

The Erie Redevelopment Authority has recently been awarded a grant through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to identify and mitigate the existence of lead-based paint hazards in qualifying residences throughout Erie County. The home may qualify for assistance under this program if it was constructed prior to 1978 and purchased by a low/moderate-income family with a child under six (6) years of age that either resides at the home or spends at least three hours a day twice a week with a combined weekly visit that lasts at least six hours and a total annual visit of at least 60 hours.

Upon receipt and approval of an application, the Authority's services will include:

- A combination Paint Inspection/Risk Assessment to determine the presence and extent of lead hazards within the housing unit.
- Preparation of a written work scope designed to adequately mitigate or control the identified hazards (recommended work may include window/door replacement, paint stabilization, siding and carpentry repairs, etc.).
- Administration of a procurement process to secure a qualified contractor.
- On-going inspections of the renovation/mitigation work.
- Final clearance examination to verify that lead hazards have been removed and/or properly controlled and designation of the unit as 'lead-safe'.

The Erie Redevelopment Authority, utilizing funds obtained from HUD, will provide assistance for mitigating/controlling the lead hazards in each qualifying household for little to NO cost.

For more information or to obtain brochures that explain the program , please contact the Redevelopment Authority's offices at 814.870.1540.

This is an excellent opportunity for Erie County residents to improve the area's housing stock and to ensure safer living environments for young children. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Erie Redevelopment Authority** 

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