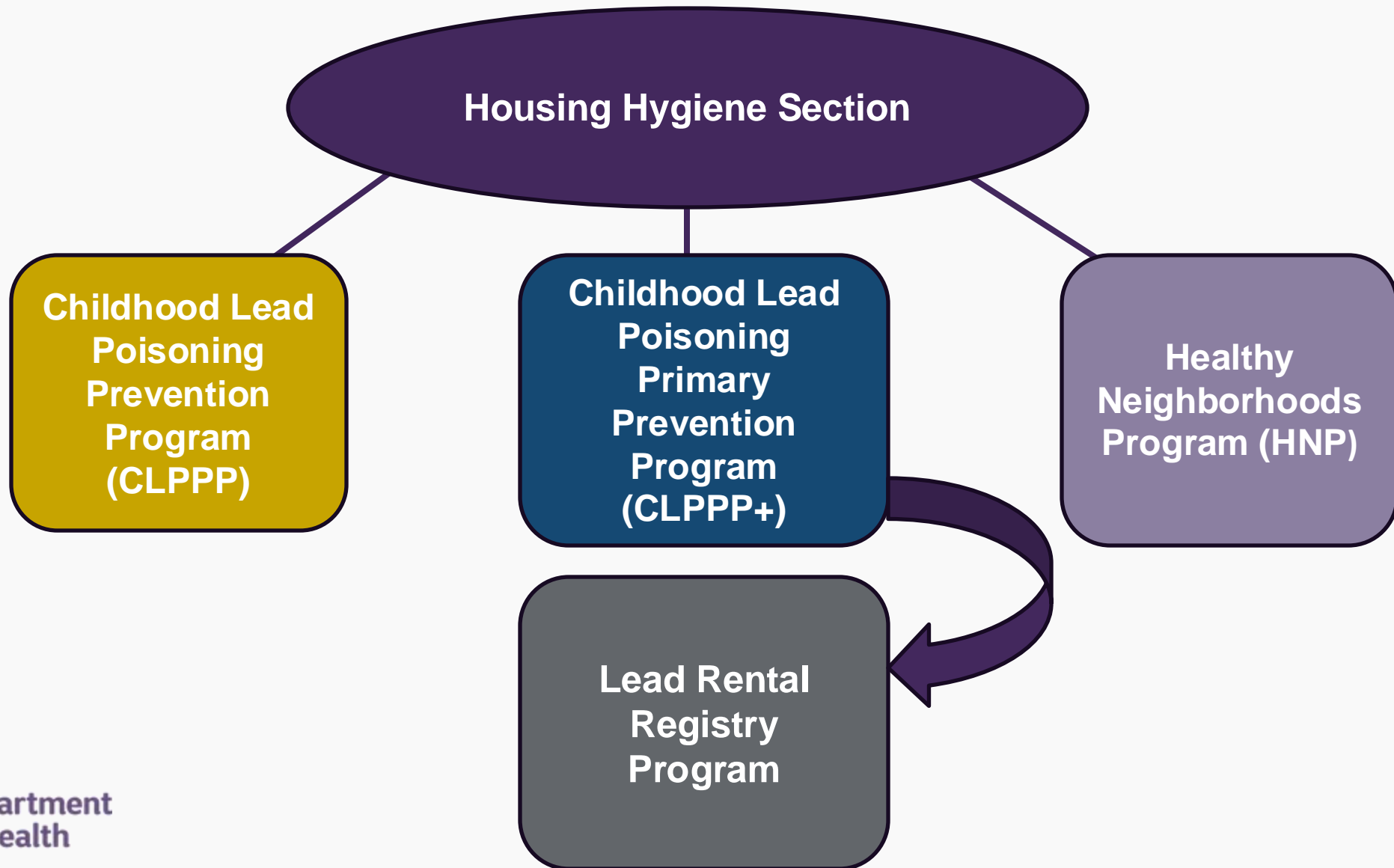
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PROGRAM STRUCTURE



