



## **Navigating Disaster Recovery: Strategies in Winter and Spring**



### **A Webinar Presented by HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes and the Healthy Homes Partnership March 4, from 2:00 pm -3:30 pm EST**

This webinar will focus primarily on the recovery and rebuilding phases following the winter storm disaster in Texas and adjacent states. The purpose is to assist stakeholders (see audiences below) who are, or will be, interfacing with residents, especially low income families. The information to be provided can better inform clean-up activities for several types of housing; improve repair and restoration of damaged homes so that they are done in ways that are healthy for the workers and for the families; and help your community prepare for other natural disaster events that may occur this spring.

Extended power outages and extreme cold have resulted in burst plumbing and major water damage for so many homes that qualified contractors and materials will be in short supply, and restoration costs high. The insurance claim time will likely compel many to rely on do-it-yourself, volunteer and inexperienced (or worse, fraudulent) labor.

Compounding the disaster are high energy bills and the COVID-19 pandemic. These factors complicate the recovery challenge. It is important to educate all involved in the restoration process, while also protecting health and increasing resilience.

We encourage you to share the information and resources to be presented – all aimed at helping families and individuals in the disaster recovery and rebuilding process. Professionals assisting residents will learn from two nationally recognized experts in post-disaster restoration, tailored for this winter storm.

#### **Target audiences include but are not limited to:**

- Federal, state, county and local government staff
- General contractors and subcontractors
- Managers and supervisors of volunteers
- Members of community-based organizations
- Health practitioners, and others

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Registration web address: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5384662897087661326>

## OUR WEBINAR PROGRAM

The webinar will start with poll questions. Webinar content will include but be not limited to:

- Steps to facilitate drying in damaged homes.
- Mold myths, facts and DIY remediation steps.
- Disinfectants – appropriate use, options and risks while carrying out recovery in a pandemic.
- Dealing with lead-based paint, asbestos, fiberglass.
- Resilient restoration opportunities – flood-hardy materials, freeze protections, and energy efficiency.
- The webinar will be recorded and made available to all.
- Questions and Answers will follow the two presentations.

**All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST).** Once you have registered, you will receive confirmation by email, including instructions for connecting to the webinar on the day of the event. After the webinar, you will receive an automatic follow up to provide your comments.

If you have any logistical questions about registering for, or attending, this webinar, please contact Michael Goldschmidt, Director of the National Healthy Homes Partnership, at [goldschmidtm@missouri.edu](mailto:goldschmidtm@missouri.edu).

## OUR PRESENTERS



**Claudette Hanks Reichel, Ed.D.**

Dr. Claudette Hanks Reichel is Professor and Extension Housing Specialist with Louisiana State University AgCenter. She serves as Director of LaHouse Resource Center, a demonstration house exhibiting multiple high performance housing solutions and hub of Extension education programs to advance resource-efficient, durable and healthy housing for the southern climate and natural hazards.

Reichel has developed numerous educational outreach programs and resources relating to housing, including energy-efficiency, healthy homes, hurricane and flood resilience, and others. She has authored more than 100 Extension publications, presented at numerous professional events, was twice a featured speaker at the National Building Museum in Washington DC, and has received 12 national and state level awards for program excellence and impact.



**Michael Goldschmidt, LEED AP**

Michael Goldschmidt is an Associate Professor and Extension Housing Specialist with the University of Missouri and is the National Director of the Healthy Homes Partnership. Goldschmidt has over 30 years of experience in disaster recovery, repair, and restoration of homes and buildings, with a particular expertise in tornados and severe storms.

## **ABOUT THE OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES**

OLHCHH's mission is to reduce health and safety hazards in housing in a comprehensive and cost effective manner, with a focus on protecting the health of children and other sensitive populations in low income households. This is accomplished through our grants, and enforcement activities, and in other ways. The Office promotes the incorporation of healthy homes principles into ongoing practices and programs, and conducts research to close knowledge gaps. Our impact is broadened by partnering with a wide range of stakeholders, who reach out directly to families and individuals in communities nationwide.

For any questions about this webinar program, please feel free to contact [Clyde.K.Rodkey@hud.gov](mailto:Clyde.K.Rodkey@hud.gov). We look forward to your attendance.