



Community Grant Outcome Report

Name: Collaboration on Lead Education, Abatement and Reduction (C.L.E.A.R.)

Grantee: Racine City Health Department

Academic Partner: n/a

Program: Development

Grant Duration: 01/01/2005 to 03/31/2006 (15 months)

Expenditures: \$24,027 of \$25,000 (96% expended)

Use of Funds: Build capacity; public awareness

► **Description:** Address lead hazards in homes, assess methods used to reduce lead hazards in housing and focus on health disparity issues in lead poisoning.

► **Results:** CLEAR was successful in bringing together 33 individuals representing 21 agencies to assist in writing goals and objectives for the Lead Elimination Plan for the City of Racine. These individuals collaboratively identified three strategies for addressing lead paint hazards housing and lead-related disparities in Racine: educating the public about the dangers of lead, including those at highest risk for lead poisoning; increasing screening levels, especially those children at highest risk; and abating homes where lead hazards exist. CLEAR also successfully developed a Lead Elimination Plan for the City of Racine to eliminate childhood lead poisoning as a major environmental threat by the year 2010. This plan was released at a press event on August 11, 2005 attended by local and state health and governmental representatives. The project also conducted inspections in 25 homes previously abated for lead to assess the effectiveness of lead abatement methods used by landlords/contractors.

► **Met Objectives:** Yes

► **Baseline Progress on SHP Objectives:** Yes – Environmental health

► **Academic Partner Role:** The academic partner provided guidance and expertise in the development of the Lead Elimination Plan.

► **Matched Dollars (cash or in-kind):** \$13,991

► **Dissemination:** The press conference announcing the release of the Lead Elimination Plan was covered by the *Journal Times* and the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* which helped increase the awareness of lead poisoning. The plan was sent to key committee members and key stakeholders in the community, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for inclusion on their website.

► **Sustained:** The City of Racine used the Lead Elimination Plan to get HUD, CDC, and corporate grants totaling \$4,309,374.