



# DAYCARE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

#### At a glance

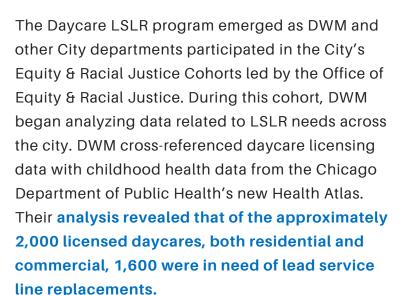
The Department of Water Management (DWM) launched the Daycare Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program, which offered free lead line replacement to daycares primarily located in lowincome Chicago neighborhoods.

## **Equity Power**

Instead of creating a universal Lead Service Line Replacement program for all Chicagoans, DWM created multiple LSLR programs tailored to different communities in need (e.g., homeowners, daycares, neighborhood blocks, etc.)

By the end of December 2024, **DWM had completed 207 LSLRs at daycare facilities**.

#### **PROBLEM**



#### **SOLUTION**

While DWM does not oversee lead paint reduction, the department recognized that replacing lead service lines at daycares could reduce children's overall lead exposure. Therefore, DWM collaborated with communities most impacted by lead service lines in daycares to create a program specifically for licensed daycares (which is one among other tailored programs), and its engagement strategy.

#### **RESULTS & IMPACT**

### **Community Informed Program**

By co-creating a program with communities most impacted by lead service lines in daycares, DWM removed barriers for communities facing the greatest financial challenges in replacing lead service lines without City support.



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