

Lead Free NJ Housing Policy Table Advocacy Priorities

Workforce

- Capacity building for community organizations to support training and workforce development
- Immediate NJ-approved lead inspector/risk assessor training courses for municipal staff as needed
- For implementation of Training Institute: clear communication of updates through multiple information streams, as well as opportunities for communities to provide input on structure and resources provided.
- Compensated apprenticeships for community members interested in entering the lead workforce. Apprenticeships should also include other accommodations such as childcare.
- Support to firms offering apprenticeships
- Outreach efforts at secondary schools, alternative schools, trade schools, community colleges
- Training resources in multiple languages, as well as resources to support English language learning

Funding

- Information for municipalities and community organizations about different grants that are available and how available funds can be used to support compliance with the new law.
- Resources and technical assistance to help jurisdictions get lead funds out the door

Data and Outcomes Measurement

- Data Transparency
- Assistance to municipalities in building data infrastructure for administration and enforcement of the new law
- Resources for online landlord applications, resident complaints, and locating compliance information about specific properties
- Tracking outcomes, including compliance rates, enforcement, impact on affordable housing, and impact on blood lead levels
- State-wide database for enforcement and outcomes tracking

Education and Information Sharing

- Training for code enforcement about the requirements under the law and regulations
- Technical assistance for jurisdictions, including clarification for municipalities around who may be responsible for implementation (health vs. housing and code enforcement), guides for how to implement the law, and examples from municipalities who have begun implementing
- Education materials that lay out clear expectations for landlords
- Education and outreach materials in multiple languages
- Regular meetings with municipalities to identify resources and support needed
- Increased avenues of information sharing to reach municipalities and community members and organizations

Enforcement

- Information on how DCA will measure/determine whether the law is being enforced
- Resources to help with enforcement
 - Data infrastructure
 - Technical assistance for best practices

Partnerships

- Increased community input and engagement in implementation of the law and lead remediation programming
- Increased emphasis on inclusion and collaboration with impacted communities

Other Housing Issues

- Strengthen laws to prevent retaliatory eviction
- Protection for affordable housing through prevention of rent hikes and gentrification in newly rehabbed properties