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# National Center for HEALTHY HOUSING

*Better Housing. Better Health.*

The National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) is the preeminent national nonprofit dedicated to securing healthy homes for all. Since 1992, NCHH has served as a highly regarded and credible change agent, successfully integrating healthy housing advocacy, research, and capacity building under one roof to reduce health disparities nationwide. NCHH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation based in Columbia, Maryland.

NCHH (formerly the National Center for Lead-Safe Housing) was founded as a nonprofit organization in September 1992 to bring the public health, housing, and environmental communities together to combat our nation's epidemic of childhood lead poisoning. Over the last two decades, NCHH's mission has expanded to address a wider range of residential hazards, and more recently the Center has committed to the broader mission of putting systems and infrastructure in place to ensure that all people, today and for generations to come, live in housing that supports their health and well-being.

NCHH's staff includes housing, health, and environmental professionals with expertise in public health, biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, housing policy, healthcare financing, and industrial hygiene. For over 30 years, this dedicated staff has:

- Convened and led the healthy housing movement.
- Conducted practical research.
- Translated and disseminated credible science into useful tools and resources.
- Garnered broad cross-sectoral support for better housing.
- Advocated for and with populations that traditionally have been marginalized.

**In short, NCHH serves as the “think and do” tank for the healthy homes movement.**

NCHH was originally created by the Alliance for Healthy Homes and Enterprise Community Partners with funding from the Fannie Mae Foundation. NCHH's current funding is provided through foundations, contracts with various state and local agencies and partners, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Dr. David Jacobs is NCHH's Chief Scientist. He also serves as Director of the U.S. Collaborating Center for Research and Training on Housing Related Disease and Injury for the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization, an adjunct associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, and as a faculty associate at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He is one of the nation's foremost authorities on childhood lead poisoning prevention and is the former director of the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Amanda Reddy is NCHH's Executive Director. Since joining the organization in 2012, she has advanced numerous organizational initiatives, including those related to increasing healthcare financing of healthy homes services.

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