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Charleston Housing Working to Build Local Lead Capacity

Effective March 15, 2001, properties receiving Section 8 rental assistance will be subject to HUD's Lead Based Paint regulations. All properties built prior to 1960 where children age six and under reside or will reside will be affected.

If deteriorated paint is identified the landlord will be required to have the painted sur-

face stabilized. The unit must then pass a clearance test to determine that all lead dust has been properly removed.

Only individuals certified in Lead Safe Work Practices can perform the stabilization work. Clearance testing can only be performed by a state licensed Lead Inspector or Risk Assessor.

If a landlord or their maintenance personnel are not certified in safe work practices, they will need to hire an individual who is certified to perform stabilization work.

Charleston Housing is working to build our local capacity with regard to both paint stabilization workers and clearance testers.

Lead Paint Training

Charleston Housing will be hosting two lead paint-training sessions in preparation for the implementation of HUD's Lead Based Paint Regulations on March 15, 2001.

Lead Safe Work Practices and Hazardous Communication
Saturday, February 24, 2001
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Industrial Training Corporation (ITC) of Richmond, Virginia will be conducting a one-day course on Lead Safe Work Practices and Hazardous Communication. This course will provide individuals with the certification required to perform paint stabilization work as required by HUD's lead paint regulations. The cost for training is \$100 and is payable to Charleston Housing on the day of the training. The class will be held at Charleston Housing's main administrative offices located at 911 Michael Avenue, Charleston. Call Wendy Haddox at 348-6451, ext. 377 to reserve your spot for the training.

Lead Supervisor/Contractor Class
February 19-23, 2001

The West Virginia Landlord Association has arranged for Industrial Training Corporation (ITC) to conduct a Lead Supervisor/Contractor class during the week of February 19-23. This class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day with an exam on the final day. The class is required for those wanting to receive state licensing to supervise workers in the abatement/stabilization of lead paint. The cost for training is \$600 and is payable to ITC on the first day of the class. The training will be held at Charleston Housing's main administrative offices located at 911 Michael Avenue, Charleston. Again, you can contact Wendy Haddox to reserve your place for the training. 348-6451, ext. 377

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Debra Boyd to leave Charleston Housing

Debra A. Boyd, Director of Operations for Charleston Housing since 1998 has announced she will be leaving the agency in April 2001. Mrs. Boyd intends to spend time with her family before pursuing other career interests. During her tenure here at CH she made landlord relations a priority for staff. Her leadership will be missed at Charleston Housing and in the greater community.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY, A PROGRAM ON THE MOVE

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is a program designed to help families move from public assistance to economic independence by connecting families with the resources to complete their goals to self-sufficiency. It started almost three years ago with 99 available slots, with the number of slots being reduced by each participant who successfully completes the program.

Though the number of participants has fluctuated, the program is now at 91 slots with 90 of those filled. Of the eight successful completions, five received monies that had been escrowed to a savings account on their behalf due to gradual increases in earned income from the date of the FSS contract. The other three successful participants found jobs with an income that allowed them to become immediately independent of housing and other public assistance.

Ray Marsh is the Director of Family Self-Sufficiency and Carol Marcum is the program coordinator.

Charleston Housing's Administrative offices will be closed on the following dates:

Presidents' Day Monday, February 19

Good Friday Friday, April 13