

Mission Statement: Improve children's health and wellbeing by eliminating harmful housing conditions.

Vision Statement: All children will grow up in healthy homes free of environmental hazards, accomplished through policy impact, advocacy, outreach and education, direct services, and continuous collaboration.

Core Services (see back side for eligibility criteria)

Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids

A direct service program where trained Healthy Housing Specialists provide preventive in-home visits for low-income families with children 0-5 years of age or children with asthma. The Healthy Housing Specialists work one-on-one with families to identify and address environmental health hazards. Steps include visual assessment, hands-on education, referral for services, case management, and limited provision of supplies/repairs. Issues include lead poisoning, asthma, accidental injury (trips/falls, burns/scalds, poisoning, suffocation, etc.), and lung cancer.

Breathe Easier Asthma Program

Modeled after the *Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids* program, this project targets households with children with poorly managed asthma resulting in repeat emergency department visits or hospital admissions. All interventions are based upon the finding of an initial home assessment. This project includes provision of consumer goods and home repairs to address asthma triggers (carpet removal, fix leaks and control moisture, pest management, ventilation, and more).

Fire Safety Program with Free Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Detector Installation

The Healthy Homes Coalition provides one-on-one in-home education on fire safety coupled with FREE smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detector installations.

Radon Testing

The Healthy Homes Coalition sells do-it-yourself radon kits. Radon is a naturally occurring gas and is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Get the Lead Out!

Healthy Homes Coalition assists families in the application process for the City of Grand Rapids' lead hazard control program. Families that are approved for the program receive assistance to repair all lead hazards in the home.

Outreach and Education

The Healthy Homes Coalition connects with community partners to host and participate in local outreach events and teach classes. Classes include parent education, community awareness and training for professionals and are designed by contract. Healthy Homes is a proud partner of the national Healthy Homes Training Center and Network.

Advocacy and Policy Change

The Healthy Homes Coalition partners with advocates to promote policies that protect children's health in the home. Healthy Homes advocates at the local, state, and national level. Past successes include numerous state bills, securing a State appropriation for lead hazard control, sustaining and increasing federal funding allocations, and adoption of a single-family rental housing ordinance in the City of Grand Rapids.

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