



Connecting Health & Housing: Healthy Homes Resources

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Learning Objectives

After this tutorial you will be able to...

1. Find healthy homes resources available to public health professionals and the public via federal, national, state and local organizations.
2. Understand how to utilize additional healthy homes resources to improve education and mobilize resources to individuals.

Introduction

- Healthy Homes guidance, training, information, and educational materials may be found via the Internet and through local organizations
 - Federal, State, & Local Governments
 - Private Foundations & Organizations
 - Non-Profits & Universities
 - Healthy Homes Programs
 - Local Health Departments

Resources for Public Health Professionals: Federal and National

- Funding opportunities, educational resources, training schedules, and healthy homes guidelines.
 - **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
(<http://www.cdc.gov>)
 - **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** (<http://www.hud.gov>)
 - **National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH)**
(<http://www.nchh.org>)

Resources for Public Health Professionals: Federal and National

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Healthy Homes/Places

(<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyhomes/index.html>)

- State Programs & Publications
- Tools and Trainings
 - Healthy homes assessment tools and checklists, link to tips for specific audiences, and tips by topic.
- Tips by Room Activity
(<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyhomes/byroom/index.html>)
 - Interactive webpage that reviews tips for 10 areas of the home, including attic, basement, bathrooms, kitchen, pool, and stairs.

Resources for Public Health Professionals: Federal and National

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Funds healthy homes programs
- Provides more information on healthy homes topics, such as allergies, asthma, home safety, integrated pest management, and lead.
- Downloadable:
 - Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home (6 languages)
 - Healthy Homes Program Brochure
 - 2011 American Housing Survey: National Summary Report Tables (<http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/ahs.html>)

Resources for Public Health Professionals: Federal and National

National Center for Healthy Housing

- A nonprofit corporation that supports and teaches a “holistic and interdisciplinary approach” to healthy housing.
- The National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network
 - Courses include Integrated Pest Management, Community Health Workers Course, and Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners
 - The essentials course has an optional NEHA certification to become a Healthy Homes Specialist

Resources for Public Health Professionals: State Level

Nevada

- Nevada State Health Division
(<http://www.health.nv.gov>)
- Nevada Healthy Homes Partnership
(www.nvhhp.org)
 - Located in Southern Nevada
 - Conducts lead-based paint risk assessments and healthy homes assessments
 - Training center for the National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network



Resources for Public Health Professionals: State Level

California

- California Department of Public Health
 - California Environmental Health Tracking
(<http://www.ehib.org>)
- California Healthy Housing Coalition
(<http://cahealthyhousing.org/resources>)
 - Provides links to additional National and California organizations, educational material and healthy homes information.

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Additional California Resources

- Healthy Homes Collaborative
(<http://healthyhomescollaborative.org/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>)
- Environmental Health Coalition
(<http://www.environmentalhealth.org/index.php/en/>)
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch
(<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/clppb/Pages/default.aspx>)

Resources for Public Health Professionals: State Level

- Additional resources:
 - **Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care**
(<http://www.afmc.org/HealthCareProfessionals/OrderInterventionTools>)
 - Statewide, quality improvement organization
 - Free Quality Improvement Intervention Tools (English & Spanish)
 - Asthma
 - » Be “A” OK! With Asthma Coloring Book
 - Smoking Cessation
 - Burn Safety
 - Home Safety Checklists

Local Resources and Services

- Maximize your resources by creating relationships with existing organizations that serve your community.
 - What services or resources are needed by the local community that are already available, but are under-utilized?
 - What services and resources are other organizations already providing?
 - Prevent duplicating services or recreating educational materials

Local Resources and Services

Potential Services and Resources in the Local Community:

Weatherization Programs	Energy Assistance Programs	Hospitals
Local Health District/Department	Food Banks	American Lung Association
Housing Authorities	Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	Medicare/Medicaid
Non-Profit Organizations	Universities and School District	Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs

- Collaborate
- Identify and with these services and resources in your community.

Local Resources and Services

California Weatherization Programs

- California Department of Community Services and Development
(<http://www.csd.ca.gov/Services/FindServicesinYourArea.aspx>)
 - Select your service area on the map for the contact information for energy/utility assistance programs, weatherization programs, and community action programs

California Health Districts

- Contact your local health district or public health entities!

Local Resources and Services

Nevada Weatherization Programs

- Nevada Housing Division
(<http://nvhousing.state.nv.us/weatherization/service%20providers.htm>)
 - Southern Nevada
 - HELP of Southern Nevada
 - City of Henderson
 - Las Vegas- Clark County Urban League
 - Northern Nevada
 - Rural Nevada Development Corporation
 - Community Services Agency
 - Nevada Rural Housing Authority

Local Resources and Services

Southern Nevada Health District

- Landlord/Tenant Hotline (702) 759-0697
(<http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/eh/landlord-tenant-hotline.php>)
 - Assistance for landlords and tenants for improving the conditions of rental homes, condominiums or apartments in Southern Nevada
 - Contact the hotline for infestations, mold, poor maintenance, HVAC repair, or lack of running water, gas, or electricity
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
(<http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/clppp/faq.php>)
 - Responds to all cases of children with blood lead levels >10 ug/dL

Local Resources and Services

Rebuilding Together

(<http://rebuildingtogether.org>)

- Provides home maintenance and repairs, including (but not limited to) plumbing, roof repair, restoring structural integrity, landscaping, and exterior painting
- Assists 10,000 low-income homeowners and families annually
- 200 affiliate networks in 41 states and the District of Columbia
- 28 California affiliates
- 2 Nevada affiliates (Northwest and Southern)

Conclusion

- There is a wealth of knowledge and evidence that health is impacted by our indoor environment.
- Use current resources at all levels to improve the incorporation of healthy homes into your practice of public health.
- Maximize your resources through a collaborative approach to healthy homes.