



Healthy Homes at CDC.




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Healthy homes programs at CDC are instrumental in equipping states, communities, decision makers, and the general public with the right data, evidence-based practices, funding, and information to improve health outcomes. The programs highlighted below collect and provide data critical to screening and prevention efforts; support states and communities that conduct surveillance, provide education, and coordinate services; and provide guidance for clinicians and other professionals. CDC's work also supports and complements other programs and departments across the federal government (e.g., HUD, EPA, HHS, DOE). For more information on why support for all federal healthy homes programming is critical, including within CDC's parent department of Health and Human Services, please see NCHH's other agency fact sheets.

<p>HEALTHY HOMES AND LEAD Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</p>	<p></p> <p>Collects screening data to target prevention in high-risk areas.</p> <p>Awards grants to states and cities for blood lead surveillance, education, coordination, and local program development.</p> <p>Provides guidance to clinicians and allied professions.</p>	<p></p> <p>Base funding of between \$15 and \$41 million (FY14-FY22).</p> <p>Near-elimination in FY12-FY13.</p> <p>Prior to 2012, its funding level was as high as \$42 million.</p> <p>48 states, 13 cities or counties, and 1 territory currently receive funding from this program.</p>	<p></p> <p>The percentage of children testing with high blood lead has declined over 90% since 1997, but 270,000 children still have levels above the CDC reference value.</p> <p>Keeping blood lead levels of children born in 2018 at zero would generate \$84 billion in benefits, including nearly \$18.5 billion for the federal government.</p>
<p>ASTHMA National Asthma Control Program</p>	<p>Funds states, localities, and others to improve asthma surveillance, build coalitions that implement interventions, translate asthma guidelines into public health practice, collect and analyze data not available elsewhere, and increase asthma awareness.</p>	<p>Funded at between \$25.3 and \$30.9 million since 2010.</p> <p>23 states, 1 city, and 1 territory currently receive funding from this program.</p>	<p>NACP provides an estimated return on investment of \$71 saved for each dollar spent, a significant opportunity as asthma costs the U.S. an estimated \$63 billion a year.</p>
<p>EPHT Environmental Public Health Tracking</p>	<p>Delivers a core set of health, exposure, and hazards data, information, and tools to enable analysis, visualization, and reporting of insights drawn from data.</p>	<p>Funded at about \$34 million since 2010.</p> <p>Supports environmental public health tracking programs in 25 states and one city.</p>	<p>Provides 23 datasets, 124 indicators, and 449 health measures for public use on data such as air quality, water, asthma, and birth defects.</p>
<p>EHL Environmental Health Laboratory</p>	<p>Helps states measure and track exposure to harmful chemicals, including those that may come from the home by providing funding, expertise, training, and quality assurance to state public health laboratories.</p>	<p>Funded at between \$43.4 and \$68.7 million (FY10-FY22).</p> <p>Currently funds 6 states a total of \$5 million annually.</p>	<p>Measures and publishes findings related to more than 300 priority environmental chemicals.</p> <p>Conducts or collaborates on more than 60-70 studies annually to help identify harmful or abnormally high exposures.</p>




Healthy Homes Issues at DOE.

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<p>WAP Weatherization Assistance Program</p>	<p>Provides grants to states to reduce energy costs, increase energy efficiency, and complete certain home health and safety measures within low-income households.</p>	<p>Funding has increased from \$210 million (FY10) to \$310 million (FY21).</p> <p>Supports 8,500 jobs and provides weatherization services to 35,000 homes per year.</p>	<p>For every \$1.00 invested, \$1.72 is generated in energy benefits and \$2.78 in non-energy benefits (such as avoided healthcare costs and increased productivity).</p> <p>Ten-year totals for health- and household-related (non-energy-related) benefits are \$14,148 per unit.</p>
<p>Energy Star® Home Performance with Energy Star</p>	<p>Incentive program that puts homeowners in contact with specialized contractors to assess and improve the energy expenditure, quality, and affordability of their homes.</p>	<p>Residential Buildings Integration (parent program of the three initiatives below) was funded at about \$40 million in FY21.</p> <p>As of 2017, there were 42 active program sponsors.</p>	<p>Saves homeowners up to 20% on utility bills.</p> <p>Over 850,000 projects have been completed (2019).</p>
<p>Partnerships and Research Building America</p>	<p>Research and development program that partners with building industry contractors and laboratories to provide proven, effective, and innovative energy-efficient solutions in new homes.</p>	<p>11 Building America partnership awards totaling \$8.5 million were announced in January 2019.</p>	<p>Estimated an average of \$14 in homeowner savings per every federal dollar spent.</p> <p>Has helped households save up to \$54 billion since 1995.</p>
<p>Best Practices Better Buildings® Initiative</p>	<p>Provides innovative solutions to building owners in both the private and public sectors to reduce energy waste and create better living and working environments through building quality improvement.</p>	<p>Financial allies have committed more than \$23 billion since the start of the program.</p> <p>In 2017 alone, more than 35 partners and allies joined the Better Buildings Challenge, committing \$650 million for efficiency projects.</p>	<p>From 2011-2019, awarded \$4.2 billion across 340 projects, reducing energy spending by \$8 billion.</p> <p>Provided over 2,800 solutions (proven energy and water strategies).</p>

