

Conference Objective

Sessions will focus primarily on exposure to lead and home hazards that may cause short- and long-term health effects.

This conference will cover the federal Healthy Homes Initiative making the connection between housing and health, addressing lead safe work practices, and assisting in identifying home health hazards and offering solutions to housing concerns through referrals and affordable interventions to improve housing quality and reduce substandard housing in Illinois communities through partnerships.

Map of Conference Location

Free parking in parking garage across the street, south of the Dove Conference Center located at 619 E. Mason St., Springfield, IL.



Target Audience

This conference is held to assist community leaders, environmental professionals, renovation contractors, energy and weatherization professionals, home owners, and housing property managers in identifying home health risks and improving maintenance and remodeling practices while maintaining a healthy home environment for occupants.

Conference Sponsors

This workshop is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Public Health's Lead Program, the Illinois Public Health Association, St. John's Children's Hospital, and Kohl's Department Stores.

Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois Lead Program
525 W. Jefferson St., Third floor
Springfield, IL 62761



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Illinois Department of Public Health

2011 Lead Poisoning Prevention Conference

"The Home Environment -
Influencing Your Family's Health"

Thursday
October 27, 2011
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Dove Conference Center
Prairie Heart Institute of
St. John's Hospital
619 E. Mason St., Springfield, IL

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Conference Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast, Networking and Exhibits

Join us for an opportunity to network with your counterparts, visit conference exhibits, and enjoy a light breakfast prior to the conference.

9 a.m. Welcome
Rich Cowgill
Conference Moderator

9 a.m. Opening Remarks
Damon T. Arnold, M.D., M.P.H.
Director, Illinois Department of Public Health

9:15 a.m. "Landscape of Healthy Housing Today in the United States"
Amy McLean Salls, Ph.D.
National Center for Healthy Housing
This session will explain the federal initiative to decrease substandard housing in Illinois communities and the seven principles of healthy homes.

9:45 a.m. "HUD Healthy Homes: Working to Reduce Substandard Housing"
Paul Diegelman, M.Ed., B.A.
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
The impact of substandard housing on the health of our nation is great. This presentation will discuss the impact in Illinois, and how the federal government is working to address the problem.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. "Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule Overview and Enforcement"
Julie Morris, Ph.D.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
This session will examine the federal Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule and the process of conducting lead safe practices during renovation activities.

11 p.m. "Resources for Interventions"
Lynne Page Snyder, Ph.D., M.P.H.
U.S. Department of Energy
This session will discuss various methods of mitigating hazards and improving housing standards through weatherization programs, federal initiatives, and local funding sources.

11:45 p.m. Lunch, Networking and Exhibits

12:30 p.m. "Home Health Hazards: Understanding and Addressing the Risks for Children"
Catherine Karr, M.D., Ph.D., M.S.
University of Washington
This session will review the key home environmental exposures that pose risks to child health, explore strategies and resources for identifying and communicating these risks with families and discuss the role of the medical community in treatment and prevention.

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. "Effective Code Enforcement Program"
Linda Pieczynski, Esquire
This session will review using the proper code, basic procedures in obtaining compliance, conducting rental inspections, and addressing major concerns for inspectors including right of entry and identifying the responsible party.

3:15 p.m. Closing Remarks

Meet the Speakers

Amy McLean Salls, Ph.D., serves as director of training and community-based initiatives for the National Center for Healthy Housing. She has extensive experience in statewide housing and environmental health programs as well as advocating for policy and legislative changes in both lead poisoning prevention and healthy housing.

Paul Diegelman, M.Ed., B.A. is a Healthy Homes representative for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control. Before coming to work at HUD, he served as director of the Housing Authority of the city of Pittsburgh's Prevention of Residential Environmental Hazards Program. Diegelman also worked as chair of the Lead-Safe Pittsburgh Coalition, a nationally recognized lead prevention coalition.

Julie Morris, M.P.H., serves as a team leader in the Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section within the Land and Chemicals Division at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 5. Morris is responsible for the team that addresses lead-based paint rule enforcement in Region 5 states under Section 1018 and the new Renovation, Repair and Painting rule.

Lynne Page Snyder, Ph.D., M.P.H., is a consultant to the Healthy Homes Initiative of the National Association for State Community Services. She is part of a team developing and implementing the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Plus Health project.

Catherine Karr, M.D., Ph.D., M.S., is an associate professor at the University of Washington in the Department of Pediatrics and Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences. She has built an academic career as a pediatric environmental health specialist.

Linda Pieczynski, is an attorney-at-law whose practice has a special emphasis on municipal prosecution in the areas of zoning, property maintenance and building code violations, traffic and quasi-criminal offenses, and juvenile law. She conducts municipal training and provides consulting in the areas of code enforcement, community policing, law enforcement and fire prevention and is the author of numerous publications.

Registration form

This is a FREE conference. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. Free continental breakfast and lunch is included.

To register online, visit the Illinois Public Health Association's website at www.ipha.com. For questions regarding online registration, please contact Kristen Ball at 217-522-5687 or kball@ipha.com.

If you are unable to register online, you may complete and send this registration form to:

Eleanor Davis
Illinois Lead Program
525 W. Jefferson St., Third Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

or fax to 217-557-1188

Name _____

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Address _____

City _____

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Daytime Phone _____

E-mail _____

Fax _____

If you require specialized accommodations, please indicate below and someone from the Illinois Lead Program will call to discuss how we may assist you.

Yes I request a vegetarian meal

Cancellation Policy

As a professional courtesy, please give 48 hours notice if you cannot attend. This is necessary for catering purposes and to allow others to attend.