



## Testimonial

### Work with Faith-Based Organization

*Before the CDC Cooperative Agreement for our CLPPP (Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program), the state of Nevada, including Clark County, where Las Vegas is located, suffered from a 1% screening rate for children. We began an intense program of educating physicians, and other health care providers on the benefits of required screenings on our children, not only to the individuals and families, but incorporated WIC, Head Start, and Faith Based Organizations in the long term benefits to the community and society as a whole. With both Lead Care II machines in operation, the team was able to come to the final, impressive number of 702 children screened in a two and one half week period for Head Start alone. We held screenings at various Faith-Based locations, including the Baptist church for African-Americans, the Catholic Church for Hispanics, and a downtown neighborhood non-denominational place of worship with wonderful success.*

*Our new goals and objectives reviewed from the Nursing Department and CLPPP are in the process of acceptance with a focus on Faith-Based/Community Organizations as directed by the CDC, and a new focus on other high-risk groups, such as African American, who still persist as one of our "tough to screen" groups, Asian, Native Americans, and Pacific Islanders. Partners were sought out for the National Lead Awareness Week and we included more community organization locations, with screening increasing among the community, especially with our Hispanic population. Testimony provided by Gail Gholson RN, BSN-Case Manager, SNHD CLPPP, Las Vegas, NV 89106*

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## Engaging Faith-based/Community Organizations to Improve Public Health

Childhood Lead Poisoning Programs,  
Community Awareness Project (CLPPP CAP)

### About CLPPP CAP

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC's) Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch has expanded its mission from a single focus on childhood lead poisoning prevention to an expanded approach designed to support home features that improve the quality of life throughout the entire home. CDC invites Faith-based/Community Organizations to build partnerships that involve community members in developing lead poisoning prevention and healthy homes strategies. Everyone can work toward making safe, healthy, and affordable homes part of the nation's public health planning.

### *Transitioning into Healthy Homes, Let's put the CAP on Lead*

### What is a Healthy Home?

A healthy home is sited, designed, built, renovated, and maintained in ways that support the health of residents.

### Vision

The vision of CLPPP CAP is to remain committed to Faith-based/Community Organizations and offer support for enhancement of their prevention efforts. We do this by offering technical assistance, training, and other services.



## Mission Statement

The mission of CLPPP CAP is to create an environment within communities that welcomes the participation of Faith-based/Community Organizations as valued and essential partners assisting Americans in need. CLPPP CAP's mission is part of CDC's Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch's focus on improving services to people at risk. The goal of this effort is to assist Faith-based/Community Organizations in providing effective leadership in community services.

### ***"Readiness in Partnership"- Ensuring Healthy Homes***

## Underlying Fact

People in the United States spend 50% or more of every day inside their homes (CDC and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2006). A healthy, safe, and affordable home supports residents' fundamental physical and psychological needs and protects them from illness and injury.

## Challenges

People that cannot find and afford healthy homes are at higher risk for negative home-related health effects. We must work together to get rid of inequality in home conditions so that Americans of all ages and ethnic backgrounds have the chance to live in homes that support their health.



## What can you do?

Faith-based/Community Organizations play a critical role in educating people at risk about the connection between homes and health. There are several programs designed to reduce exposures that cause disease and prevent injuries for home hazards.

Faith-based/Community Organizations can ensure that these programs be made available to all who need them. Home changes should be attractive, easy to perform, affordable and effective. Examples of actions your organization can take include the following:

- Collaborating with federal, state, and local government agencies and academic institutions to ensure that educational materials address community priorities and are appropriate to meet the community's educational needs.
- Starting public awareness campaigns that promote healthy, safe, affordable, accessible, and environmentally friendly homes.
- Establishing a Health Program within your organization.
- Promoting healthy and safe home modifications and repairs.

### **You are encouraged to work with housing advocacy groups to:**

- Address both residential needs and economic development,
- Promote greater knowledge about the ways in which the home affects health issues,
- Support community leaders' efforts to make informed, evidence-based, and compassionate housing decisions.