Healthy Homes at EPA.

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<p>LEAD Lead Risk Reduction Program</p> <p>Lead Categorical Grants Program</p>	<p></p> <p>Updates and supports implementation of lead hazard standards.</p> <p>Requires lead-safe work practices and ensures paint hazards are abated safely.</p> <p>Ensures treatment of residential drinking water.</p> <p>Ensures disclosure of known lead during rent or sale.</p>	<p></p> <p>The Lead Risk Reduction Program has decreased from \$14.3 million to \$12.8 million (FY10-FY22).</p> <p>Grant funding totals \$14 million; includes grants to 39 states, DC, and Puerto Rico. Funding awarded based on state-specific lead burden and prevention programs.</p>	<p></p> <p>Almost 90,000 certified Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) firms (2017).</p> <p>Rigorous enforcement of the RRP rule would return \$3.10 for every dollar invested.</p>
<p>RADON Indoor Air: Radon</p> <p>Radon Categorical Grants Program</p>	<p>Promotes actions to reduce health risks from radon (National Radon Action Plan).</p> <p>Promotes radon-reducing features in new home and school construction and test/fix radon in existing homes.</p>	<p>Indoor Air: Radon funding has decreased from \$5.8 million to \$3.1 million (FY10-FY22).</p> <p>Radon Categorical Grants are annually funded around \$8 million; states are required to provide a 40% match to grant funds.</p>	<p>Reduced high radon levels in 1.1 million homes and included radon-resistant features in 1.9 million new homes.</p> <p>Increased partnerships between national, state, local, and private stakeholders.</p>
<p>IAQ Reduce Risk from Indoor Air</p>	<p>Educates and equips individuals and organizations to reduce health risks from poor indoor air quality, including radon, secondhand smoke, carbon monoxide exposure, and asthma triggers like mold, pests, and dust.</p>	<p>Funding has decreased from \$20.7 million to \$13.3 million (FY10-FY22).</p> <p>Since 2012, this office has awarded over \$9.3 million in 46 cooperative agreements.</p>	<p>Trained over 45,000 healthcare professionals to address environmental asthma management as part of comprehensive asthma care.</p> <p>Built capacity in 884 community-based programs to deliver environmental asthma interventions as of FY17.</p>
<p>CHILDREN Children and Other Sensitive Populations: Agency Coordination</p>	<p>Ensures that EPA programs protect children's environmental health by developing regulations, improving policy, implementing community-level programs, and collecting/interpreting data.</p>	<p>Funded at between \$6 and \$7 million since 2010.</p>	<p>Contributes to strategic plans, provides data and technical assistance to other programs, conducts outreach to healthcare providers, and leads interagency efforts.</p>




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Healthy Homes at HHS.




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<p>TITLE V Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Funded increased from \$634 million in FY14 to \$712.7 million in FY21.</p> <p>State/local recipients provide \$3 in matching funds for every \$4 in federal funds.</p>	<p>In 2019, 60 million mothers and children nationwide benefitted from Block-Grant supported services.</p>
<p>LIHEAP Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program</p>	<p>Provides assistance to low-income households with energy needs, such as heating in winter and home repair.</p>	<p>Funded at between \$3.4 and \$3.7 billion since 2012.</p>	<p>In FY17, 48 states provided an estimated \$374 million in assistance for weatherization or energy-related home repair.</p>
<p>HOME VISITING Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program</p>	<p>Provides home visits to low-income expectant parents and families of young children to set goals and measure outcomes in health, development, education, and other areas.</p>	<p>Funded at about \$400 million since 2013, supporting grants in all 50 states, territories, and tribal organizations.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>CHIP Children's Health Insurance Program</p>	<p>Provides health insurance coverage to low-income children.</p>	<p>Through the Health Services Initiative, states can use up to 10% of expenditures for non-traditional services, including lead prevention and abatement in paint, water, and soil.</p>	<p>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.</p>

Healthy Homes at HUD.




