

Lead Safe Allegheny Coalition

Lead Safe Allegheny is a county-wide coalition that envisions a community in which all Allegheny County children and their families can live and grow in a lead-safe environment.

WHO WE ARE

We are comprised of many sectors, including local government agencies, community-based organizations and non-profits, managed care organizations, health care providers, contractors, trainers, early intervention specialists and others.

WHAT WE DO

We provide leadership and advocacy that advances strategic initiatives and foster collaboration in our community by focusing on primary prevention of lead exposure. Our long-term goal is to decrease the number and percent of children exposed to lead in their environments and to increase the volume of housing stock that is lead-safe or lead free.

OUR STRATEGY

Lead poisoning affects all of us, and we all need to take responsibility for addressing it. Whether in our housing, water or soil, we must act collectively to prevent and remediate lead hazards and the harmful effects of lead exposure on children and families. Dedicated resources are needed for lead testing in homes, screening children for lead in their blood, lead hazard control and abatement, community education and organizing, workforce development for lead professionals, increasing the supply of safe, affordable housing options, training in lead-safe work practices for property owners, contractors, and more.

For more information, please contact Talor Musil, LSA Coordinator at Talor@womenforahealthyenvironment.org.

Join Us (virtually)

At-Large Coalition Meetings – 9:00-10:30am EST

- October 2, 2020
- December 4, 2020
- February 5, 2021
- April 2, 2021
- June 4, 2021

Data and Medical Committee: Uses data to identify high risk neighborhoods/populations and support coalition initiatives, improves data surveillance and reporting, depicts lead hazards through mapping and other technologies, and improves science communication with the community and health care system.

- Meetings held every other month on the 2nd Tuesday from 12:30pm-1:30pm EST
- Co-Chairs: Kristin Selker (Kristin.Selker@alleghenycounty.us) and Rebecca Vidak (rvidak@gatewayhealthplan.com)
- [Collaborative Committee Folder](#)*

Education and Outreach Committee: Establishes cohesive and action-inspiring messaging, identifies audiences of interest and develops tailored messaging for each, supports outreach initiatives and projects undertaken by the Coalition and other committees, and increases community awareness of lead hazards.

- Meetings held every other month on the 2nd Wednesday from 11:00am-12:30pm EST
- Co-Chairs: Karin Shafer (kshafer@afit.org) and Rikkelle Oczypok (rikkelle.oczypok@chp.edu)
- [Collaborative Committee Folder](#)*

Infrastructure Committee: Promotes lead-safe practices among homeowners, renters, landlords, and contractors, and identifies opportunities for certification and education regarding lead-safe practices and regulations.

- Meetings held every other month on the 3rd Monday from 2:00pm-3:00pm EST
- Co-Chairs: Dan Sullivan (DSullivan@actionhousing.org) and Jeaneen Zappa (j33zappa@gmail.com)
- [Collaborative Committee Folder](#)*

Policy Committee: Advances policy initiatives at the municipal, county and state level that aim to address primary prevention of lead exposure.

- Meetings held every month on the 3rd Monday from 3:00pm-4:30pm EST
- Co-Chairs: Kevin Quisenberry (kquisenberry@cjplaw.org) and Masoud Sayles (masoud@groundedpgh.org)
- [Collaborative Committee Folder](#)*

*Committee Folders are restricted to members. Please contact talor@womenforahealthyenvironment.org to join a committee.