Welcome to the 2013 Fall edition of the Iowa Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (HHLPPP) update report. The Healthy Homes update report is distributed annually during the Spring and Fall months. The Healthy Homes update report is intended to be a means for providing ongoing communication, updates, and information on healthy homes activities occurring throughout Iowa. We are also very interested in receiving feedback from the Healthy Homes Advisory Committee, statewide partners, and other parties interested in health and housing issues occurring in Iowa. In addition to the healthy homes update reports the HHLPPP also hosts a Summer and Winter webinar meeting.

**Pests, IPM, and Local Policies for Public Health Training is October 1.**

If you do not already have an account, you will need to first create an account. Click on “My Account”. Then click “Create New Account”. Six CEU hours are being offered by the Iowa Environmental Health Association. The training will be held at the Des Moines Central Library. Lunch is on your own, and there are several restaurants within walking distance. If you have any questions, contact Mindy Uhle at Melinda.uhle@idph.iowa.gov.

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For more Information Contact the Iowa Department of Public Health at 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319 or call 1-800-972-2026
Web Map of Iowa Healthy Homes Programs and Services is Now Available

The HHLPPP Resource Workgroup Committee launched a searchable online map of healthy homes programs and services available throughout Iowa. The map provides local information on lead poisoning, asthma, radon, second hand smoke, mold, indoor air quality, pest management, and other home health issues impacting Iowans. [Link to Web Map](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/LPP/). Please send any questions or feedback to Kevin Officer at kevin.officer@idph.iowa.gov.

Also check out the Lead Bureau’s new website: [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/LPP/](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/LPP/).

HHLPPPS Really is Coming!

I know that you’ve been hearing about HHLPSS, the web-based replacement for STELLAR, for a number of years now. There’s a long story behind this, but the bottom line about 18 months ago, things kicked into “high gear,” and we started seeing and hearing a lot more from CDC about HHLPSS.

We have tested several versions of the software, and CDC has been very responsive in making changes in response to issues that we have found. We just got another new version to test. We had originally hoped to deploy HHLPSS around January 1, 2014. However, as Ken Sharp stated at our CLPPP meeting yesterday, we lost about 1.5 staff people that were funded by the CDC grant. These people would likely have been working full-time on HHLPSS. Since they are gone, we have slowed things down a bit and plan to deploy around July 1, 2014.

What does this mean for you? Well, right now, we are bothering you about token agreements and asking you to send us monthly data files. We will soon be asking you to start cleaning your data in preparation for migration into the central database.

The benefit is that you will no longer be entering blood lead data at the local level. Virtually all of this data will be imported electronically here at IDPH. We will be opening cases and sending alerts to you when something needs to be done. You will be entering case management data at the local level. There are many options for this in HHLPSS, and we need to determine which options we want you to use. It’s possible that we will be running the reports that will show the services for which we can reimburse you.

Since all of the data will be in a central location, there will be opportunities to search for children statewide. All it will take to move a child or a county from one jurisdiction to the other is a “click of the mouse.”

We need to ask for your patience as we are trying to do our “regular” jobs in addition to getting ready to deploy HHLPSS. We think that the benefit of seeing how things change when HHLPSS is deployed will be worth what all of us are going through right now. - Rita Gergely
NCHH Calls for Restoration of Funding

Survey results released on August 1 show significant impacts to states nationwide resulting in the elimination of 57% of positions across the US. In May 2012, Congress reduced the CDC’s budget from $29 million in FY11 to $2 million in FY12, effectively eliminating grants to state and local health departments for lead poisoning prevention. Click here to read the full report from the National Center for Healthy Housing.

Smoke-Free Homes

The Smoke-Free Homes program, housed in the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control, offers guidance to apartment property managers and owners who are interested in having their property become Smoke-Free (SF). In our outreach we suggest that, at a minimum, a building must be 100% SF, because there is no safe level for second and third hand smoke exposure. This property manager focused program encourages the voluntarily adoption of SF policies to protect their tenants and properties from second and third hand smoke.

The Division hosts a website that property managers/owners, tenants, and the public may visit and find information designed specifically for them. Also housed at the website is the Smoke-free Housing Registry, which allows the public to search, by zip code or city, for available SF housing that meets the Division’s standards. You may visit the website here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Radon Measurement and Mitigation Course: October/November**
  Ankeny, Iowa

- **Lead and Healthy Homes Midwest Regional Conference: October 22-24**
  Peoria, Illinois
  http://www.healthyhousingconferences.com/
  Scholarships for this conference are available! Contact Steve Weil for more info: weilcm2@verizon.net, or 301.924.0804

- **Healthy Homes Webinar – December 12, 2013  Time: TBD**
  This webinar will provide updates and information on healthy homes activities occurring throughout Iowa. Registration for the webinar will be sent out by email to Healthy Homes Advisory Committee members and participants on the Environmental Health list serve.

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