

ALABAMA

2018 Healthy Housing Fact Sheet

Unhealthy conditions found in hazardous housing can lead to lead poisoning, asthma, respiratory illness, cancer, and unintentional injuries, resulting in missed school days and poor school performance for children, as well as missed work days for parents. To protect the health of Alabama's families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services:

	AL received funding since 2016?
CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	NO
CDC's National Asthma Control Program	NO
CDC's Environmental Health Tracking Network	NO
HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes	NO
HUD's Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	YES
HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program	YES
EPA's Lead Categorical Grants	YES
EPA's Radon Categorical Grants	YES
EPA's Drinking Water Revolving Fund	YES
HHS' Maternal and Child Health Block Grants	YES
HHS' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	YES
DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program	YES

Full funding to federal programs such as these will help to address many of the risks and burdens facing the residents and families of Alabama, including:



In Alabama, **27% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 25% of children live in poverty.



In 2016, **687 Alabama children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **91 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more.**



46% of Alabama housing was built prior to 1978 and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



On average, **11 Alabamans die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2011-2015).



177 Alabamans aged 65 years and over died from unintentional falls in 2016.



Approximately **10% of adults** (2015) and **13% of children** (2014) in Alabama have **current asthma.**



Homes located in **15 counties throughout northern and central Alabama** have a predicted average indoor screening level **greater than the EPA action level for radon.**



There are **no laws in Alabama regulating building mold standards, testing requirements, or contractor accreditation/certification** for contractors performing **mold testing or remediation activities.**