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To: Local Health Directors and Chief Sanitarians

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Subject: Healthy Homes Data Book

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) Lead and Healthy Homes Program is pleased to announce the publication and availability of the *Connecticut Healthy Homes Data Book*.

Through the CT DPH Lead and Healthy Homes Program, a statewide Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI) was established. The mission of the HHI is “to develop statewide partnerships and implement comprehensive policies and coordinated program activities that foster a healthy and safe home environment, reduce housing related health disparities, and improve the public's health.”

As part of the HHI's Strategic Planning Process, the DPH Healthy Homes Team compiled data on housing conditions and housing-related health issues, which were used to produce the *Connecticut Healthy Homes Data Book*. The data book compares Connecticut housing data to national housing data, and addresses ten specific environmental hazards in the home. Specifically, the book describes each hazard, its relationship to health and housing, associated data measures, and public health efforts directed towards each hazard.

These baseline data can serve to foster understanding about the breadth of health and safety issues that can be alleviated by addressing substandard housing, which is occupied disproportionately by minority and low-income populations. It can also serve as a baseline to compare progress as more standardized approaches to prevention, assessment, and remediation are implemented. The data also help us to identify opportunities for increased coordination and integration of healthy homes activities into our existing work.

The *Connecticut Healthy Homes Data Book* can be found on the DPH Healthy Homes website at: www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/environmental_health/eoha/pdf/hh_data_book.pdf

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