



BUILDING A FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTHY HOUSING

2008 National Healthy Homes Conference

Baltimore, Maryland **September 15-17**

The 2008 National Healthy Homes Conference is a federally sponsored conference to be held at the new **Baltimore Hilton from September 15-17, 2008 in Baltimore, Maryland.** Members of the health and housing community private industry, and other interested parties from across the country will join together to chart the future course for healthy housing in America. The **Building a Framework for Healthy Housing** conference will gather a broad community of experts to discuss regulatory, policy, research, and outreach needs and their implications in the development of comprehensive, integrated approaches linking health and housing to ensure safe, healthy and efficient housing. The Conference will examine the lessons learned from our national lead poisoning prevention strategy and the current state of the art as we begin building the framework needed to develop a national healthy housing agenda. And we'll address many important questions facing the healthy housing community: how can we make sure green building is healthy?; what is the connection between our indoor environment and our health?; how do we market healthy housing so that it's embraced by the public?; and many more.

There are more than 6 million substandard housing units nationwide. Scientific evidence suggests that health problems such as asthma, lead poisoning, and unintentional injuries are linked to preventable housing deficiencies. Creating healthier, safer and more efficient housing has the potential to save billions in health care costs and prevent the public health problems that arise from substandard housing. We urgently need a national framework that establishes a coordinated and comprehensive approach to preventing diseases and injuries related to health hazards and deficiencies in housing.

The **Building a Framework for Healthy Housing** conference will focus on key themes that together build the framework necessary to make homes safe, healthy, and efficient for everyone:

- Building Capacity to Deliver Healthy Housing;
- Mainstreaming Healthy Housing Principles;
- Educating the Public and Practitioners;
- Developing Enforcement and Regulatory Strategies;
- Marketing Healthy Housing;
- and Creating Healthy Housing through Research

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