

Adding a Healthy Homes Component to Improve Client Education

City of Syracuse Lead Program
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Overview of Syracuse Lead Program

- ▶ Funded since 1996
- ▶ Awarded over \$34 million from HUD and match money for lead hazard reduction work
- ▶ Inspected over 2,800 units in City of Syracuse for lead hazards
- ▶ Lead hazard risk reduced & cleared over 2,100 units in the City of Syracuse
- ▶ Over 25,000 educational materials distributed in English & non-English formats to Syracuse residents



Syracuse Lead Program Component 1

Lead Hazard Risk Reduction

Goals:

- ▶ Increase # of lead safe homes
- ▶ Decrease incidence of lead exposure/poisoning
- ▶ Revitalize housing and neighborhoods

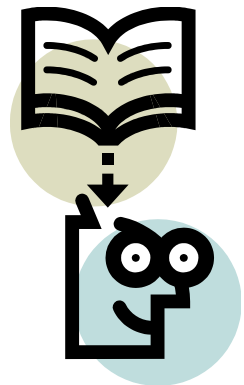


Syracuse Lead Program Component 2

Outreach and Education

Goals

- ▶ Increase awareness of lead and other home health hazards
- ▶ Increase knowledge to create & sustain healthy families
- ▶ Act as a resource center with a library of materials



Problem

Lead poisoning is 100% preventable!

Many trip and fall hazards, pests, mold, carbon monoxide and fire hazards can be controlled and/or reduced!

Question: How can we help to prevent these costly and potentially debilitating injuries/poisonings?



Answer: EDUCATION!

Education is Key!



- ▶ Through each phase of the Lead Program, a client is provided information and materials
 - Initial contact – phone call, email, etc.
 - Initial inspection with EPA Risk Assessors
 - Loan closing – provided with EPA pamphlets
 - Job completion – provided with Clearance Report
 - Constant interaction with knowledgeable/qualified personnel

- *At any time, clients/general public are welcomed to request information, literature, handouts, etc.

Addition of Healthy Homes Principles

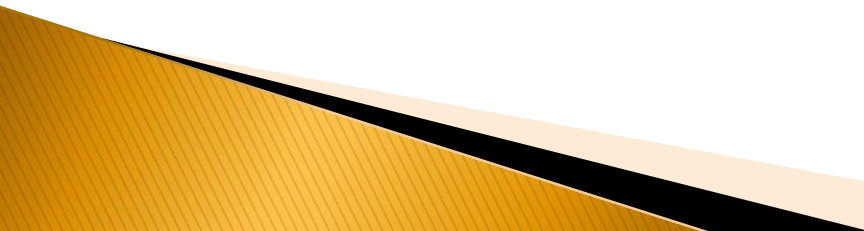
- ▶ **Pilot Pest Control Program**




- ▶ **Smoke Detector Referral Program**



Partnerships

- ▶ Build and maintain partnerships with local non-profit housing organizations to implement healthy homes and weatherization strategies
 - ▶ Participate in local training activities and workshops to further education in home safety (ie: Homebuyer Education Class, Landlord Training)
 - ▶ Contract with County Health Department provides case workers and home visits to educate and refer property owners to relevant resources
 - ▶ Community Based Organizations – for direct link to the residents they serve
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Appropriate Education Tools

- ▶ Provide materials on a variety of educational levels and in multiple languages (ie: limited proficiency, language barriers)
 - ▶ Provide culturally sensitive materials (ie: immigrant population, foreign customs)
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Questions?