



# Five Things You Can Do

## **1. Encourage others to join the Coalition:**

your partners, associates, and colleagues who care about the CDC and HUD Lead Poisoning Prevention/Lead Hazard Control

<http://www.nchh.org/Policy/NationalSafeandHealthyHousingCoalition/Join.aspx>

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## 2. **Send us one-page stories of families impacted by the hazards in the home, including:**

- How health hazards affected the family.
- If they were provided assistance through any of the CDC/HUD programs (if so how effective was it?)
- Why continued funding for surveillance of impacted residents and remediation in homes is necessary to help families in your network.
- Include 1-2 pictures of the families, including any children affected or exposed to hazards.

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3. **Invite your member of Congress to visit your program or community during an upcoming recess** (in gray), when they will be in your home state or district:

July					August					September				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3 Independence Day (Federal Holiday)	3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	14	15 Sukkot begins (12/13)	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28	21	22 Yom Kippur begins	23 Yom Kippur Ends	24	25
27	28	29	30	31	31					28	29	30		
October					November					December				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
			1	2	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	7 Hanukkah begins (12/4)	8	9	10	11
12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20	14 Hanukkah ends	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	30					28	29	30	31	

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**4. Send a letter to the editor** to local publications on why Healthy Homes programs are crucially important to YOUR communities. Sample letters will be forthcoming!

## Tell Congress: No More Cuts to Lead Poisoning Prevention!

June 15, 2015 2:20:15 PM by Sawyer Mittelstaedt

"When my son was poisoned by lead, I had to act. But how?"

This was the question posed by Thomas Beller, a New Orleans resident and father whose story of lead poisoning was published yesterday in a [New York Times op-ed](#). Despite Beller's efforts to avoid his child's exposure to lead, his son was poisoned by remodeling on his neighbor's home. Through rapid intervention – received only because his son had routine blood lead screening at age one – his son has since reduced his blood lead levels. Yet like millions of other parents of lead-poisoned children, Thomas is left with the difficult question: What is my next step?

Millions of children living in urban areas of the United States are at a disproportionately higher risk of being lead poisoned. [An article in The Washington Post](#) last week identifies lead poisoning as one of the most ignored factors affecting the educational outcomes of poor children.

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5. Share creative methods of educating Congress about Healthy Homes programs with the Coalition.

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