

Grant to help with lead abatement

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In April of 2018, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a request for proposals for community organizations to provide residential lead hazard control services to Medicaid-enrolled children. At that time, Community Action Agency (CAA) called a meeting of community partners including the Lenawee County Health Department, the city of Adrian, Habitat for Humanity, Housing Help of Lenawee, Head Start and MDHHS to collaborate ideas to help submit the best proposal to secure the grant funding in Lenawee County. That collaboration of partners, many of which are members of the Lenawee County Housing Continuum of Care, was successful.

Community Action Agency has been awarded a grant through the Healthy Homes Section and the Medicaid CHIP Community Development Lead Hazard Control Program. The Lead Abatement Control Program has been trained to take all necessary precautions to make homes in Lenawee County safer for children and expecting



moms. Lead in the home is unseen and causes serious health risks to those exposed. Contact with lead can happen through paint, soil and faucets in the home. Lead can enter the body by swallowing paint chips or breathing in lead dust. Lead from paint chips and lead dust, which you may not see, are both unsafe.

In Lenawee County,

10% of children under the age of 6 who were tested had high lead levels from contact with lead. Adrian is one of eight targeted communities in Michigan that have the highest lead level rates among children in Michigan. These numbers are partly due to over 50% of the housing in Lenawee County being built earlier than 1978 before lead paint was banned. Lead in soil from exterior paint or other sources where children play outdoors can be carried into the house on their shoes or through pets. The Lead Abatement Control Program will encapsulate and replace surfaces and

replace plumbing fixtures that contain lead.

Lead levels in children may limit their ability to learn. Children with high lead levels suffer in the following areas: fine motor skills, delays in speaking and poor attention, and they may not do well in school. Families with children who have high levels of lead are directed to Community Action Agency and CHIP through our community partners. These partners make this program possible. Lenawee County Health Department, MDHHS,

Lenawee Intermediate School District and Head Start make referrals to complete lead testing.

To be eligible for the program you must be enrolled in Medicaid, be an expectant mother, or have children under the age of 19 years old living in the home. The home must be located in Lenawee County and may be a rental or owned. Priority is placed with children age 6 and younger with blood lead levels of 5 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood or higher. The Lead Abatement

Control Program is fully funded and at no cost for those who qualify.

For more information or to apply, contact Natalie Estrada Loop at Community Action Agency 517-263-7861.

For more information or to become involved in the Lenawee County Continuum of Care contact chairwoman Elizabeth Salerno at Housing Help of Lenawee, esalerno@h2lenawee.org, or vice-chairman Clint Brugger at Community Action Agency, cbrugger@caajlh.org.

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