



# HEALTHY HOMES TRAINING

Protecting Children and Families from Housing-related Health and Safety Hazards



## HEALTHY HOMES OVERVIEW

Environmental hazards in the home harm millions of children each year. In 1999, in response to a Congressional Directive over concerns about child environmental health, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launched its Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI) to protect children and their families from housing-related health and safety hazards. The following courses are offered under the Healthy Homes Initiative. Local training is made possible by a partnership between the University of Washington Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, Building Performance Center (BPC), and Community Services Consortium (CSC).

If you are a professional who is committed to making a difference in your community through safe and healthy housing, and who may visit homes to provide health or inspection services of any type, these training courses are for you.

## IN-PERSON TRAINING

### **Essentials for Health Homes Practitioners** (2-day training)

This course will help you understand the connection between health and housing, and how to take a holistic approach to identify and resolve problems that threaten the health and well-being of residents. This course identifies root causes of health problems in a home and links them to principles of healthy housing.

### **Healthy Homes Evaluator** (3-day training)

This course prepares students to identify and evaluate health-related hazards in a client's home. Students will learn good practices in working with residents, how to identify housing-related health hazards, use tools to measure hazardous conditions, prioritize hazards, and identify and communicate solutions to residents. *Students must complete the Basic Principles of Healthy Homes online course prior to this training. See reverse side for online course information.*

### **Eco-Healthy Child Care® Train the Trainer** (5-hour training)

This curriculum offers information to participants on how to reduce a child's exposure to 11 toxics categories. This training prepares participants to become an EHCC resource for their community, giving child care providers a local contact for training, technical assistance, and helpful resources pertaining to children's environmental health.

*See reverse side for more training options.*

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## IN-PERSON TRAINING (continued)

### **Healthy Homes Essentials for Environmental Professionals** (1-day course)

This training is a condensed, accelerated version of the Essentials course for those who already have certification as a professional in a healthy home-related field of expertise. It complements hazard-specific training in lead-based paint, radon, mold, pests, and asbestos, identifying root causes of health problems in a home and preparing professionals to make healthy homes a reality in their communities. *This training requires at least 5 years of experience in related indoor/home health consulting, remediation and assessment. Please visit [osha.washington.edu](http://osha.washington.edu) for pre-requisite details.*

### **Integrated Pest Management in Multi-Family Housing** (1-day course)

This course is designed to help property managers, resident leaders, pest control operators and pest management professionals work together to implement a comprehensive integrated pest management program by developing the skills and practices needed to effectively eliminate pests such as cockroaches and rodents from multi-family housing.

*Please visit [osha.washington.edu](http://osha.washington.edu), or contact the UW DEOHS Continuing Education Programs at 206-685-3089, to find training scheduled near you.*

## ONLINE TRAINING

### **Basic Principles of Healthy Homes**

You will learn about the well-documented link between health and housing; become familiar with the 8 principles of keeping your home healthy; identify the four interdependent systems found in most homes that impact not just our health, but our quality of life; and develop strategies for communicating with residents.

### **Pediatric Environmental Home Assessment**

This course is designed to prepare nurses to recognize potential environmental hazards as part of a primary prevention approach, and recommend preventative action or make appropriate referrals for conditions that may be caused by a housing-related hazard.

*To register for online training visit*

*<http://healthyhousingsolutions.com/hhtc/online-training-courses/>*

## INFORMATION

For course listings, or for more information about Healthy Homes Training, visit [osha.washington.edu](http://osha.washington.edu) or contact the University of Washington Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Continuing Education Programs at [ce@uw.edu](mailto:ce@uw.edu) or 206-685-3089.



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