

Healthy Homes

Coalition of West Michigan

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

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Core Services

Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids

A direct service program that utilizes community health educators to provide in-home visits to low-income families with young children. Community health educators work one-on-one with families to help identify and address environmental health hazards for up to a year. Healthy Homes educates families about hazards found and creates an action plan to assist in mitigation efforts. Activities are tailored based on the family's needs and may include: visual home assessments, dust wipe sampling for lead, installation of smoke alarms or a carbon monoxide detector, radon testing, teaching lead-specific cleaning methods, and more.

Qualifications: Family must live in pre-1978 home within GR metro area, child under 6 in home at least 20 hours/wk, low to moderate income

Radon Testing

Healthy Homes Coalition provides radon test kits to the community. Radon is a naturally occurring gas and is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer. In fact, the EPA estimates that radon causes more deaths each year than drunk driving accidents. Any home is susceptible for high levels of radon; the only way to know is to test.

Qualifications: Participant in the Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids program or pay \$5 for test kit. January all test kits are free to the public.

Integrated Pest Management

Integrated pest management uses an environmentally and family-friendly approach to eliminate roaches and rodents from homes without using toxic bombs or sprays. Healthy Homes works with families for up to six months and teaches them simple life-style changes to prevent pests from coming back.

Qualifications: Family must have child with asthma in home, low-to- moderate income, and live in GR metro area.

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 remediate all lead hazards in the home.

Qualifications: Family resides in city of Grand Rapids, child under 6, and low to moderate income.

Outreach and Education

Healthy Homes connects with community partners to host and participate in local events and teach classes.

Advocacy and Policy change

Healthy Homes Coalition advocates for policies that protect children's health in the home at a local, state, and national level.

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