HOUSING HYGIENE OVERVIEW

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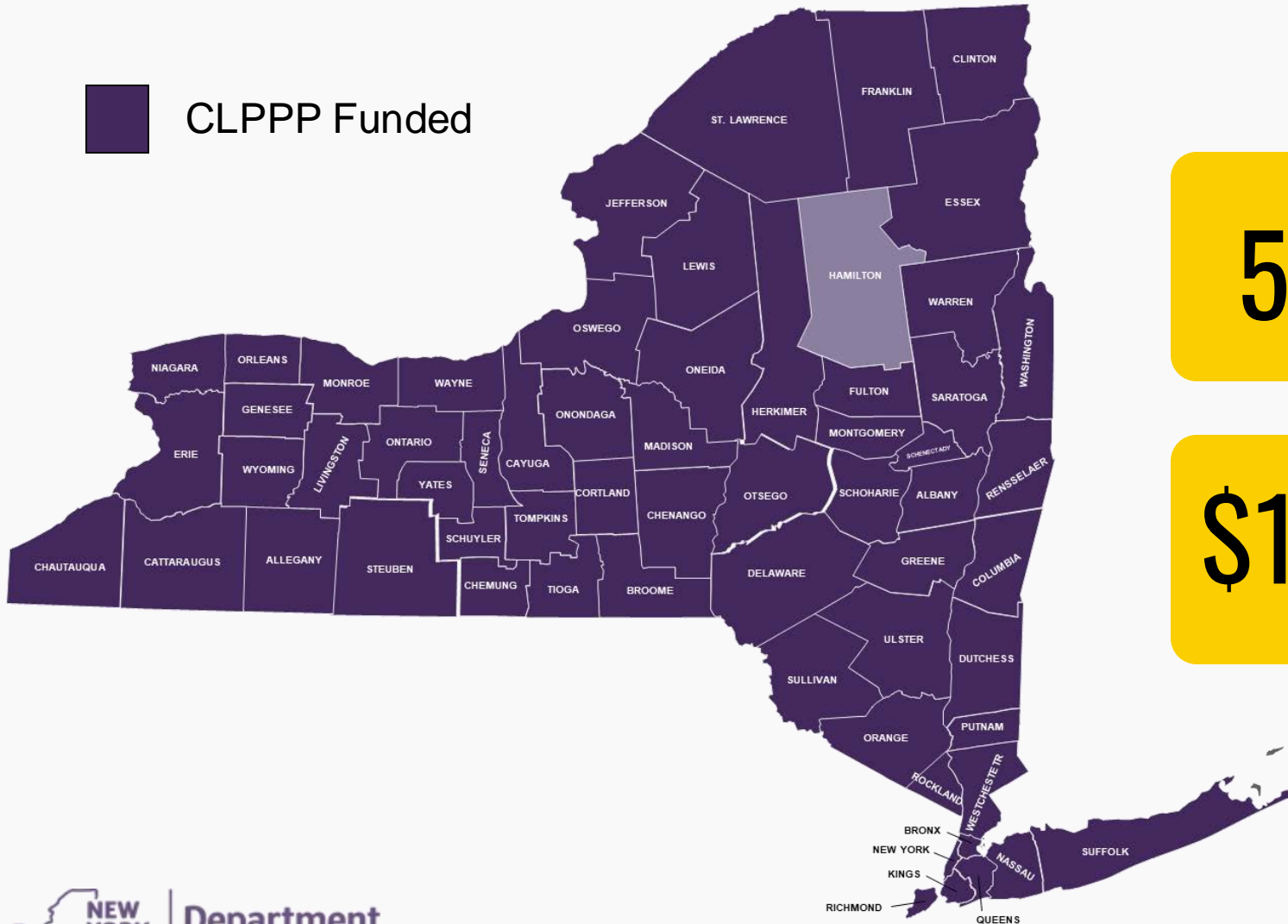
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Programs

- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program (CLPPP+)
- NEW: Lead Rental Registry
- Healthy Neighborhoods Program (HNP)

