

A Call to Action: Where Do We Go from Here?

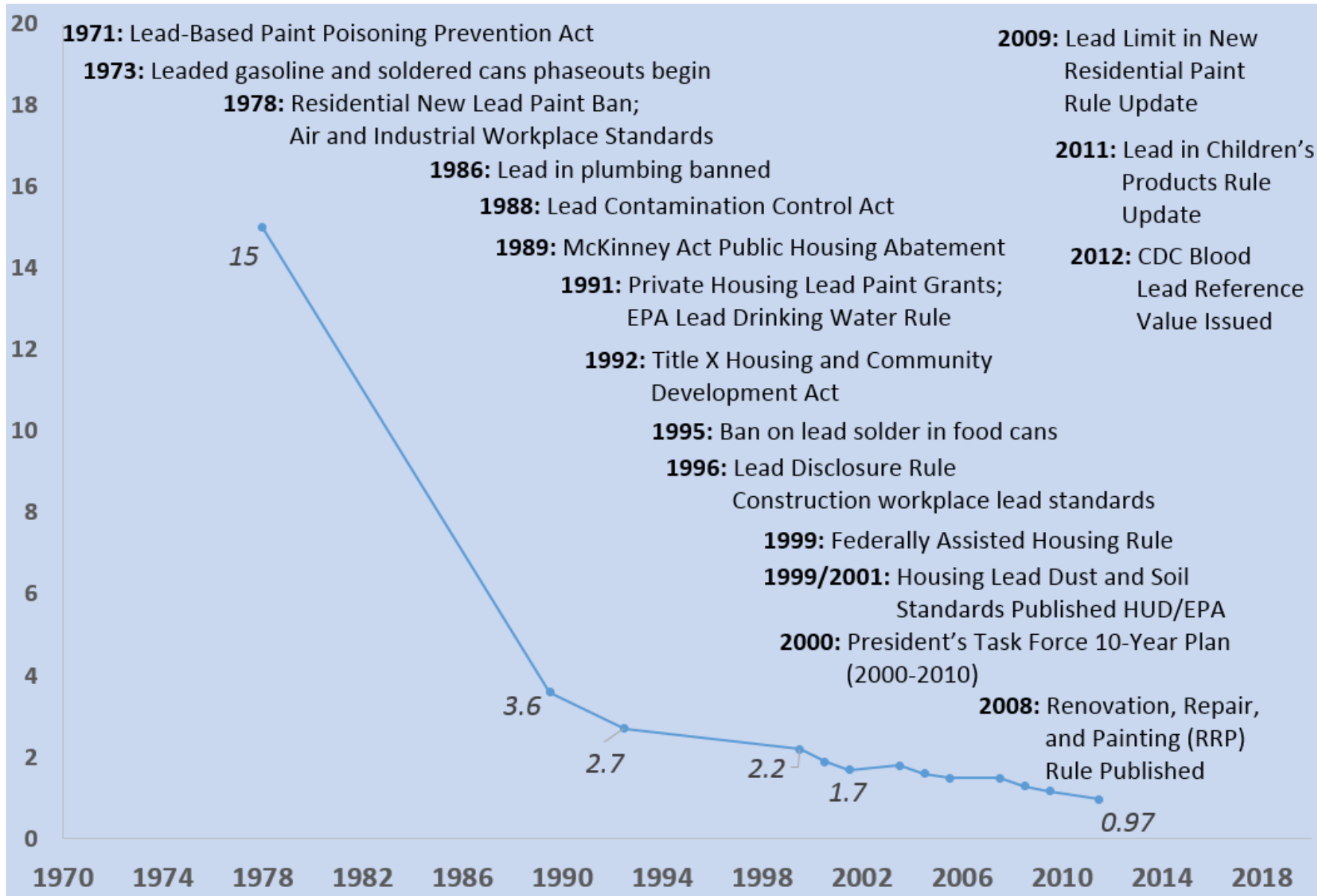
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Outline

- Good News
- Bad News
- A 3-Point Framework

- **FIND IT, FIX IT, FUND IT**

<http://www.nchh.org//Portals/0/Contents/Find-It-Fix-It-Fund-It.pdf>



American Healthy Housing Survey 2011

- 3.6 million homes with young children had LBP hazards.
 - Includes 1.1 million low income households.
- Low-income households had a higher prevalence (29%) than higher-income households (18%).
- Black households had higher prevalence (28%) than white households (20%).
- Households receiving government housing assistance had half as many hazards (12%) compared to unassisted housing (22%).
- Needs are greatest in low-income unassisted stock.

What to Do? Three-Point Plan

1. Find It

- **Identify all lead** hazards and their sources in our homes, yards, schools, and playgrounds, including
 - ✓ lead water pipes
 - ✓ lead paint and lead dust and soil hazards
- **Require lead-based paint risk assessments** in all HUD inspection protocols
- **Disclose results publicly** through GIS mapping
- **Incentivize finding and disclosing lead hazards in private sector housing.**

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2. Fix It: Take Both Immediate and Long-Range Actions

- **Develop, implement, and fund a new national plan** to eliminate lead poisoning.
- **Re-establish a cabinet level task force** to eliminate lead poisoning.
In the interim, re-establish the CDC National Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- **For homes with lead paint hazards**, implement immediate, proven measures to correct deteriorated paint and clean up lead dust and soil.
- **Conduct a long-term effort** to remove residential lead paint in existing housing.
- **Update all outdated lead regulations and enforce them.**

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Data:

- **Ensure that clinical laboratories report children's blood lead levels** to CDC and state and local health and housing authorities.
- **Require all Medicaid plans to reimburse** for lead poisoning home visits and risk assessments, and for collection and analysis of lead samples.
- **Expand the number of children tested.**
- **Conduct new research**

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2. Fix It:

Support initiatives led by other groups:

Stop U.S. paint companies from making, selling, or applying new lead paint and work to ban it worldwide.