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The programs highlighted below include only some of HUD’s mechanisms for providing safe and affordable housing. **Many of HUD’s other programs, including public and tribal housing, housing choice vouchers, project-based Section 8, and multifamily assisted housing, also spend funds on lead hazard identification and control.** Further, HUD’s work also supports and complements other programs and departments across the federal government (e.g., CDC, EPA, HHS, USDA, DOE). For more information on why support for all federal healthy homes programming is critical, please **see NCHH’s other agency fact sheets.**

			
<p>OLHCHH Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes</p>	<p>Supports state and local programs to reduce lead hazards from paint, dust, and soil in homes.</p> <p>Enforces the Lead Safe Housing Rule and other regulations, together with program offices.</p> <p>Ensures disclosure of known lead during rent or sale.</p>	<p>FY22 funding was \$415 million, the highest appropriation for this office to date.</p>	<p>HUD estimates that 265,000 more children would have been lead poisoned in 2010 without OLHCHH actions to control hazards in homes.</p> <p>Removing lead paint hazards from older housing provides a \$1.39 return for every \$1 invested.</p>
<p>CDBG Community Development Block Grants</p>	<p>Many states and localities use these funds to provide match funding for HUD lead and healthy homes grants and for making affordable homes lead-safe when rehabilitating them.</p>	<p>FY22 funding was \$3.3 billion.</p>	<p>FY19 grants funded rehabilitation, construction, or modernization to over 63,000 households, including over 4,000 lead hazard control activities, 1,300 energy efficiency improvements, and 9,400 individual lead screenings.</p>
<p>HOME HOME Investment Partnership Program</p>	<p>HOME grants to state and localities are used for building, buying, and rehabilitating affordable housing.</p>	<p>FY22 funding was \$1.5 billion, representing the highest appropriation for this program since 2011.</p>	<p>HOME funds have rehabilitated over 560,000 units and built another 340,000.</p>

Healthy Homes across Agencies.

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<p>USDA WIC Program</p>	 <p>Provides services including health screening, nutrition, breastfeeding, and counseling to low-income women, infants, and children. Screens and refers participants for other health services, including child lead screening.</p>	 <p>Funded between \$6.4 (FY08) and \$6 billion (FY21). Available in all 50 states, 34 tribal organizations, all 5 major U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.</p>	 <p>WIC services delivered within the first 60 days after birth result in healthcare savings of \$1.77 to \$3.13 for every dollar spent. Reached 6.6 million low-income women, infants, and children per month in 2020.</p>
<p>USDA Rural Housing Service</p>	<p>Lends directly to low-to-moderate-income single-family and multifamily residents to build, buy, or rent safe, affordable housing in rural areas. Also funds community facility programs that prioritize healthcare and education.</p>	<p>Funding increased from \$15 billion (FY10) to \$30.7 billion (FY21). Works with partners to leverage funding from other sources such as private lenders, nonprofit organizations, and state and local agencies.</p>	<p>In 2018, for every USDA dollar invested, approximately \$4 was invested by public and private partners.</p>
<p>HHS Head Start</p>	<p>Delivers services to support the comprehensive health and development of children up to age five. Provides opportunities for home visits and early intervention for children exposed to lead.</p>	<p>Funding increased from \$6.9 billion (FY08) to \$10.7 billion (FY21).</p>	<p>Provides services to over a million children every year, in every U.S. state and territory. In 2019, approximately 69,000 Head Start families received housing assistance, such as subsidies, utilities, and repairs.</p>
<p>HUD/VA Veteran's Housing (VASH Program)</p>	<p>Provides housing vouchers and supportive services, such as healthcare, to veterans and their families experiencing homelessness to obtain permanent housing in privately owned units.</p>	<p>Funding decreased from \$75 million (FY09) to \$40 million (FY21).</p>	<p>At the end of FY19, there were 83,684 veterans using a HUD-VASH voucher. Since 2008, the HUD-VASH program has awarded more than 93,000 vouchers and served approximately 150,000 homeless veterans.</p>