

Rochester Grantmakers Forum

Community Action Roundtable: Safe Housing

Monday, February 23, 2004, 3:30pm-5:00pm

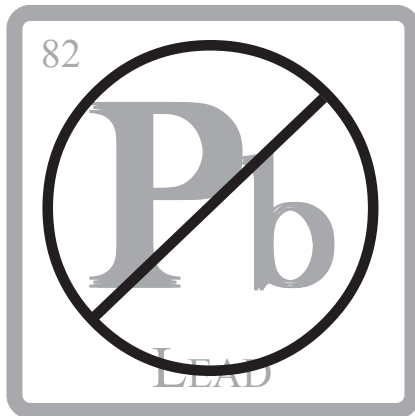
Hosted by the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation

2nd floor conference room, Al Sigl Center 1600 South Avenue, Rochester

Refreshments served.

\$20.00 Members only*

Elevated radon, molds, asbestos, and pesticide hazards are some of the safe housing issues in our community. In Rochester, the Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning represents organizations, individuals, and government groups working to reduce and eliminate another hazard, lead, particularly in children.



- An estimated 24% of Rochester city children have elevated levels of lead.
- Over 1200 children in Monroe County are affected each year.
- Elevated blood levels of lead can:
 - reduce intelligence (lowered IQ points).
 - decrease attention spans.
 - create learning problems (especially reading disabilities).
 - create behavioral control problems
- In addition to the tragic impact on children, the costs to society of lead poisoned children include:
 - increased funds for extra medical care,
 - funding for special education,
 - costs of juvenile delinquency and detention,
 - economic costs (for the child's lost income as an adult and the consequent lost income to the community),and
 - costs of liability to municipalities and property owners.

Most often the source for lead is house paint. Monroe county housing is predominantly pre-1978 (when lead in paint was banned), and dangerously elevated lead levels in children, while highest in inner city Rochester, have been found in all the suburbs of Rochester as well.

Where can grantmakers focus their resources for the most impact? Come hear the medical and education research, the legal, and housing issues. Learn about the lead poisoning problem and possible solutions in Monroe County.

Panelists:

Bob Barrows, Director of Housing, City of Rochester

Sarah Boyce, Center for Governmental Research

Patricia Brantingham, Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning

Rome Celli, RE/Max First, Greater Rochester Association of Realtors

Bryan Hetherington, Attorney, Public Interest Law Office of Rochester (PILOR)

Ray Sampson, United Way Public Policy Committee

* Pre-register by completing the form enclosed.

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