Occupational Knowledge International <http://okinternational.org/>

Ensure proper corrosion control, water chemistry, and if needed, filtration. Begin a long-term program to **replace all lead drinking water pipes.**

Ensure that **children harmed by lead** receive special education and other needed interventions.

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3. Fund It

- **Immediately restore and expand funding** for CDC's lead program to at least \$35 million and HUD to at least \$230 million annually. Increase EPA funding for enforcement and training grants.
- **Identify and advocate for “full” funding** to find and eliminate all lead hazards.
- **Support other groups' efforts to:**
 - ✓ **Provide emergency funding to Flint** and other places with similar findings.
 - ✓ **Provide grants, tax credits, and incentives** to find and address lead hazards in low-income privately owned homes with children.
 - ✓ **Fully fund Head Start** and special education for any child with elevated blood lead levels.

How About 2014?

Will the houses you are building today last one hundred years?

NEW YORK CITY has over a score of frame houses built before 1800.

"Well built," you say. True, but well painted, too, and almost uniformly with

Dutch Boy White Lead

and Dutch Boy linseed oil. Such paint, tinted any color, is so fine that it sinks into every joint and wood pore. It is

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Tells how to mix materials for any surface or weather condition; how to choose best tint and best-bought colors; how to estimate quantity of paint and probable cost.

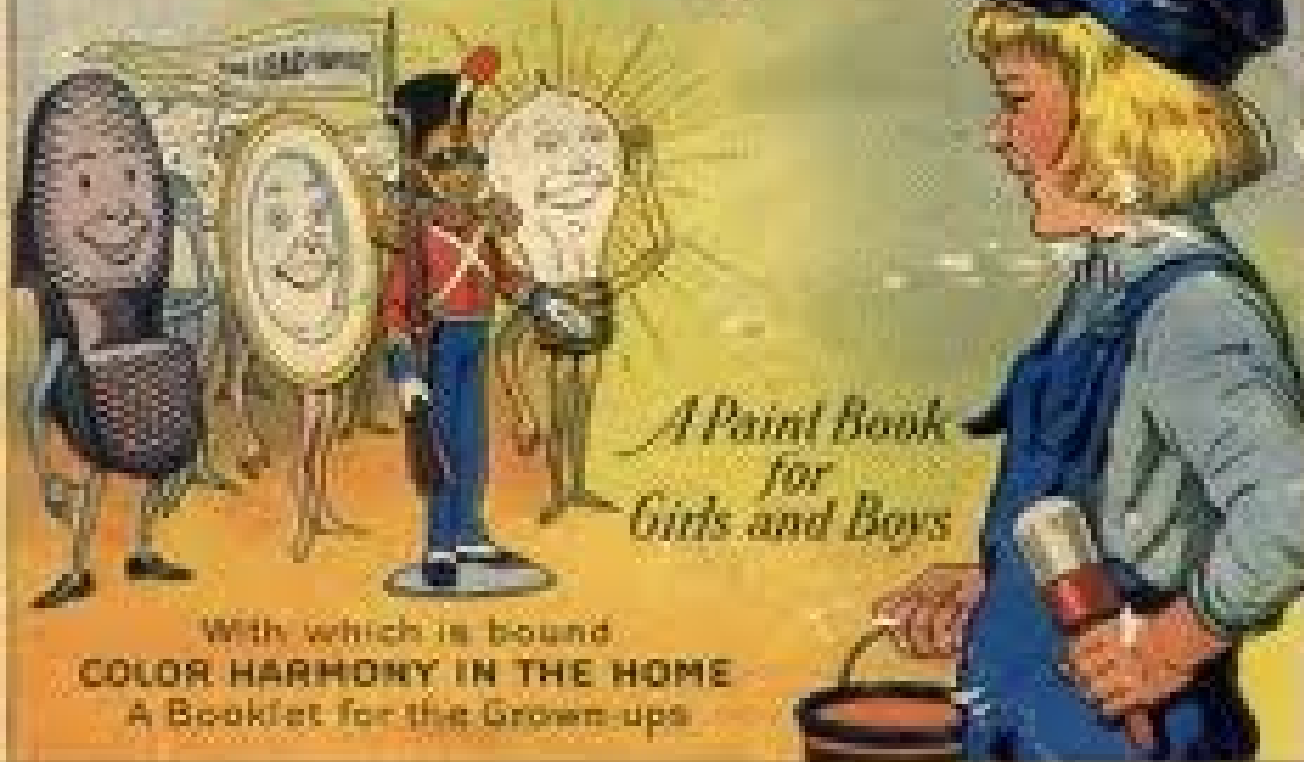
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