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# Ohio's Medicaid-Funded Lead Hazard Abatement Program

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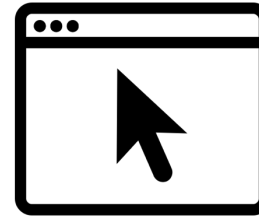
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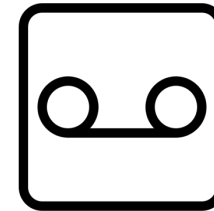
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## Panel Member: John Belt

- Field Services Section Chief for the Ohio Department of Health.
- Participates on local and state collaborative's
- Oversees the coordination of the State Lead Advisory Council
- Faculty member for the National Lead Training Center based in Atlanta Ga.
- Received the Director's Award for Excellence from the Ohio Department of Health
- Licensed as a Lead Abatement Contractor and Radon Tester in the State of Ohio





# Panel Member: Pam Blais

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- Employed with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for 27 years in the lead poisoning prevention field.
- Served as a Program Manager for the (ODH) Lead Licensure Program
- Oversees the Public Health Lead Investigation Program within the Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection.
- Project Director for the agency's HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant Program, manages the SCHIP Lead Hazard Abatement Project, and assists in overseeing the ODH's Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) grant
- BS in Environmental Health from Purdue University and registered sanitarian.
- Green belt certification in Lean Six Sigma for Government.





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## Panel Member: Jerry Culkowski

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- Jerry Culkowski has worked for the City of Toledo, Department of Neighborhoods for fifteen years.
- He is both a certified Housing Development Finance Professional and an Economic Development Finance Professional
- Certified in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Compliance and Tax Credit Mixed Finance.
- Worked with state and federally funded Housing and Health programs 20 years
- Specialized in HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) projects since 2012.







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# Panel Member: Aaron Grant

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- Senior project manager at People Working Cooperatively in Cincinnati
- Manages PWC's volunteer involvement program and works on health-focused housing programs through PWC's Whole Home Innovation Center.
- Holds an M.A. in Public Service and is also a lead risk assessor.
- Has worked in the nonprofit housing sector for 11 years
- Works on special research projects with local academic and health care organizations to explore the connections between housing and health, particularly issues related to asthma, lead poisoning and fall prevention.





# Ohio Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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# Lead Safe Partnership

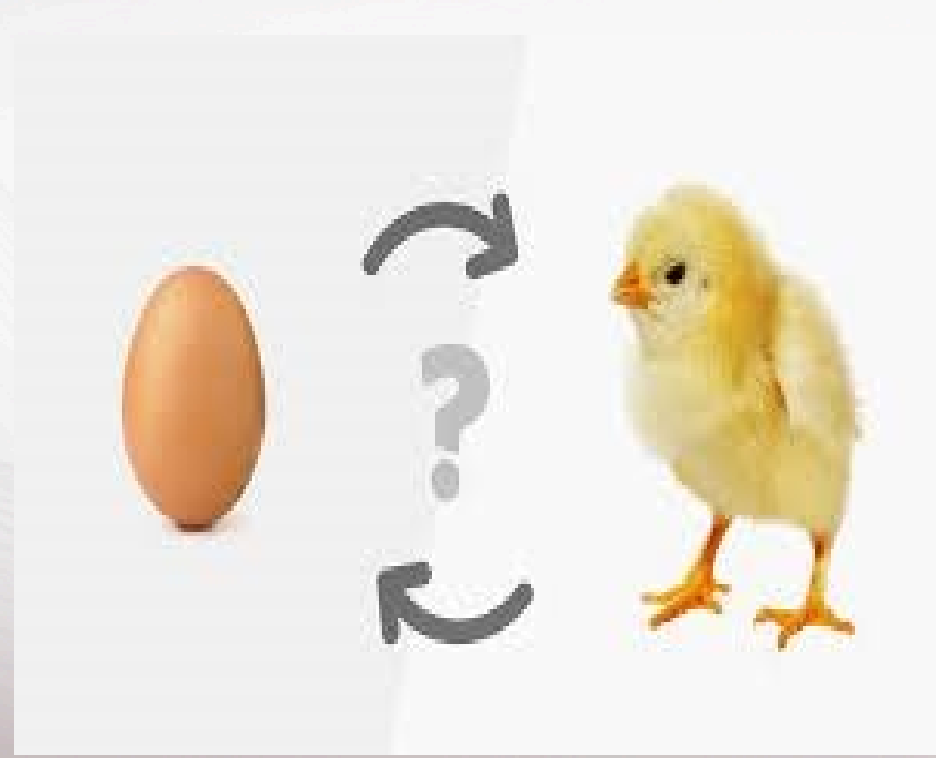
## Ohio Department of Medicaid

## Ohio Department of Health

- Data sharing and support
- Public Health Lead Investigations
- **State Plan Amendment for Lead Safe Housing – Lead Abatement Activities**



# Chicken or the Egg does it matter



# Ohio has an agreement with Centers for Medicaid Services (CMS)

It governs how Ohio administers its Medicaid and CHIP programs.

