Who We Are

Advocates, experts, parents

The Michigan Alliance for Lead Safe Homes

MIALSH is made up of health professionals, environmental experts, contractors and, most crucially, everyday Michigan advocates, some of whom have been impacted by lead. Together, we’re making lead poisoning a history lesson, not a heartbreaking reality.

Before MIALSH formed in 2010, decades passed with no significant state funding for lead remediation programs. Thanks in part to MIALSH's education efforts, we've helped bring the plight of lead poisoning and lack of resources to the forefront of decision makers' minds by creating space for people impacted by lead to tell their stories. Our efforts helped prompt the state government to dedicate millions of dollars in funding to the cause.

Now, bipartisan proposals aligned with our priorities—Senate Bill 0031 and House Bill 4200—are making their way through the Michigan Legislature. Through education and storytelling, we're working to see these bills passed into law.

Our Leadership

- CLEARCorps Detroit
- Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
- The Ecology Center
- The Erb Family Foundation
- Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan
- Dept. of Health & Human Services
- Michigan Environmental Council
- Local health departments statewide
- Wayne State Center for Urban Studies
- WSU CURES - Citizen Advisory Board

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Policy Priorities to End Lead Poisoning

How We End Lead Poisoning

**Universal Testing.** Require all 1- and 2-year-old Michigan children be tested for elevated blood lead levels to prevent poisoning in children and identify dangerous homes for remediation.

**Better certify contractors.** Have the state of Michigan assume responsibility for the federal EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP), which requires contractors to have a lead-safe certification to work on pre-1978 homes. Local control ups efficiency and better attunes the program to state-specific issues.

**Increase lead inspections.** Require an inspection for the presence of lead in a home (via paint, soil, dust and water) before the sale or transfer of single-family homes built before 1978. This will help better identify and remove lead.

Other Poisoning Prevention Efforts

**Train, recruit, identify.** Fill Michigan's acute workforce shortage by supporting efforts to identify, train and recruit lead abatement professionals and contractors.

**Secure funding.** Ensure Michigan has increased and sustainable funding support to our state's lead poisoning prevention and abatement programs.

**Local laws.** Encourage municipalities and counties to enact rental certification legislation that requires lead hazards to be identified and treated before occupancy.

**Landlord accountability.** Require landlords (rather than the occupant) to submit documentation that lead hazards have been abated and indexed to CDC guidelines, as per the Landlord Penalty Law.

**Relocation.** Make the movement of families of children with elevated blood lead levels to safe homes a valid emergency and long-term abatement strategy through policy and pilots.

**Support the MCLEEC.** Support and align with the Michigan Child Lead Exposure Elimination Commission in its policy development, education and funding efforts.