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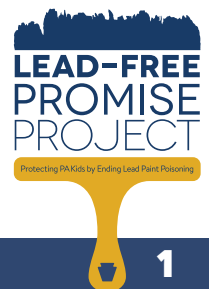
CALL TO ACTION! 6 STEPS MUNICIPALITIES CAN TAKE

#1: USE YOUR EXISTING POWERS AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES

- Support and inform landlords with pre-1978 properties about the dangers of chipping and peeling paint and the importance of repairing it with materials from [HUD](#) and the [EPA](#). All repairs must be done in a lead-safe manner using lead-safe work practices.
- If you do rental inspections, include chipping and peeling paint on your rental inspection checklist. Look for deteriorating paint during inspections, note any violation, and impose fines and other penalties if repairs are not made within the time period specified in the municipal code.
- If you have a local health department that provides home lead inspection reports on children who test positive for lead, use the reports to issue orders to the homeowner to repair the hazards.

#2: REFER HOMEOWNERS TO LEAD PAINT REMEDIATION AND/OR HOUSING REHAB RESOURCES

- **There are 25 FREE lead remediation programs in PA – see page 3 below for a list and contact information.** These programs will eliminate lead-based paint hazards from rental and owner-occupied homes with pregnant occupants, or children under the age of six who live there or who spend at least 60 hours a year in the home. Children do not need to be poisoned for families to qualify.
- Older windows painted with lead-based paint and leaking roofs that increase moisture in a home and can cause paint to deteriorate are among the main ways children are exposed to lead. **Refer homeowners with lead paint hazards to local weatherization and housing rehabilitation programs** because they often include repair and replacement of windows, roofs and other hazard sources.



#3: APPLY FOR HUD LEAD FUNDING

- Learn about lead funding via HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes [here](#).
- The PA Department of Health is a HUD lead grantee and can serve as a resource about applying and managing these programs. Contact Giselle Hallden at the state lead poisoning prevention program at ghallden@pa.gov.



#4: USE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM

- The US Department of the Treasury permits [ARPA funds](#) to be used for lead hazard remediation, and several municipalities have done so. The [City of Pittsburgh](#) has allocated ARPA funds to support implementation of the new Pittsburgh Lead Safety Law, which addresses lead hazards in paint, dust, bare soil, water, renovation, repairs, and demolitions.
- If your municipality has not allocated all of its ARPA funds, consider using the funds to remediate lead paint hazards.

#5: AMEND MUNICIPAL CODES

- If your municipality has adopted the International or the BOCA National Property Maintenance Code, update your ordinance with the latest version of the code.
- While you're updating, consider creating a new ordinance to require proactive lead hazard testing in rental and owner-occupied properties. These six Pennsylvania municipalities have passed ordinances requiring all landlords with units built before 1978 to provide a lead-safe certification from a certified dust wipe technician prior to the issuance of a rental license or occupancy permit: [Norristown](#), [Philadelphia](#), [Lancaster City](#), [Pittsburgh](#), [Columbia Borough](#) and [Borough of Millvale](#). (Note: Norristown also requires certification when a home is being sold).



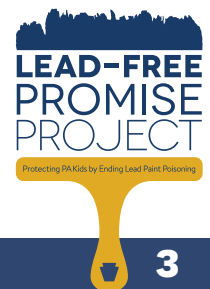
#6: JOIN THE PA LEAD FREE PROMISE PROJECT TO SECURE MORE LOCAL FUNDING

- The [PA Lead Free Promise Project](#) works to eliminate childhood lead paint poisoning by eliminating lead paint hazards in homes, getting more children tested, and referring all children who test positive for Early Intervention services. Over [50 organizations/entities](#) participate – including municipal staff, code enforcers, and HUD lead remediation program managers.
- The Lead Free Promise Project can assist you with [county and local data and fact sheets](#) on lead poisoning from the [PA Department of Health](#) and connect you to municipal leaders with lead certification ordinances and HUD lead programs.
- You can help the Lead-Free Promise Project advocate for more state funding to protect your residents from harm!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT COLLEEN MCCAULEY FROM CHILDREN FIRST AND THE PA LEAD FREE PROMISE PROJECT AT 215-298-2027 AND colleenm@childrenfirstpa.org

DID YOU KNOW?

- Lead poisoning can cause permanent brain damage to children – especially children six and under. Lead can cause learning, behavior, hearing and speech problems, sometimes requiring special education services, and is a risk factor for future criminal behavior.
- Lead-based paint hazards in homes, primarily rental units, are the main source of lead poisoning. Lead-based paint was not banned for residential use until 1978, and 70% of residential properties across the state were built before 1980.
- Most children are poisoned by lead dust that settles on windowsills, floors and toys. Babies and toddlers eat this dust (which tastes sweet) when they put their hands and fingers in their mouths.
- **ALMOST 7,000 CHILDREN ARE POISONED EVERY YEAR** in PA – two times as many as children poisoned in Flint, Michigan at the peak of the city’s crisis. This number is expected to nearly double in 2022 because the definition of poisoning has changed.

