



## Housing Committee Update

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**2024 NEW JERSEY  
CONVENING ON  
HEALTHY HOMES &  
LEAD POISONING  
PREVENTION**

**JUNE 27, 2024**

**8:00AM – 3:30PM**

AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT  
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
765 NEWMAN SPRINGS ROAD,  
LINCROFT, NJ 07738



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<https://www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/new-jersey-convening-on-healthy-homes-lead-poisoning-prevention/>

**This one-day event will convene individuals in the state of New Jersey dedicated to preventing lead poisoning and improving housing health, efficiency, affordability, and stability for families. Convening sessions are designed to advance awareness of emerging practices statewide in lead poisoning prevention and healthy housing programs, including the use of funding resources for intervention services, innovative partnerships supporting integrated housing and lead poisoning prevention programs, and equity-driven practices that reduce the burdens of unhealthy housing conditions.**

**Topics we covered:**

- **Ending Lead Poisoning: Call to Action**
- **Lead Screening, Community Engagement, and Education**
- **Indoor Air Quality Improvements for Asthma Control**
- **Braiding Funding Resources to Support Holistic Approach to Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Housing**
- **Workforce Capacity Building for Program Implementation**
- **Asthma Program Partnerships**
- **2024 New Jersey Convening on Healthy Homes & Lead Poisoning Prevention Recording**

**2024 New Jersey Convening on Healthy Homes & Lead Poisoning Prevention**

**NJ LEAD POISONING PREVENTION  
TOOLKIT**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**



## Commissioners Call for Cross-Departmental Collaboration, Information Transparency, and Systems Shift to Address Lead Poisoning in New Jersey

[Cassie Bolinger](#), Lead-Free NJ Program Coordinator

July 3, 2024



*Pictured from left to right: Shawn LaTourette, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Jacquelyn Suárez, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJCA), Dr. Kaitlin Baston, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH)*

"I want this interdepartmental collaboration that we're showing you here to be something that people hold in their minds," remarked Dr. Kaitlin Baston, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) as she delivered her closing response to a panel presentation last month. The panel, "State of the State of Lead Poisoning Prevention in New Jersey", with Baston,

### Recent Posts

Commissioners Call for Cross-Departmental Collaboration, Information Transparency, and Systems Shift to Address Lead Poisoning in New Jersey

Municipal Leaders Claim Public Engagement is Largest Asset to Lead Replacement Efforts

EPA Lead in Soil at Ulysses S. Grant Intermediate School in the East Trenton Neighborhood

Lead-Free NJ Statement on Governor Murphy's 2024 State of the State Address

EPA Sets New Standards for Lead Poisoning Prevention

# Lead-Free NJ Housing Policy Table Advocacy Priorities-Moving to Align and Support Work in the HUBs

Proposed mandate: *Identify opportunities to reduce / eliminate childhood lead poisoning from contaminated paint and soil in homes via statewide policy changes emerging from community advocacy in the LFNJ hub areas of Paterson, Trenton, Greater Newark, and South Jersey.*

## **2024 Priorities:**

Support effective, equitable implementation of the lead-safe rental law by working with partners in hub communities to:

**A. Municipal Capacity:** Support municipal agency staff in raising and addressing issues/challenges/needs related to enforcement and rollout to the state.

**B. Tenants' Rights:** Support know-your-rights outreach in multiple languages, identify creative solutions for lead-safe housing during remediation/abatement, and research and elevate legislative options to protect against eviction and rent hikes following lead-related improvements.

**C. Support for small landlords:** Advocate for streamlined, turn-key funding programs to subsidize lead remediation/abatement costs for small, local landlords.

**D. Monitor and Support Effective ARPA Lead Funding Spend Down**





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**Comments on Proposed Readoption with Amendments to N.J.A.C. 8:51  
PRN 2024-050  
Childhood Blood Lead at or Above the Blood Lead Reference Value  
July 5, 2024**

**Submitted on behalf of Lead-Free New Jersey**

Debbie Mans, Lead-Free NJ Steering Committee Co-Chair, TWENTYTWENTY public affairs

Yvette Jordan, Lead-Free NJ Advocacy Committee Co-Chair, Newark Education Workers Caucus

Sheryl Snider, Lead-Free NJ Community Hub Leader in Trenton, East Trenton Collaborative

Sheila Caldwell, Lead-Free NJ Health Committee Co-Chair, School Nurse

Bert Cooper, Lead-Free NJ Housing Committee Co-Chair, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative

**Introduction**

Lead-Free New Jersey supports the state of New Jersey's commitment to updating N.J.A.C. Section 8:51, which defines New Jersey Department of Health childhood lead poisoning prevention case management policies. By adopting 3.5 micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ) as the state's Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV), the state of New Jersey will be more prepared to align lead poisoning prevention policies with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and local health departments will be able to reach more children with prompt actions to reduce elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs) and remediate sources of lead exposure in their environments.

# Recent and upcoming opportunities for collaboration

## NEW JERSEY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACTION PLAN



## HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grants: DUE AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>!!!

GHHI will host a  
New Jersey  
specific webinar  
soon to explain  
the program and  
provide  
application tips.



## HUD NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY REGION

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## OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES

### Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

#### Lead Hazard Reduction Funding Opportunity

We are pleased to invite you to an upcoming webinar discussing the OLHCHH Lead Hazard Reduction Funding Opportunity. This webinar will provide valuable insights and guidance on the application process, eligibility criteria, and key considerations.

#### Webinar Details:

- **Topic:** OLHCHH Lead Hazard Reduction Funding Opportunity
- **Date:** July 17, 2024
- **Time:** 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
- Join ZoomGov Meeting <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617725900?pwd=U0ZQjjaakKagfeWe2JsJogxebwHa8h.1>
- Meeting ID: 161 772 5900
- Passcode: 910523

We encourage all interested parties to attend and learn more about this funding opportunity. Please feel free to share this invitation with colleagues or others who might benefit from this information.