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# **The Future of CDC Funding for Lead and Healthy Homes: FY11-12**

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## Call Purpose/Objectives:

- Brief community based organizations and other advocates on status of FY11 and FY12 funding from CDC for lead and healthy homes
- Summarize advocacy strategies underway
- Review of advocacy/lobbying options and targets
- Review draft messages
- Discuss state and local implications of proposed cuts
- Outline next steps & opportunities for collaboration



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## FY11 Continuing Resolutions

- House CR (HR 1) – proposed 23% cut to CDC
  - Program-specific cuts not defined
- Senate – Rejected both HR 1 and Senate Democrats' alternative
- Current CR runs out March 18
  - Cuts still a possibility



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## FY11 Grants to States

- 33% limit on funding retained by states (unless through a non-profit agency)
- 50% reduction in max award amount
- Second year of funding likely impacted by President's budget if it passes Congress



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## **FY 12 (President's Budget)**

- Overall reduction for Environmental Health (\$43,289,000)
- Eliminates built environment activities (\$2,683,000)
- Reduces both asthma and CLPPP/Healthy Homes (by \$33,045,000)
- Creates “Healthy Home and Community Environments program”



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## Healthy Home and Community Environments Program

- Program includes “*surveillance, partnerships, and implementation and evaluation of science-based interventions to address the health impact of environmental exposures in the homes and to reduce the burden of disease through comprehensive asthma control*” - FY2012 CJ Performance Budget
- CDC will take 2 years to transition to this approach



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# Consolidation

- Implications
  - Reduce National Asthma Control Program funded states from 36 to 15 or fewer
  - Reduce funded recipients from 40 to 34 to implement Healthy Homes programs
    - Eliminate cities' grants.
  - CDC will no longer provide funding support to maintain HHPSS. States which adopt the system will be required to support it.



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## Consolidation

- Not necessarily a done deal
- Asthma groups not on board with consolidation.
- Needs more thoughtful plan.
- Not clear how clinical and school component of asthma program fit.
- Impossible to gain 50% in efficiencies.



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## Implications of the Cuts

### Work that will not get done

- Decline in abatement orders
- Decline in cases followed or managed
- Targeting not possible without data (impacts HUD Program)
- Trend reporting lost, including attention to emerging sources of lead
- RRP tracking/outreach eliminated
- WIC-HS-other programs not reached
- No primary prevention

### Economic impact

- Jobs lost
- Public Health Capacity Lost
- Long-term cost to health care, school systems



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## **NCHH and Others' Advocacy Efforts**

- Letter sent to all House members and Senate members re: FY11 (H.R. 1)
- National advocacy calls held with asthma program non-governmental organizations' representatives to develop collaborative message and strategy
  - Joint letter to HHS Secretary drafted
- Met with CDC leadership re: FY12
- Reached out to some key Congressional offices
- Parents of lead-poisoned children – ALPHA letter



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## **Suggested Advocacy Activities**

- Call, write, email, visit your Senators & Representatives
  - Appropriations Committees' Labor HHS subcom. = priority
- Tell Governor's office cut will create new problems.
- Mobilize lead advisory committees, CLPPP partners
  - ask CLPPP staff for suggestions of contacts
- Reach out to managed care, home visiting, school board
- LBP activities professionals and trainers
- Parents of lead poisoned kids



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## **Other Implications of Cuts and Advocacy Opportunities**

- Group Discussion



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## Action Plan & Next Steps

- Contact Senators and Representatives
  - Priority – members of appropriations
- Reach out to all possible allies
- Watch <http://capwiz.com/nchh/home/> & leadnet
  - Inform parents of lead-poisoned children about ALPHA sign on – alphalead@comcast.net



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