

# Cuyahoga County Lead & Healthy Home Programs

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# Let the Work Begin

- Cuyahoga County demographics
- Grants
- Partnerships
- Lessons learned
- Healthy Homes in lead



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# Cuyahoga County, Ohio

- Includes 59 cities, villages and townships
- Population is 1,393,845
- Average income is \$48,000 with 37% renting (515,723)
- Approximately 54,000 children under 72 months
- As of 2007, 1,104 children under 72 months had a lead level of 10 or higher, and 3,126 had a lead level of 5 or higher



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# Lead Safe Cuyahoga

- Currently have LHC and LHR grants (2007-2010)
- Provide services in 58 communities
- Remediate 400+ homes
- Enroll single family and multi-units meeting the income guidelines
  - Priority given to those that have an EBL



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# Lead Safe Cuyahoga

- Partner with 2 local Community Development Offices to do application approval and construction management
- Partner with 2 grass root organizations for outreach, education & recruitment
- Work with the Greater Cleveland Lead Advisory Council (GCLAC)
- Contract with our Nurses to obtain blood draws



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# Cuyahoga County Healthy Home Initiative

- Currently have Healthy Home grant (2006-2009)
- Remove asthma triggers and weatherize 100+ homes
- Partner with 2 local organizations that conduct the state HWAP
- Partner with local tenant organization for outreach
  - Application follow up



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# Cuyahoga County Healthy Home Initiative

- Partner with grassroots organization for education and QA/QC
  - Sampling protocol
  - Remediation methods
- Partner with local ALA chapter for education and recruitment
  - Schools, health fairs, childcares, faith based organizations
  - Creation of the Greater Cleveland Asthma Coalition (GCAC)



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# Building Relationships

- Partner with organizations that have the same focus or perform a service that you cannot do
  - Local environmental groups
  - Local activist groups/support groups
  - Medical community
- Partner with local Community Development offices
  - Leverage with CDBG dollars
  - Match dollars from other programs



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# Building Relationships

- Work with individual communities through City Hall
  - Economic development office
  - Building and housing department
  - Community centers
  - Residents can bring match dollars and “sweat equity”



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# Lessons Learned (and still learning)

- A good database that can be shared with all partners
- Monthly partner meetings
- Notify priority communities of funds available, *regularly*
- *Outreach, outreach, outreach*



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# Healthy Homes and Lead

- What is a Healthy Home?
  - Free of pests, well ventilated, clean, & dry
  - NCHH's seven steps
- How do you incorporate into lead?
  - Install Smoke and CO detectors
  - Repair handrails and steps
  - Install pleated furnace filters
  - Repair gutters
  - IPM
  - Cleaning



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