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Cuts to Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs Put Kids at Risk

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Congressional Budget Cuts to National CDC Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

CDC FY2011 Funding Level – \$29,273,000

CDC FY2012 Funding Level – \$1,995,000

Program	Dollars in Millions				
	FY10 Appropriation	FY11 Appropriation	FY12 Enacted	FY13 Budget Proposal	FY13 Coalition Request
Healthy Homes / Lead	\$34	\$29.3	\$1.995	N/A (Projected 15 grants)	\$29.3
Healthy Homes and Community Environments	--	--	--	\$27.3 (with asthma program)	



ISSUE:

CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for FY12 provides for only \$2 million - down from \$29 million in FY11.

IMPACT:

- Nearly a half million children will be put at risk nationwide.
- HH/CLPPP funds 35 state health departments (and their local partners) to monitor blood lead screening and respond to every child who has an elevated blood lead level with a home inspection and referrals for medical intervention and lead remediation.
- Without 400 local and state staff funded by the CDC program, health departments will be unable to help lead-poisoned children obtain medical care and housing repairs
- HUD's lead hazard control grantees depend on CDC surveillance to identify highest risk



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Advocacy

- **Contacted House and Senate members, targeting the committees that fund HHS**
- **Dear Colleague letters released by Rep. Louise Slaughter and Senators Reed and Johanns**
- **Advocacy day with the National Safe and Healthy Housing Coalition – March 6th**
- **Lobbying group has been hired by NSHHC to assist in advocacy**
- **The House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee has instructed its members to submit their funding requests by Tuesday, March 20th.**
- **The Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee has instructed its members to submit their funding requests by Thursday, March 29th.**



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The Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS Subcommittee is one of 12 appropriations subcommittees. It specifically oversees funding for most federal agencies, institutes and programs under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the National Institutes for Health (NIH).

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ISSUE:

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (ACCLPP) approved a resolution to recommend lowering the reference level for concern for blood lead levels in children from 10 µg/dl to 5 µg/dl.

IMPACT:

- If implemented, the new threshold level would equate to over 450,000 children identified with dangerous levels of lead, all of which will need the health departments' help.
- HHS will decide on approving the recommendation of the ACCLPP

ACTION:

- Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro will be asking CDC director Tom Frieden about this issue tomorrow.



ISSUE:

Senate appropriations language recommended that Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, whose funding level was increased by \$100 million in FY12 as appropriated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, assume the functions of the CDC Healthy Homes & Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. However, advocates have been informed that HRSA is not committed to using any portion of the \$100 million to fund the activities previously carried out by the CDC's Healthy Homes & Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch.

IMPACT:

- Without HRSA funding the activities that were previously funded by the CDC, hundreds of thousands of children with an elevated blood lead level will not be identified because of the lack of adequate screening and testing
- Home visiting programs may reach an increased number of homes, but will not have resources to fully to assess the risks of lead poisoning



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Advocacy

- **The home visiting program is being increased in FY13 by \$50 million, as part of the ACA**
- **We have worked with the Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee on stronger language in FY 13, with the intention of having HRSA utilize funding to incorporate lead and healthy homes into home visiting programs and support funding CDC activities**



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HUD Healthy Homes Budget

Program	FY10	FY11	FY12	President's request FY13	Coalition request FY13
Lead Hazard Control and Demonstration Programs	\$114,600,000	\$94,110,000	\$107,500,000	\$86,000,000	\$86,000,000
Healthy Homes Demonstration and Production Programs	\$20,000,000	\$23,253,000	\$10,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000
Lead technical studies and regulatory support	\$4,000,000	\$1,199,000	\$2,500,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
HUD's Transformation Initiative	\$1,400,000	\$1,198,000	0	0	0
Total	\$140,000,000	\$119,800,000	\$120,000,000	\$120,000,000	\$120,000,000



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The Senate HELP Committee has broad jurisdiction over agencies, institutes and programs under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It also oversees other issues related to public health and health insurance.

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ISSUE:

HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control (OHHLHC) requested \$140 million for FY12 with \$40 million included for its Healthy Homes Program. Instead, the final FY12 budget was approved at \$120 million with only \$10 million appropriated for the Healthy Homes Program.

IMPACT:

- This minimal funding for the Healthy Homes Program allows for only technical studies and supplemental funds attached to lead hazard control programs with no funding opportunities for Healthy Homes demonstration or production grants.
- Childhood lead poisoning, injuries, respiratory diseases such as asthma, and quality of life issues have been linked to the more than 6 million substandard housing units nationwide. Residents of these units are also at increased risk for fire, electrical injuries, falls, rodent bites, and other illnesses and injuries. Healthy Homes Production funding directly serves to remediate these hazards.



Action Being Taken:

- **Met with T-HUD subcommittee members yesterday with NSHHC**
- **Lobbying group hired by NSHHC is aiding in advocacy**
- **Focusing on the message of no new additional funds, but greater flexibility**
- **Working on changing the language of Title X to allow more flexibility for the lead funds**



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