

National Center for HEALTHY HOUSING

Tailored, Flexible, Responsive: Technical Assistance (TA) NCHH's Way

The National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) has provided innovative, reliable, responsive support to the NYSDOH Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program (recently renamed to CLPPP+) since 2007. In this role, NCHH has worked in concert with NYSDOH and the CLPPP+ grantees to amass knowledge of field operations, evaluate programmatic process and outcome data, thoughtfully assess and evaluate county-level practices and policies, strategically target technical assistance efforts, design quality improvement activities, and shape next steps. This program-level support has traditionally taken the form of data evaluation and management, program improvement activities, training webinars, peer-to-peer sharing opportunities, site visits, and technical assistance on priority topic areas. Further, NCHH offers tailored technical assistance directly to individual CLPPP+ grantees as needed. A sampling of the ways NCHH can support local efforts is included below, and other activities to meet your unique needs are also available. Contact Laura Fudala at lfudala@nchh.org to learn more.



Programmatic Guidance and Support

NCHH can provide assistance on most programmatic and policy issues facing CLPPP+ grantees. Historically, these issues have included increasing compliance rates, decreasing compliance time frames, addressing case/inspection backlogs, advising on staffing structure, assuring a community value for lead-safe housing, securing political will, and conducting cost-benefit analyses.



Data/Evaluation Guidance and Support

NCHH can work with individual grantees to develop and analyze local data in response to program-specific needs. This support might be used to advance internal program priorities and identify opportunities for improvements, or it might be used to develop visually engaging and concise data-driven materials valuable in supporting leadership and public engagement efforts at all levels.



Strategic Planning Facilitation

NCHH can provide CLPPP+ grantees with strategic planning facilitation to engage multiple stakeholders in developing community-wide and shared strategic priorities to address childhood lead poisoning more comprehensively and proactively from health, housing and community-based perspectives.



Telling Your Story

Preventing childhood lead poisoning includes developing a compelling and consistent way of "making your case" to a range of stakeholders. Doing so results in stronger relationships, promoting your value, highlighting successes, presenting opportunities, and ultimately increasing your impact. NCHH can work with CLPPP+ grantees to develop materials that "make their case" and support grantee involvement in related capacity-building offerings.



Grant Proposal Application Support

NCHH specifically offers flexible technical assistance to grantees looking to prepare for, compete for, partner on, and/or implement a local HUD Lead Hazard Control program. Support can begin before the funding notice is released to build capacity, develop a grant strategy, and establish partnerships; it can also extend post-award to support implementation. NCHH support for a variety of other grant opportunities is also available.



Coalition Development

Local coalitions (e.g., task forces, advisory committees, formal coalitions, etc.) are critical to leveraging community-wide resources, political leadership, and sustainability in the prevention of childhood lead exposure. NCHH can assist CLPPP+ grantees in identifying key stakeholders, completing a local inventory of programs/policies, developing meeting materials, and facilitating discussions to support coalition efforts at all levels.



Policy and Systems Change

There are many ways local policies can be used as a lever to motivate and implement positive change, and every community's needs, ground-level realities, and potential solutions will be unique. From strategizing approaches to reviewing and drafting ordinance language to acting as a bridge with codes departments and other stakeholders to supporting implementation efforts and more, NCHH can help CLPPP+ grantees achieve cross-sector partnerships and put sustainable, systems-level policies and programs in place.