

Partnerships Hold the Key to Success and Sustainability of Lead and Healthy Homes Programs

Partners have long been fundamental to achieving the mission of the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes. For our grantees, they are essential to the success and sustainability of the lead hazard control and healthy homes grant programs.

This year, we mark our 30th anniversary! And as we are taking a look back and celebrating the accomplishments of these years, we would be remiss in saying the successes have come from our Office's efforts alone. The support and continuous drive of our partners have played a significant role in all of our collective accomplishments.

The Office collaborates with federal and non-federal governmental partners, with health, housing and environmental trade groups and foundations, and with academic institutions, to work with disadvantaged communities to ensure that substandard, low-income housing is made lead safe and healthy for families at higher risk for being affected by housing-related health and safety hazards.

The most successful lead and healthy homes programs rely on partnerships. Building and sustaining local success also requires engaging a wide range of individuals, including elected officials, issue advocates, and technical experts, as well as building public support at the community and neighborhood level.

While our list of partners is too long to name each one in this short article, we are so grateful to each and every partner and look forward to the next 30 years.

Building and sustaining lead and healthy homes programs comes with its challenges even in the federal sector, but our state, local, and nonprofit grantees continue to shine because of the partners and coalitions they have built. Our grantees know that local partnerships and coalitions help make and keep lead-safe and healthy homes a national priority.

Over the next 30 years, we will continue to work on strengthening and expanding our partnerships. We will help more state and local programs build and enhance their own partnerships and coalitions. This will be the key to continued success and sustainability of our programs. Partnering will enhance the development of innovative solutions to reducing lead and other housing hazards to help ensure that all families, especially low-income and families of color at higher risk for being affected by housing-related health and safety hazards, live in healthy and safe environments.