It gives an assurance that Ohio will abide by Federal rules and can claim Federal matching funds for its program activities.

When a state is planning to make a change to its program policies or operational approach, states send state plan amendments (SPAs) to CMS for review and approval.

# What is a SPA?

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# State Plan Amendment for Lead Safe Housing

- Leverages up to \$5 million a year in new funding through the CHIP Health Services Initiative Funding.
- Provides greater opportunity for Ohio families to identify lead-safe homes when looking for a place to live.
- Program for lead hazard control in homes where children and families live.
- Requires lead-safe maintenance practices and whole house clearance be performed in residential rental units before listing on the “Lead-Safe Housing Registry”.

# Lead Safe Housing

- Activities will be statewide, in eligible homes with existing identified lead hazards in both Urban and Rural areas of the state.
- Have the ability to “target” areas in the state  
<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/>









WARNING  
LEAD WORK  
AREA  
POISON  
NO SMOKING  
NO EATING

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# Safe

Safe is not always protective of health

Safe is a relative term when it comes to policy

Balancing between industry, interests, and  
government

H<sub>2</sub>O and Lead  $\geq 15$  ppb/15 $\mu$ g/L

Lead dust 10 $\mu$ g/dL sq/ft

LD50 in pesticides



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# State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Lead Hazard Control Program Implementation

Pam Blais

Environmental Supervisor  
Ohio Department of Health



October 22, 2020



# Partnership Expansion

- ❖ ODM and ODH expanded its partnership to include lead hazard control funding
- ❖ State Children's Health Insurance Plan funding
- ❖ Health Services Initiative (HSI)
- ❖ State Plan Amendment (SPA) submission to CMS

# Medicaid Funded Lead Abatement

## *What is a health services initiative?*

States have the option to develop a state-designed Health Services Initiatives (HSI) to improve the health of low-income children.

Both direct services and public health initiatives are permitted.

# SCHIP Program

- ❖ \$5 million per year for FY 18,19,20,21 for two specific projects
- ❖ Project 1 – Lead Abatement Activities
- ❖ Project 2 – Lead-Safe Rental Registry
- ❖ Required legislation approval for match funding and language for rental registry
- ❖ Approved in the state budget bill



# Project 1 – Phase 1

- ❖ Conduct lead hazard control on properties
- ❖ \$50,000 maximum per property; \$20,000 with regional projects
- ❖ A statewide project – all 88 counties included
- ❖ Target properties with lead hazard control orders

# Eligibility

The property must be occupied or visited more than 6 hours per week by a Medicaid eligible child under 19 years of age or pregnant woman

# Conditions of Enrollment

- ❖ Constructed prior to 1978 as verified by the county auditor's records;
- ❖ Covered by homeowner's insurance with copies of the policy submitted as proof; **ELIMINATED**
- ❖ Covered by flood insurance if the property is in a flood plain;
- ❖ Current on all property taxes or have a tax payment plan in place.



# Lead Abatement Activities

- ❖ Lead-based paint, dust, and soil remediation including door and window treatments and replacement, floor treatments, paint removal, paint stabilization/repainting, encapsulation, enclosure, specialized cleaning, soil replacement or covering.
- ❖ When water is identified as a possible source of lead exposure a faucet water filter rated to effectively to remove lead will be provided.

# Project 1 – Phase 2 – Target Areas

- ❖ Cleveland (Cuyahoga County)
- ❖ Cincinnati (Hamilton County)
- ❖ Columbus (Franklin County)
- ❖ Akron (Summit County)
- ❖ Toledo (Lucas County)
- ❖ Youngstown (Mahoning County)
- ❖ The same procedures for enlisting a program into the project in Phase 1 apply in Phase 2

# Project 2 – Lead Safe Rental Registry

- ❖ Established in the Budget Bill
- ❖ Voluntary for rental property owners
- ❖ Properties eligible for registration
  - ❖ Built after 1978
  - ❖ Built before 1978
    - ❖ Lead inspection conducted by a lead inspector or lead risk assessor shows no lead-based paint
    - ❖ Subject to a lead hazard control order with a passing clearance examination conducted within the past year (required)
    - ❖ Completion of the prescribed visual assessment, rental maintenance practices and passage of a cleaning verification.



