June is National Healthy Homes Month!

National Healthy Homes Month Week of Activities

June 18-23, 2018

Every June, National Healthy Homes Month (NHHM) raises awareness about lead poisoning and its effects on children. The Louisiana Department of Health - Office of Public Health’s Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP) is teaming up with the, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to promote NHHM in the state of Louisiana. This year’s theme, **Unlocking the Potential of America’s Children: Check Your Home-Protect Your Family** focuses on the opportunity to protect current and future generations of children from the exposures to lead from contaminated paint, dust and soil; through the importance of home assessments and the impact it has on your health. During NHHM, organizations in Louisiana and across the country aim to:

1. Raise awareness of the importance of home assessments and their impact on health;
2. Educate the public about free, local resources available; and
3. Encourage implementation of local activities and events in target communities.


During NLPPW any organization that works to improve public health, the safety of families, homes and communities is encouraged to host educational events about these steps!

For resource packets for your NHHM, activity or more information call (504) 568-8254 or email trina.evans@la.gov or Chelsea.carter2@la.gov.

Throughout the week, LHHCLPPP will:

- Educate and train the public, WIC staff, WIC parents, Head start centers staff, community leaders, pediatricians, NOFD, and neighborhood association members;
- Provide free lead testing at WIC clinics in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Bernard;
- Work with American Academy of Pediatrics, WIC Providers, BFH programs to distribute the Lead Abatement Flyer;
- Work with Louisiana Head Start Association and Louisiana Nutrition Services (WIC);
• Provide targeted initiatives in Region 1 of the state;
• Partner with the Bureau of Family Health’s (BFH) Maternal Infants and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program and the Safe Sleep Campaign to raise awareness;
• Educate public health students, nursing students, and medical residents on the importance of healthy homes and lead poisoning prevention;
• Work with housing partners to promote the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant activities in targeted parishes.
• Raise awareness about healthy homes and lead hazards and its effects on human health by participating in radio show interviews, presentations, neighborhood association meetings, fire department canvassing, lead trainings, and events at area WIC clinics, local Head Start programs, state agencies, and community-based organizations.

**Louisiana NHHM Activities Schedule:**

**Monday, June 18, 2018**
• Attending "A Community Voice Radio Show" to do an interview about National Healthy Homes Month and educating audience about LHHCLPPP and the Lead Abatement Program with Executive Director Beth Butler.
  o **What:** Radio Interview – A Community Voice Radio Show 90.3 FM
  o **Where:** Cooperate Office
  o **When:** 12:00-1:00pm
  o **Address:** 221 St. Claude Ave. New Orleans, LA 70117

**Tuesday, June 19, 2018**
• Launching WIC Lead Testing Competition - To promote lead testing of providers around the city of New Orleans.
  o **What:** WIC Lead Testing Competition
  o **Where:** All Participating WIC Providers
  o **When:** June 19 – September 30, 2018

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**
• Pediatric Grand Rounds “Lead Free Kids For A Healthy Baby”
  o **What:** Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention training and outreach to pediatrics
  o **Where:** Children’s Hospital State Street Conference Center
  o **When:** 8:00-9:00 AM
  o **Address:** 210 State St. New Orleans, LA 70118

• LHHCLPPP/ Head Start Centers “Creating Healthy Homes and Protecting Children From Lead Poisoning” Webinar
  o **What:** Webinar focusing on Head Start Centers in the 17 targeted parishes helping to create Healthy Homes and protecting children ages 6 and under from Lead Poisoning around the state of Louisiana statewide lead screening information.
  o **Where:** Benson Tower Building-19th Floor – Conference Room 1909
  o **When:** 9:30-10:30 AM
  o **Address:** 1450 Poydras Street, New Orleans La. 70112

• Protect Your Homes Webinar Top 5 Wind, Flood, and Fire Damage Defense
  o **What:** HUD mandated webinar that focuses on protecting your home through stricken disasters. Presented By: Claudette Hanks Reichel, Ed.D., LSU AgCenter
• **Where:** Register at: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1768967264720750851](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1768967264720750851)
  
  • **When:** 2:00-3:00 PM
  
  • **Address:** Follow the link above to register.

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

- Lead poisoning prevention training and outreach
  - **What:** Lead Prevention training and outreach to parents
  - **Where:** Children’s Medical Center – WIC Clinic
  - **When:** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
  - **Address:** 1347 Westbank Expressway Westwego, LA 70094

- Lead poisoning prevention training and outreach
  - **What:** Lead Prevention training and outreach to parents
  - **Where:** Crescent City WIC Clinic and Healthy Start Program
  - **When:** 1:00 to 3:00 PM
  - **Address:** 429 Wall Blvd., Gretna. 70056

- Lead –Safe and Healthy Homes Educational Presentation
  - **What:** Lower Mid City Neighborhood Association
  - **Where:** Whole Foods Market
  - **When:** 6:00 pm to 7:00pm
  - **Address:** 300 N Broad St, New Orleans, LA 70119

- Lead – Safe and Healthy Homes Educational Presentation
  - **What:** Upper Ninth Ward Neighborhood Association
  - **Where:** Community Voice Center
  - **When:** 6:00 to 7:00 PM
  - **Address:** 1600 Law St. New Orleans, LA 70119

**Friday, June 22, 2018**

- Lead poisoning prevention training and outreach
  - **What:** Lead Prevention training and outreach to parents
  - **Where:** Westside Shopping Center - Gretna WIC Clinic
  - **When:** 9:30 am to 11:00 am
  - **Address:** 91 Westbank Expressway Gretna, LA 70053

- Lead poisoning prevention training and outreach
  - **What:** Lead Prevention training and outreach to parents
  - **Where:** Children’s Medical Center WIC Clinic
  - **When:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  - **Address:** 1347 West bank Expressway, Westwego La. 70094

**Saturday, Oct 28, 2017**

- LHHCLPP /NOFD Neighborhood Canvassing
  - **What:** Neighborhood Outreach with local New Orleans Fire Department
  - **Where:** St. Roch/ Hollygrove Neighborhoods
  - **When:** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
  - **Address:** NONE

If you have any questions about the 2018, National Healthy Homes Week of Activities or the Lead Abatement Services please contact, Dr. Trina Evans Williams, MPH, ScD, state program coordinator of the Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, at (504) 568-8254 or send an e-mail to trina.evans@la.gov.

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Office of Public Health’s (OPH) Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP) participates in NHHM with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).