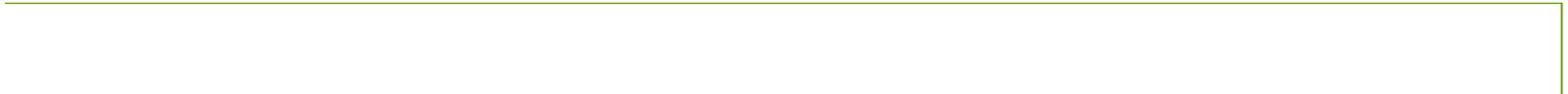




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Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control  
Washington, DC**

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Assisting Communities 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference  
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# OHHLHC History

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- Created in 1992 by an Act of Congress: Public Law 102-139
- Established in the Office of Secretary
- Responsible for lead-based paint abatement and poisoning prevention activities in Department – research, abatement, training, policy development



# OHHLHC Mission

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- Eliminate lead poisoning in children (2010 goal)
- By 2011, reduce allergen levels in 5,000 homes and subsequently decrease asthmatic episodes in 3,000 children



# Activities

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- Operates grant programs
- Provides outreach and public education
- Approves lead-safe work practices training
- Develops lead-based paint regulations, guidelines, and policies
- Provides technical assistance
- Approves lead-safe work practices training
- Enforces HUD's Lead Safety Regulations



# Grant Programs

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- Lead Hazard Control
- Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration
- Lead Outreach
- Operation LEAP (Lead Elimination Action Program)
- Lead Technical Studies
- Healthy Homes Demonstration
- Healthy Homes Technical Studies



# Results

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Through programs and partnerships:

- Over 300,000 units have been made lead safe (direct measurement for LHC grant programs)
- Reduction in lead poisoned children – from over 1 million in the 1996 down to 310,000 in 2002
- Instrumental in creating technical capacity across the country – over 50,000 individuals trained
- Reduced allergen levels in nearly 700 homes as a result of HH interventions (first year as goal)



# Results cont.

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- HH Reference Manual and Inspection manual
- Enforcement efforts have resulted in \$1 million in penalties and commitments of over \$31 million to test and abate LBP and LBP hazards in over 195,000 high-risk units



# HSIAC – OHHLHC grants

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- Lead Outreach
- Operation LEAP (Lead Elimination Action Program)
- Healthy Homes Demonstration



# Lead Outreach

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- Raise public awareness of lead-based paint hazards and other housing-related hazards associated with childhood illnesses.
  - Awards are \$100,000 min and max \$300,000
  - Eligible Applicants Academic and non-profit institutions



# LEAP

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- The purpose of the Operation Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP) is to leverage private sector resources to eliminate lead poisoning as a major public health threat to children under age six living in eligible privately owned housing units.
  - Awards are \$500,000 min to \$2,000,000 max
  - Eligible Applicants Academic, non-profit institutions, for-profit that will not earn fees



# Healthy Homes Demonstration

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- The purpose of the Healthy Homes Demonstration Program is to develop, demonstrate, and promote cost-effective, preventive measures to correct home safety and health hazards that produce serious diseases with a particular focus on low income households.
  - Awards are \$875,000 max
  - Eligible Applicants Academic, non-profit institutions, for-profit that will not earn fees



# Healthy Homes Demonstration cont.

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Cross-cutting interventions recommended:

- Reduction in Excessive Moisture
- Dust Control
- Improvements in Indoor Air Quality
- Education/Outreach



# Healthy Homes future steps

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- Improve Info. Dissemination (e.g., web site)
- Identify and Disseminate Best Practices
- Assess Potential Health Benefits of “Green”, Energy Efficient Housing
- Develop Practical Housing Assessment Tools (e.g., weatherization + health)



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