# SPA Revision July 2019

- ❖ Eliminated requirement for rental property owner contribution and homeowner's insurance
- ❖ Included fixtures and indoor plumbing when water has been tested and found to have lead
- ❖ Also allows for the purchase of water filters
- ❖ Includes training for community health workers

# By-the-Numbers

	Phase 1	Phase 2
# of Children < 19 years of age served	423	147
# of children with an EBL	213	0
# of pregnant women served	9	3
# of units receiving LHC services	151	68
Average cost per unit	\$29,577.18	\$39,315.91

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# Project 2 – Lead Safe Rental Registry

- ❖ Established in the Budget Bill
- ❖ Rules effective 4/1/19
- ❖ Voluntary for rental property owners
- ❖ Actions taken to make the lead-safe
- ❖ Clearance examination required
- ❖ ODH Lead Licensure program administers program with Ohio Housing Finance Agency



# SCHIP Timeline

12/4/17 – SPA Approved

12/6/17 – Contract finalized with statewide vendor

6/18 - First project in Phase 1 complete

9/18 - First project in Phase 2 started

4/19 – Lead Safe Rental Registry language finalized

7/20 - Contracts with local projects commenced

# SCHIP Updates

- ❖ 7/20 – Contracts with People Working Cooperatively (PWC) and City of Toledo
  - ❖ 1-year contracts for \$500,000
- ❖ Planning budget for FY 22/23
- ❖ Will start braiding of funds with HUD project
- ❖ ODH to start bidding projects
- ❖ Working on RFP for statewide vendor for the next biennium

# SCHIP Challenges

- ❖ Slow startup after a lull in work
- ❖ Extensive pipeline of participants
- ❖ Shortage of lead abatement contractors
- ❖ Quality of the lead abatement work
- ❖ Red tape with contracts
- ❖ Possible COVID related issues such as materials shortage and increase prices

**Questions?**





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# City of Toledo

## ODH / SCHIP Lead



# Its all in the details

- 20 Units
- 12 months (starting July 1, 2020)
- \$500,000
- \$20,000 unit remediation cap

# Intake and Enrollment

...from the subrecipient perspective

- **Easy-peasy mac and cheesy!**
- All the heavy lifting is already done by ODH
  - Already vetted and approved before the referral is made
  - Only 3 additional forms to sign to begin the local process
- Significantly different from HUD grants
  - 2 mos paychecks, employment verification, bank statements, birth certificates, blood tests...everything and the kitchen sink



# Leveraging / Matching funds

- Addressing high cost units.
  - Able to refer eligible high cost HUD lead units to the program.

• HUD Lead  SCHIP = 

• SCHIP  HUD Lead = 

# Learning Curve

...keeping them all straight

- Multiple funding sources = multiple requirements
- Know which funds can be used and when and the requirements for each!



Questions?????

Thanks for listening!

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## Our Mission

Now in its 45<sup>th</sup> year, People Working Cooperatively performs critical home repairs, energy conservation, accessibility modifications and lead abatement services so that low income homeowners can remain in their homes living independently and healthier in a safe, sound environment.

## Fast facts...

- 18 counties served in OH, KY & IN
- Average over 9,000 services annually to more than 5,000 households
- 3,500 volunteers donate their time to PWC each year
- Typical client household income is under \$13,500 a year



PWC's Whole Home Innovation Center is a venue for cross-sector collaboration to explore the link between housing and health.



### Services provided :

- Education and training for homeowners and professionals
- Health interactive displays connecting health and housing
- Modifications / remodeling professional solution providers / in-home consultations
- Fee-for-service lead inspections and abatement
- Research and development of innovative programs and partnerships





## PWC – SCHIP Third Party Administrator

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Hamilton County Provider of ODH SCHIP Grant Program Services



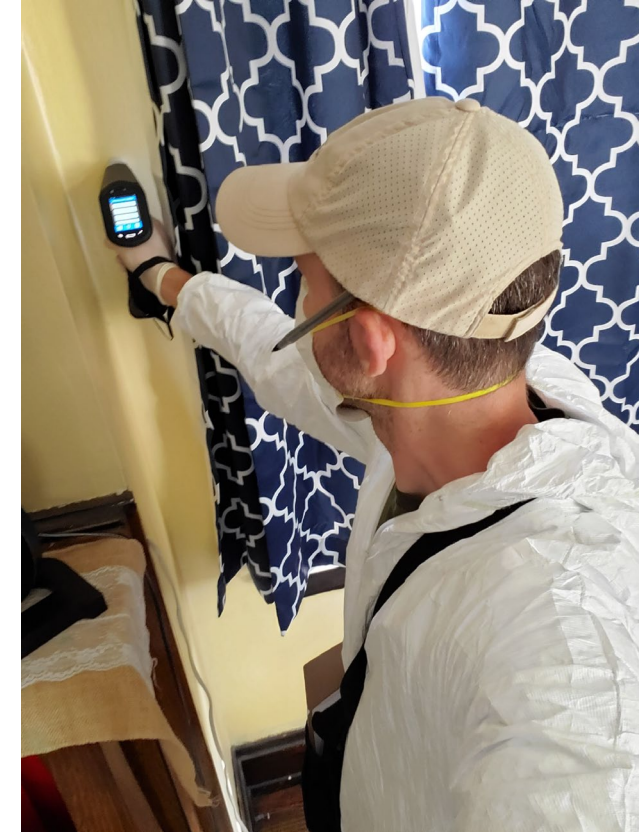
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- Clearance Exam and Ongoing Monitoring/Maintenance



## PWC – SCHIP Third Party Administrator

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- Extension of PWC's mission to keep people safe and healthy at home
- Public Service
- Ongoing resource for participants
- Additional services





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