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***** Save the Date *****
Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program Semi-Annual Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018

Healthy Homes Initiative

The Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program convened a half day session at the DPH State Lab in March 2017 to discuss the Healthy Homes Initiative’s strategic plan.

In April 2017, with the assistance of a consultant, Health Resources in Action (HRiA), DPH convened an all day session with the objective of updating the Healthy Homes Initiative’s strategic plan goals and objectives. HRiA staff facilitated a rapid planning session which divided attendees into groups. Attendees were then asked to brainstorm ideas on each topic with HRiA staff.

HRiA drafted a strategic plan with information obtained from each group. After several conference calls, the strategic plan was finalized. The strategic plan will be emailed to all Healthy Homes Initiative members shortly.

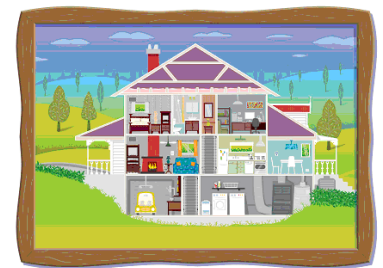
DPH has scheduled a meeting to launch the 2018 Healthy Homes Initiative Strategic Plan on:

January 23, 2018

1:00 pm to 3:30

Meriden Public Library

(located at 105 Miller Street in Meriden)



A save the date meeting request has been emailed to all partners. If you’d like more information, please contact Kimberly Ploszaj at kimberly.ploszaj@ct.gov or (860) 509-7959.

Prevention Funding Cuts

Primary Prevention Funding has been eliminated from the fiscal year 2018 budget. Let’s hope it returns in 2019!! We encourage local health departments/districts to consider using Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant funding for lead and healthy homes prevention related activities.

Radon Program Updates

Staff Changes:

- Princess Fletcher-Watson, Epidemiologist 1, left the Radon Program on August 14, 2017 to accept position out of state.
- Christine Hahn, Epidemiologist 2, joined the Radon Program on October 1, 2017 to assist with our State Indoor Radon Grant requirements.

Local Health Department/District Partnerships:

The Radon Program is excited to have the following local health departments and districts working on radon projects this winter using our educational materials, promotional items, and test kits from the CT DPH Laboratory:

Chatham	Darien	Naugatuck Valley	Stamford
Chesprocott	Eastern Highlands	New Haven	Trumbull
Cromwell	Farmington Valley	New Milford	Westbrook
CT River Area	Middletown	Pomperaug	West Hartford Bloomfield
Danbury	Monroe	Redding	Westport Weston

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition - SHIP

The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition, a sub-work group of the Environmental Health Work Group, meets to bring together partners who participate in the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). The 2018 meetings are as follows:

Conference Calls

1/9/18 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
7/10/18 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Meetings

4/11/18 9:00 am to 10:30 am
10/10/18 9:00 am to 10:30 am

** If you are interested in joining, please contact Kimberly Ploszaj at (860) 509-7959. **

Training Providers

Tina McCarthy will be hosting a webinar on November 30, 2017 for DPH Licensed Lead Training Providers, as part of an EPA grant requirement. The webinar will include information on:

- best practices for staying compliant as a training provider
- new technologies, such as the new Heuresis XRF machine
- reminders relating to differences in lead abatement supervisor and lead abatement worker credentials

Non-Environmental Hazards

During the last year, we saw many “alternative” samples submitted to the DPH State Lab that were considered to be potential source of lead exposure. Below is a collage of some of the unique samples.



clay pot - used to prepare rice and beans (cooking over several hours)

eye surma



metal bowl - used to prepare child's food



gold plate necklace from India



metal bowl from India - used to cook and serve child's food



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