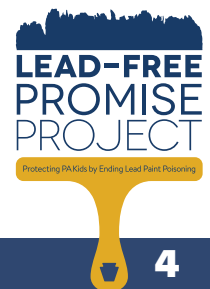


MUNICIPALITIES HAVE THE POWER TO IDENTIFY LEAD PAINT HAZARDS AND ENFORCE REMOVAL

- **CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING IS 100% PREVENTABLE** primarily by removing lead paint-based hazards in homes.
- For every dollar spent on removing lead paint-based hazards in children’s homes and apartments, \$17–\$221 would be returned in health benefits, increased IQ, higher lifetime earnings, reduced spending on special education, higher tax revenue. Improved rental units can add to the physical and social attractiveness of homes and neighborhoods and increase a property’s value.

FREE HOME LEAD REMEDIATION PROGRAMS FOR PA HOMEOWNERS AND LANDLORDS FEDERAL HUD LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAMS

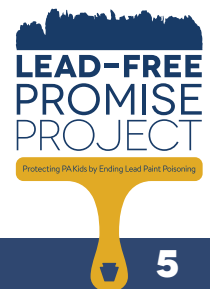
Location	Contact Information	Website
Allegheny	Jennifer Saks, (412) 350-1032 alleghenylead@actionhousing.org	https://www.alleghenycounty.us/economic-development/residents/lead-safe-homes-program.aspx
Allentown	Tanya Allison, (610) 437-7610 x2709, Tanya.Allison@allentownpa.gov	https://www.allentownpa.gov/Community-and-Economic-Development/Community-Housing/Current-Programs-Projects
Bedford	Stacy Schwartz, (724) 656-0090 x5913 sschwartz@lccap.org	https://lccap.org/programs-services/housing/lead-inspection-education/
Bethlehem	Jessica Lucas, 610-865-7083 jlucas@bethlehem-pa.gov	https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Health-Bureau/Environmental/Lead-Healthy-Homes
Blair	Trina Illig, (814) 693-3023 x1489 Tillig@blairco.org	http://www.blairco.org/Dept/SocialServices/Pages/Housing-Rehabilitation-Program.aspx
Butler	Martha Brown, 724-287-6797 ext. 286 martha@housingauthority.com Jennifer Weinman, 724-287-6797 ext. 289 jen@housingauthority.com	https://www.housingauthority.com/



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Cambria	Renee Daly, 814-472-6711 Rdaly@co.cambria.pa.us	https://www.cambriacountypa.gov/redevelopment.aspx
Chester	Jeanne Franklin, 610-344-6233 jfranklin@chesco.org	https://www.chesco.org/929/Childhood-Lead-Poisoning
Delaware	Nasia Hill, 610-891-5427 HillN@co.delaware.pa.us	https://www.delcopa.gov/hcd/LHRP.html
Delaware	John Forte, 610-833-4453 jforte@caadc.org	https://caadc.org/Application-for-Lead-Paint-Services.pdf
Erie City	Holly Cook, 814-870-1547 hcook@redeveloperie.org	https://www.redeveloperie.org/lead_hazard_reduction/
Harrisburg	Dave Olsen, (717) 255-7276 deolsen@harrisburgpa.gov Susan Wilson, (717) 255-6412 scwilson@harrisburgpa.gov	https://harrisburgpa.gov/lead-safe-program/
Johnstown	Dave Williams, (814) 539-2504 x115 Dwilliams@cojtwm.com	https://cityofjohnstownpa.net/residential-development/
Lancaster City	Craig Walt, (717) 719-2193 cwalt@cityoflancasterpa.com	https://www.cityoflancasterpa.com/lead-hazard-control-program/
Lancaster	Darren Parmer, (717) 291-4705 dparmer@cityoflancasterpa.com	https://www.lancastergeneralhealth.org/services-and-treatments/community-health/community-programs/lead-free-families
Lawrence	Stacy Schwartz, (724) 656-0090 x5913 sschwartz@lccap.org	https://lccap.org/programs-services/housing/lead-inspection-education/



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Mercer	Stacy Schwartz, (724) 656-0090 x5913 sschwartz@lccap.org	https://lccap.org/programs-services/housing/lead-inspection-education/
Montgomery	Tori McQueen, (610) 278-5117 x6723 tmcqueen@montcopa.org	https://www.montcopa.org/3567/Lead-Hazard-Control-ProgramTheMontgomeryCountyDepartmentof,boroughLansdaleOandPottstown
Philadelphia	Crystal Evans, (215) 685-2788 crystal.evans@phila.gov	https://www.phila.gov/programs/lead-and-healthy-homes-program/
Reading	Jeff Young, (610) 655-6466 Jeffrey.young@readingpa.gov	https://www.readingpa.gov/lead-program
Westmoreland	Londe Dandar, (724) 830-3366 ldandar@co.westmoreland.pa.us	https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/leadsafe
York County	Kim Walston, (717) 771-9870 x1750 kwalston@ycpc.org Lisa Wendt, (717) 771-9870, ext. 1713 lwendt@ycpc.org	https://www.ycpc.org/