CLPPP

 CLPPP Funded



56 Grantees

\$15,802,700 Annual Funding*

CLPPP UPDATES

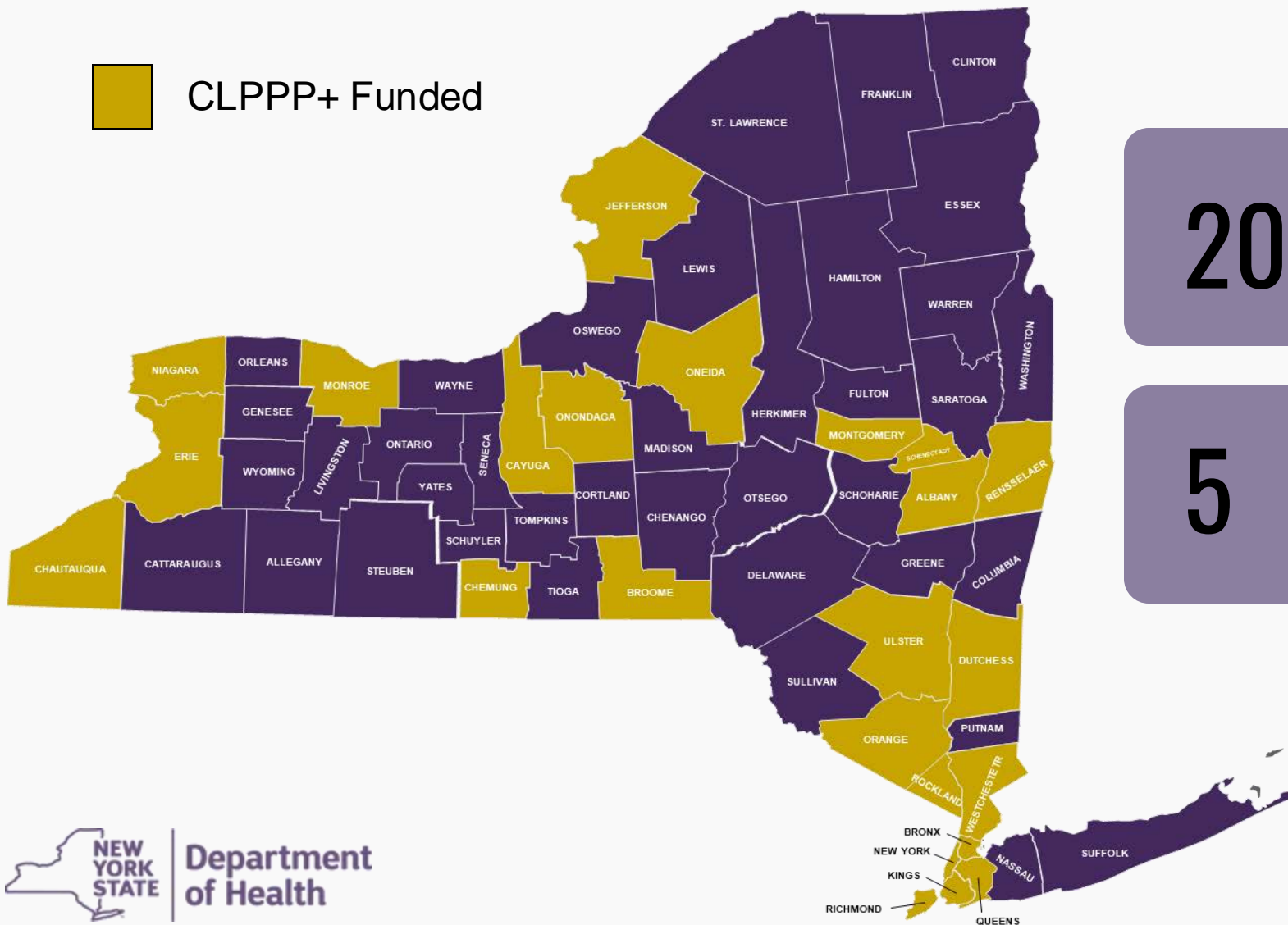
- **Laboratory Quality Improvement**
 - Roughly 770 laboratories enrolled to report blood lead levels to DOH.
 - DOH CLPPP staff and students performed data quality and reporting review.
 - Contacted noncompliant laboratories and required them to prepare corrective action plans.
- **Vital Statistics Partnership**
 - DOH CLPPP can now access birth records in partnership with Vital Records.
 - Can be used to identify children eligible for age-appropriate lead screening.

Technical Assistance through the Program Inbox

- Roughly 250 emails per week received (October 2024-March 2025).
- At least half of incoming messages require triage or follow up from team lead, often involving conference with colleagues, or in-depth case reviews.
- Efforts to provide quality and timely responses require dedication of nearly one full-time employee.

CLPPP+

 CLPPP+ Funded



20 Grantees

5 New counties for current funding cycle

CLPPP+

- Current Focus:
 - Case close-out
 - Staff capacity building (inspectors/workforce)
 - Community partnerships and coalitions
 - Building external support

All of these activities are also important in laying a foundation for the Rental Registry Program

- Enforcement:
 - Enforcement varies by county
 - Required as a grant deliverable
 - Guidance being developed
 - Webinar for counties/county attorneys May 2025
- Hosted an in-person annual meeting June 2025

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

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