

**Michigan Department of Community Health  
Lead Hazard Remediation Program  
Legislative Report**

Reporting Period: October 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001

Report Addressing: Section 908 of PA 336

**I. Lead Hazard Remediation Program Fiscal Year 2001 First and Second Quarter Achievements to Date**

Activity	This Period	To Date
HUD grant housing units inspected	73	958*
HUD grant housing units abated or in progress	19	429*
CMI applications received	56	113*
CMI-funded housing units abated or in progress	29	63*
Children residing in lead-safe homes	72	434*
Public presentations	17	17
Enforcement of Lead Abatement Act of 1998 — Cases	2	5

\* Since lead hazard control activities began

Accredited Lead Training Course Programs	This Period	To Date
Lead Inspector Training Programs	0	4
Risk Assessor Training Programs	0	4
Abatement Supervisor Training Programs	2	12
Abatement Worker Training Programs	2	9
<b>Certified Lead Professionals</b>		
Lead Inspector	138	245
Risk Assessor	130	237
Abatement Supervisor	102	296
Abatement Worker	10	64
Abatement Contractor Companies	43	124

In mid October 2000, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that Michigan is one of this year's grant recipients with an award of \$3 million. The Lead Hazard Remediation Program (LHRP) expects to make at least 265 units in high-risk target neighborhoods lead-safe over the next 2 ½ years with these funds utilizing 8 local health agencies. The Program is also collaborating with community-based organizations in Saginaw, Detroit, and Paw Paw—First Ward Community Service, Childhood Lead Education and Reduction Corps., and United Parents Against Lead of Michigan, respectively. On January 1, 2001, LHRP began its contract with HUD and has already begun to make 19 homes lead-safe for children.

The Lead Hazard Remediation Program has received 113 applications from the public for Clean Michigan Initiative-funded Lead-Safe Home work. Sixty-three homes have been accepted and are in process or completed. These homes are located within the following counties: Calhoun, Genesee, Ingham, Kent, Muskegon, Oakland, Saginaw, St. Clair, Monroe, and Wayne. Applications continue to be received from additional counties. One of the basic requirements for applying for the Lead-Safe Home program using these state bond funds is that a lead poisoned child must reside in the home; there are no household income limitations. Your constituents can obtain an application kit by calling the Program toll-free at 1-866-691-LEAD. The Program is in the process of developing a new brochure to highlight our Lead-Safe Home program. It will be available for marketing and distribution from LHRP by the end of May.

The Lead Hazard Remediation Program continues to aid local health departments statewide in the form of technical and administrative assistance, and lead detection equipment. Staff are increasingly working with rural departments as they gain interest in lead-related issues. LHRP is also a member of a lead committee in Detroit that meets on a regular basis to address lead issues within the City.

Preliminary Department statistics indicate that blood lead levels in Michigan's young children have been on the decline over the past several years. This may be premature in determining a long-term trend; however, LHRP believes that our education, outreach, and lead hazard control activities have contributed to this decline. Efforts need to be stepped up to ensure that we continue to effectively attack this environmental disease with prevention strategies in all segments and communities of our state.

Several enforcement actions have been handled by the Lead Hazard Remediation Program during the past six months. One violation was written for a lead professional participating in an abatement project with delinquent fees.

Considerable interest in lead issues has been generated by state and community housing development directors as a direct result of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations 24 CFR Part 35, *Requirements for Notification, Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Federally Owned Residential Property and Housing Receiving Federal Assistance; Final Rule*. These regulations became effective in September 2000. The LHRP staff have spent a significant amount of time educating these stakeholders about Part 35's complex requirements; Michigan's Lead Abatement Act requirements; and lead professional training. Stakeholders have or are gearing up to comply with Part 35;

the evidence is indicated in our totals for certified lead professionals on page 1 of this report.

In March, LHRP sponsored a lead abatement contractors' workshop. This well-attended workshop was conducted to ensure that contractors become aware of the Lead Abatement Act certification requirements and work practice standards; program policies; and funding opportunities.

LHRP maintains lead information on our website at [www.mdch.state.mi.us/dch/lead](http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/dch/lead). The Program recently established a direct toll-free number — 1.866.691.LEAD.

## II. Lead Hazard Remediation Program Elements

The Lead Hazard Remediation Program provides four primary functions that address the reduction of lead-based paint poisoning throughout the State of Michigan. They include the 1) administration of the new HUD Lead Hazard Control funds to abate lead-based paint hazards in 8 high risk counties; Clean Michigan Initiative bond funds are currently being used by the program to make an estimated 300 homes throughout the State lead-safe for young children over the next two years; 2) public and professional education efforts; 3) the certification of lead inspectors, risk assessors, abatement workers, supervisors, abatement contractors and the accreditation of training providers; and 4) the enforcement of lead professional and training activities per the Lead Abatement Act of 1998.

## III. Fiscal Year 2001 First and Second Quarter Year-To-Date Expenditures

<b>C</b>	<b>Administrative:</b>	
	<b>Certification and Enforcement</b>	<b>\$172,831</b>
	<b>Abatement</b>	<b>\$42,847</b>
•	<b>Laboratory Services</b>	<b>\$64,892</b>
•	<b>Contracts:</b>	<b>\$505,645</b>
	<b>State &amp; Local Site Management</b>	
	<b>Abatement Contractors</b>	
•	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$786,215</b>

**IV. Fiscal Year 2001 Funding Allocations Available**

<b>C</b>	<b>Clean Michigan Initiative</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>HUD</b>	<b>\$916,241</b>
<b>•</b>	<b>EPA</b>	<b>\$409,379</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Program Revenue</b>	<b>\$204,406</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,530,026</b>

Program fees and penalties acquired to date amount to \$204,406. These funds will be used to support enforcement and compliance functions.