



# EPA Lead Program Grant Fact Sheet

## *Cincinnati Acts Against Lead* *Cincinnati, OH*

EPA has selected **Accountability and Credibility Together (ACT)** in Cincinnati, OH for a Targeted Lead Grant.

The coalition will implement three broad objectives:

- Coordinated outreach and education about lead hazards and their effects on young children, to include training of targeted tenants and homeowners in the proper inspection and maintenance of lead-contaminated housing,
- Increased screening (up from 50% to 70%) of both Medicaid and non-Medicaid eligible children to age 6, and coordinated follow-up for treatment of identified EBL cases; and
- Development and expansion of the Hamilton County Collaborative.

All at-risk residents in the target area will be solicited via outreach from various community agencies to participate in tenant-based lead hazard control classes. The classes will inform them about lead hazards and teach them valuable inspection and hands-on cleaning techniques. At-risk parents will be encouraged to have their children tested for lead and if needed, follow-up services will be provided. HCC will work to bring other agencies into the collaboration and explore possible incorporation as a non-profit agency in order to obtain complete financial support from the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the City of Cincinnati.

### EPA's Targeted Lead Grants

EPA's Targeted Lead Grant Program funds projects in areas with high incidences of children with elevated blood-lead levels in vulnerable populations. In 2007 the Agency awarded more than \$5.2 Million in grants under this ambitious program. These targeted grants are intended to address immediate needs of the communities in which they are awarded, and will also highlight lead poison prevention strategies that can be used in similar communities across the country.

EPA's lead program is playing a major role in meeting the federal goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning as a major public health concern by 2010, and the projects supported by these grant funds are an important part of this ongoing effort. According to the Centers for Disease Control in 1978 there were 13.5 million children in the US with elevated blood lead levels. By 2002, that number had dropped to 310,000.

**For more information about EPA's Lead Program, visit [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD.**