

Healthy Homes Grantees in Region, III Mid-Atlantic

Name of Grantee: City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Name of Project: Healthy Homes for Childcare

Amount Awarded: \$1,000,000

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Project Partners: National Nursing Centers Consortium, National Center For Healthy Housing, Enterprise Foundation, Philadelphia Early Childhood Collaborative, YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity, Nonprofit Finance Fund

Summary of Project Activities:

This project will seek to protect children in home-based childcare from the risks of housing-related Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Hazards. Risk reduction will be accomplished through the education and training of childcare providers on methods to minimize EHS risks and through cost-effective remediation of multiple EHS hazards. HHCC will perform EHS interventions in Family Day Care homes (FDCH) (population of 4-6 children) and Group Day Care homes (population of 7-12 children). HHCC will assess and remediate multiple housing related health and safety hazards simultaneously. HHCC is collaborating with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Keystone “STARS” quality Improvement Initiative for childcare providers. STARS will reinforce the interventions and ensure sustainability by providing their Continuous Quality Improvement Program.

Partner Organizations:

National Nursing Centers Consortium

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National Center For Healthy Housing

Carol Kawecki. Program Manager

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YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity

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Nonprofit Finance Fund

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Product Outcomes/Outputs:

Outcomes of the Healthy Homes for Childcare project will include:

- 150 healthy homes for children in childcare
- 150 Childcare Providers educated on environmental hazards
- 500 recipients educated through outreach and training

Based on the severity of the impact of EHS hazards, a group of 50 providers will receive intervention by contractors certified in the remediation of multiple EHS hazards. The 50 homes receiving contractor remediation will be selected by the Environmental health Inspector, based upon the HHCC assessment tools and environmental sampling protocols. To further outreach and education, the HHCC visual Assessor and Outreach specialist will deliver their services through a case management model. They will visit each childcare provider 2-4 times during the year. The childcare provider will receive reinforcement of EHS risk reduction techniques through these visits. The provider will receive technical assistance and additional funding for EHS improvements from the keystone STARS tiered quality Improvement Program.

