

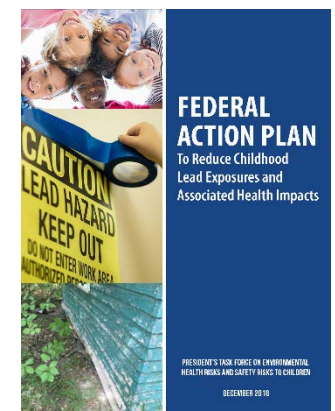
Federal Lead Action Plan

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Federal Action Plan To Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures and Associated Health Impacts

- Product of *President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children* (issued Dec. 19, 2018)
 - EPA and HHS: Task Force co-chairs
 - CDC, EPA, HUD (Off. of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes): Lead Subcommittee co-chairs
- It is a blueprint for reducing lead exposure through collaboration among federal agencies and with stakeholders



FEDERAL ACTION PLAN

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PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISKS AND SAFETY RISKS TO CHILDREN

DECEMBER 2018

Overview of the Action Plan

- The Action Plan is a “roadmap” for describing federal-wide actions to collectively reduce childhood lead exposure and improve children’s health.
- It is NOT a budget document, but it is expected to inform federal budget and regulatory development processes.
- It can be used to enhance collaborative federal efforts, and track progress toward improving children’s environmental health.
- It focuses on highly exposed communities and locations.

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- The Action Plan details federal objectives and actions under four goals:
 1. Reduce children's exposure to lead sources.
 2. Identify lead-exposed children and improve their health outcomes.
 3. Communicate more effectively with stakeholders.
 4. Support and conduct critical research to inform efforts to reduce lead exposures and related health risks.

Examples of Key Federal Actions – Goal 1: Reduce Children’s Exposure to Lead Sources

- Objective 1.1: Reduce Children’s Exposure in Homes and Child-Occupied Facilities with Lead-Based Paint Hazards
 - HUD provided technical and programmatic information to EPA for lowering dust-lead hazard standards for floors & windowsills in pre-1978 housing & child-occupied facilities (7/9)
 - HUD is providing such information for EPA’s rulemaking on post-abatement lead clearance standards

Examples of Key Federal Actions – Goal 1: Reduce Children’s Exposure to Lead Sources

- 1.2: Reduce Exposure to Lead from Drinking Water
 - HUD & EPA: Establish EPA-HUD Drinking Water Task Force that is currently focusing on lead
 - HUD: Encourage Community Development Block Grant recipients to consider using CDBG funds for lead service line replacement in low-to-moderate income nbhds
 - HUD: Harmonize meaning of drinking water quality terms in HUD regulations

Examples of Key Federal Actions – Goal 1: Reduce Children’s Exposure to Lead Sources

- 1.3: Reduce Exposure to Lead in Soil
 - HUD: Include soil-lead hazard evaluation and control in Lead Hazard Control grants scope for pre-1978 housing
 - HUD: Include soil-lead hazard evaluation and control in Lead Safe Housing Rule implementation in assisted pre-1978 housing
 - HUD & EPA: Collaborate on lead exposures at HUD-assisted housing on or near Superfund sites

Examples of Key Federal Actions – Goal 2. Identify Lead-Exposed Children and Improve Their Health Outcomes

- **2.2: Facilitate Follow-up Blood Lead Testing and Monitoring of Children Identified as Lead-Exposed**
 - HUD: Conduct collaborative outreach and education by lead hazard control grantees to identify lead-exposed children and refer them for evaluation
 - HUD: Use Mayor's Challenges (via National League of Cities), Community Build Events, etc., to identify lead-exposed children and refer them for evaluation
 - HUD: Enhance Lead Safe Housing Rule compliance

Examples of Key Federal Actions – Goal 3: Communicate More Effectively

- 3.1: Consolidate and Streamline Federal Lead-Related Communication and Messaging
 - HUD, CDC, EPA, USDA: Partnering on outreach campaigns with heavy lead emphasis:
 - Natl. Healthy Homes Month (June 2019, etc.)
 - Natl. Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (Oct. 2019, etc.)

Examples of Key Federal Actions – Goal 3: Communicate More Effectively

- 3.2: Improve Awareness of Lead Hazards, Prevention and Remediation among Diverse Populations, Especially Those Most at Risk
 - HUD & NEHA: Select recipients of HUD Secretary's Award for Healthy Homes annually (7/11/2019, etc.)
 - HUD: Developed, w/CDC, EPA, 2nd edition of Lead Paint Safety Field Guide, a highly graphic step-by-step outline of lead-safe maintenance work practices

Examples of Key Federal Actions – Goal 4: Prioritize and Address the Critical Research and Data Needs to Inform Lead Policies and Guide Decisions

- 4.1: Conduct Lead Research
 - HUD: Co-chairing with EPA and HHS (CDC, NIEHS) and working with add'l agencies, on a multi-agency lead research workshop to plan on highest priority research
 - HUD: Award Lead Technical Studies grants to research agencies, firms, organizations:
 - \$2 M FY19 total; @ \leq \$700 K
 - Pre-apps received 7/11; apps due 9/3; awards by 9/30

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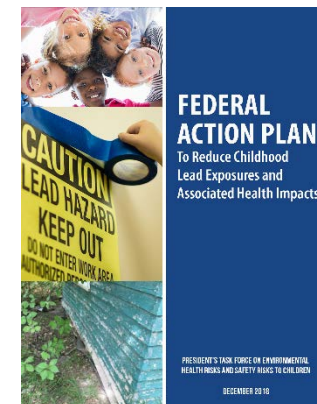
- 4.1: Conduct Lead Research
 - HUD: Complete field work (done 7/2019), and data analysis and reporting (due 12/2019) for American Healthy Homes Survey II to determine progress in reducing the prevalence of US homes with LBP hazards; research articles to follow (2020)
 - HUD: Evaluate enhanced inspection methods (UPCS-V, NSPIRE) for condition of assisted housing (2019-2021)

Status Reports for Federal Actions Supporting the Federal Lead Action Plan

- The federal Lead Action Plan is posted on the Task Force website, <https://ptfceh.niehs.nih.gov>, and will have future updates on actions by agencies, e.g.:
 - April 1, 2019 - EPA released its first status report via www.epa.gov/lead.
 - October 2019 - First HUD Implementation Plan report to be released via www.hud.gov/lead; it is in OLHCHH clearance and will be put through Departmental clearance.

References

- Task Force website: <https://ptfceh.niehs.nih.gov/>
- Lead Subcommittee co-chair agencies' lead websites:
 - CDC: www.cdc.gov/lead EPA: www.epa.gov/lead
 - HUD: www.hud.gov/lead
- National Lead Information Clearinghouse: 800-424-LEAD
- HUD Lead Regulations hotline: 202-402-7698
 - Lead.Regulations@HUD.gov
- TTY/TDD for phone numbers: 711



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