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Healthy Homes at HHS.

Forty percent of U.S. homes have at least one significant health or safety hazard that places American families at unnecessary risk for injuries and illness, such as lead poisoning, asthma, carbon monoxide exposure, fire, and lung cancer; fortunately, evidence-based, cost-effective solutions exist. Healthy homes programs at HHS work to educate people about ways to make homes healthy and combat the hazards posed by unhealthy housing. The programs highlighted below, which cover topics including maternal and child healthcare, home visiting services, and home energy needs, illustrate the intersection of health and housing issues. HHS' work also supports and complements other programs and departments across the federal government (e.g., CDC, EPA, HUD, DOE). For more information on why support for all federal healthy homes programming is critical, including within HHS at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, please see NCHH's other agency fact sheets.

TITLE V

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LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

HOME VISITING

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

CHIP

Children's Health Insurance Program

Provides funds to states for pre- and postnatal care, health assessments, and preventive child health services, such as immunizations care, targeted at low-income and at-risk communities.

Provides assistance to lowincome households with energy needs, such as heating in winter and home repair.

Provides home visits to lowincome expectant parents and families of young children to set goals and measure outcomes in health, development, education, and other areas.

Provides health insurance coverage to low-income children.

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Funded increased from \$634 million in FY14 to \$712.7 million in FY21.

State/local recipients provide \$3 in matching funds for every \$4 in federal funds.

Funded at **between \$3.4 and \$3.7 billion** since 2012.

Funded at about \$400 million since 2013, supporting grants in all 50 states, territories, and tribal organizations.

Through the Health Services Initiative, states can use up to 10% of expenditures for nontraditional services, including lead prevention and

lead prevention and abatement in paint, water, and soil.

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In 2019, **60 million mothers and children nationwide benefitted** from Block-Grant supported services.

In FY17, 48 states provided an estimated \$374 million in assistance for weatherization or energy-related home repair.

In FY19, programs in 50 states, DC, and five territories served approximately **79,000 families** in **1,005 counties**; 51% of counties served were rural.

22 states are using CHIP funds for preventative services, interventions, and direct services (2019). Five states have HSI programs using CHIP funds for lead abatement in homes.

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