

# Indiana's Healthy Homes Strategic Plan

Indiana State Department of Health  
Indiana Lead and Healthy Homes Division

# What is a healthy home?

# 7 Principles of a Healthy Home

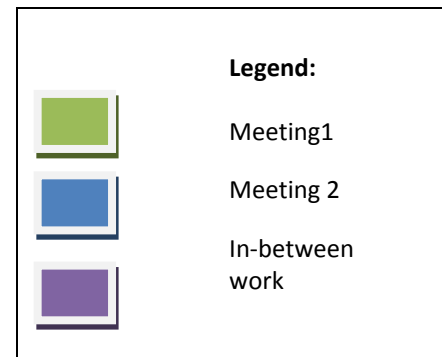
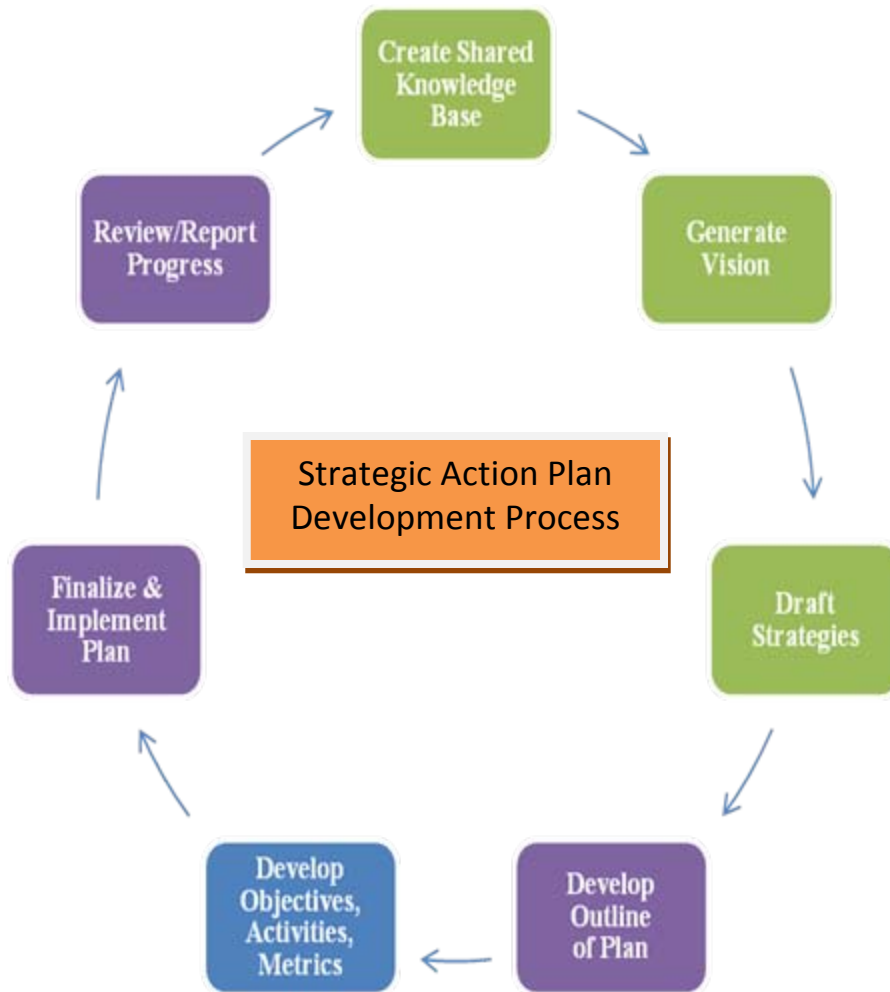
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- Pest free
- Ventilated
- Maintained
- Contaminate free

# Progress towards a Comprehensive Healthy Homes Approach

- December 2010 – the Indiana Lead and Healthy Homes Program contracts with the National Center for Healthy Housing to develop Indiana’s Healthy Homes Strategic Plan
- January 2011 – CDC releases funding availability notice
- January 2011 – first statewide healthy homes transition meeting
- March 2011 – second statewide healthy homes transition meeting
- March 2011 – CDC grant application submitted
- August 2011 – Indiana awarded a three year grant for Healthy Homes

# Key aims of CDC's Healthy Homes Initiative include:

- Broadening the scope of single-issue public health programs to address multiple housing deficiencies that affect health and safety
- Building capacity and competency among individuals that work in the community to develop and manage comprehensive and effective healthy homes programs
- Promoting , developing and implementing cross disciplinary activities at all levels of government to address the problem of unhealthy and unsafe housing through surveillance, research and comprehensive prevention programs
- Facilitating the collection of local data and monitoring progress toward reducing or eliminating housing deficiencies and hazards
- Identifying and implementing low-cost, reliable and practical methods to reduce health and safety risks in substandard housing.



# Goal 1: Integrating healthy homes into existing service systems, operations and organizations

- Prioritize healthy homes across state and local agencies
- Assure quality training for health and housing professionals and policy makers
- Increase agency collaboration and establish integrated resource and referral networks at the state and local levels



## Goal 2: Offer incentives and secure adequate resources for making homes healthier and safer

- Developed shared ownership of healthy homes initiatives and engage multiple sectors in developing solutions
- Identify and pursue federal, state and private funding streams to support healthy homes initiatives



## Goal 3: Develop and strengthen partnerships with stakeholders affected by or involved in healthy homes work



- Creatively engage current and potential partners
- Develop an open exchange of information with current and potential partners
- Find innovative and flexible ways to secure and share funding for healthy homes

## Goal 4: Conduct research and evaluation to define the scope of the problem and ensure interventions and programs are effective and cost-efficient

- Develop a statewide plan to identify and collect healthy homes data
- Leverage partnerships to increase research and evaluation capacity



## Goal 5: Develop and strengthen the legal and regulatory framework for healthy homes

- Make the case for healthy homes through documentation and dissemination of the evidence supporting healthier housing
- Incorporate healthy homes into requirements for new construction
- Adopt a uniform healthy homes maintenance code for Indiana
- Raise awareness of how existing rules, laws and ordinances can be used to improve housing quality in the state

## Goal 6: Develop targeted education and training programs for families, property owners, health and housing professionals and schools



Indiana Healthy Homes and Childcare Conference

- Use innovative methods to educate the public on the benefits of healthy homes
- Develop targeted education programs for health care providers, public health students and education professionals

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# Next steps

- Identify priority short-term and long term strategies based on available resources
- Develop an implementation and accountability plan
- Support local agencies in developing local implementation plans
- Develop high level support for this plan among stakeholders agencies
- Connect with and enlist the support of organizations that did not participate in the Healthy Homes Transition meetings
- Celebrate victories and continue momentum

# Healthy Homes Specialists

- Twenty (20) credentialed Healthy Homes Specialists in Indiana
- Thirteen (13) are employed by local health departments representing four (4) different agencies
- Six (6) are employed by ISDH
- One (1) is employed by a private entity
- Working with Indiana Community Action Association, Environmental Management Institute and Healthvisions Midwest to increase the number of Healthy Homes Specialists and train Community Health Workers

National Environmental Health Association, retrieved October 4, 2011, from [www.neha.org](http://www.neha.org)

# Questions



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