

# Arizona's Healthy Homes Initiative

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# CDC's Healthy Homes Initiative

- A healthy home is designed, built, and maintained to support health.
- CDC's Healthy Homes Program is a ***coordinated, comprehensive, and holistic*** approach to preventing diseases and injuries that result from housing-related hazards and deficiencies.
- Healthy Homes priorities focus on
  - Indoor air quality, Drinking water safety, Pest management, Injury prevention

# HUD's Healthy Homes Initiative

- In 1999, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launched its Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI) to protect children and their families from housing-related health and safety hazards.
- HHI builds upon HUD's successful Lead Hazard Control programs to expand its efforts to address environmental health and safety concerns

# Federal HHI Priorities

Mold	Lead	Allergens
Asthma	Carbon Monoxide	Home Safety
Pesticides	Radon	Indoor Air Quality
Drinking Water Safety	Pest Management	Injury Prevention

# Seven Principles of a Healthy Home

- Keep it:
  - Dry
  - Clean
  - Pest-Free
  - Safe
  - Contaminate-Free
  - Ventilated
  - Maintained

# ADHS' Healthy Homes Initiative

- **Educate** the public and health-care providers
- **Reduce** housing related health concerns
- **Increase** the number of healthy homes
- **Connect** environmental health and housing agencies throughout the state so they can provide sustainable and effective services

# Arizona's HHI Priorities

- Childhood Lead Poisoning
  - Lead based paint
  - Behavioral exposure (pottery, medicine & imports)
- Asthma
  - Environmental asthma triggers (dust, pests, mold & indoor cigarette smoke)
- Extreme Heat Effects
  - Focus on vulnerable populations
- Injury prevention
  - Pool & water safety
  - Fall Prevention

# Arizona's HHI Partnerships

- AZHHP is currently partnering with:
  - Cities of Phoenix & Tucson Lead Hazard Control Programs
  - Maricopa County Asthma Coalition
  - Injury Prevention Advisory Council
  - Arizona Falls Coalition
- Future opportunities for collaboration may include:
  - Non-profit organizations
  - Retail establishments
  - Housing agencies
  - Weatherization companies

# Health Start Partnership

- Perform a Community Needs Assessment (CNA) to identify housing related health hazards
  - Identify primary prevention strategies
  - Create Home Assessment Tool questions
  - Determine relevant partnerships
    - Asset mapping project to create a Healthy Homes resource manual

# Quality Improvement Project

- Funding through ASTHO
- Multiple state-wide home assessments
  - Developed in silos; Repeat questions; Missed opportunities for referrals
- Integrate Environmental Health & Chronic Disease assessment and referral components into two state-funded home visiting programs: Health Start & the High Risk Perinatal Program

# Arizona's HHI Next Steps

- **Analyze** results from CNA
- **Integrate** Healthy Homes questions into home assessment tools
- **Perform** an asset mapping project
- **Produce** Healthy Homes Resource Manual
- **Apply** for alternative sources of funding!