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# **Lead Safe Orange Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction And Healthy Homes Program**

The Orange County Office of Community Development and the Department of Health are pleased to announce they have received funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to get the lead out of residential housing units built prior to 1978 and provide practical recommendations and guidance on the tools, techniques and systems necessary to have a healthy home.

Over 30 million U.S. residential housing units have significant physical problems or elevated levels of lead, radon, or other contaminants that place their occupants, especially small children under the age of six (6) years, at risk for illnesses and injuries. Unhealthy homes lead to unhealthy Americans causing a wide range of health conditions, including respiratory infections, asthma, lead poisoning, injuries and impaired mental health.

The focus of the Lead Safe Orange / Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Program is to provide practical information for improving the environment in which you and your children live and monetary assistance toward reducing lead-based paint hazards in residential homes.

## **You May Qualify For Grant Assistance**

Homeowners and landlords who have small children residing or visiting the housing unit(s) are eligible to receive grant assistance for testing and work to remediate deteriorated lead-based paint surfaces and components on the interior, exterior, soils and play grounds of their property. If you are a homeowner, then your household income cannot exceed 80% of the Orange County area median income (\$63,900 for a family of four) to be eligible for grant assistance. Landlords can contact the Office of Community Development to learn whether their properties are eligible to receive grant assistance.

## **Eligible Activities**

If lead-based paint hazards are found after testing, then grant assistance will be provided for window and interior/exterior trim repair or replacement; repainting of surfaces utilizing a lead encapsulate paint, friction surface treatment, lead dust removal and mitigation of lead hazards in bare soil.

**For additional information, call Wayne Cochran at (845) 615-3811.**