## Strategies for Effective Program Outreach and Marketing

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#### **Presentation Overview**

- Establishing important relationship and potential hiring of staff for program success
- Tips for effective outreach and marketing strategies to target key program participants that may benefit from program resources and contractors
- Review examples from HHP grantee regarding their effective marketing and outreach strategies

#### **Building Program Capacity**

In order to build effective outreach and marketing strategy, it's important to identify and evaluate key players:

- Subrecipients

- Contractors

- Staff (Outreach and/or Marketing Specialist, Intake Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator etc.)

- Potential Community Partners - Organizations

Educate community partners and staff regarding key program objectives and expectations

## **Building on Key Partnerships**

After mutual professional relations are formed

 Host group or one-on-one meetings partners to explain expectations of program

•Execute Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) or Grant Agreements, or Subawards

• Ensure Competitive Bidding (Contractor Work)

•Consistent communication with partners for referral success

## **Building Program Capacity**

Once you established and developed the it's important to educate key players with the following resource:

- Training
- Work Plan
- Policies and Procedures
- Program Requirements

#### Outreach Program Definition

Outreach provides services to any populations who might not otherwise have access to those services.

A key component of outreach is that the groups providing it are not stationary but **mobile**; in other words, they are meeting those in need of outreach services at the locations where those needs are.

#### How to Develop and Effective Outreach?

- Define the mission of your program
- What are your work plan goals?
- Are the goals specific, measurable and targeted to your communities needs?
- Have you assessed the communities in your area for specific needs and incorporated them in your strategy?

#### **Outreach Strategies**

- Make sure to use the community to get the word out
- Develop partnerships (schools, churches, community events)
- Know what kind of information to send out to the community
- Make the information simple and easy to read

## Outreach and Marketing Targets



You will need to provide outreach and marketing to various entities to have a successful program.



Potential clients



Potential community partners



Contractors

#### Outreach Targets

Using data to target your program's outreach and intake is an effective strategy to address families atrisk or lead and healthy housing hazards:

Neighborhoods

**Census Tracts** 

High-Risk Zip Codes

#### Outreach Targets

#### Identify your target audience

- Elevated Blood Level (EBL) Priority (potential priority)
- Housing- with children under age 6 (residing or visiting)
- Older Adults
- Families with Children (Under the age of 18)
- Families with persons with disabilities reside;

#### **Targeted- housing**

- Pre 1978 or 1940 privately-owned owner-occupied or rental housing
- Newer Housing Stock that compromised

## Marketing Program Definition

- Marketing is the means by which you communicate to, connect with, and engage your target audience to convey the value and availability of your program services.
- After outreach strategies are identified, program marketing is key to convey program value
- Identify the various program audiences to create a strong marketing strategy for engagement

#### Marketing Tips



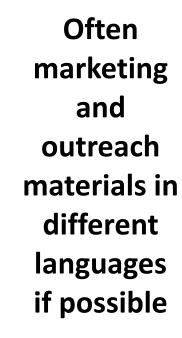




Create attractive program flyers Use plain wording

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Distribute in places frequented by families you plan to serve





Partner with your local Health Departments, community organizations, and local advocates (coalitions)

## Marketing Tips (Continued)

When contacting homeowners, landlord and tenants:

- QR codes if available to simplify follow-up opportunities
- Keep information simple and to one page
- Provide the benefits of what the program "can do for you"

## Marketing Tips (Continued)

- Utilize Social Media
- Host brief webinars or live, virtual meetings
- Yard signs or door hangers
- Inserts in utility bills
- Keep information simple and to one page and provide the benefits of what the program "can do for you"
- Word of Mouth

## Marketing Tips (Continued)

- Daycare centers
- Healthcare providers
- Department of Human Services or other local government agencies
- Health Fairs
- Head Start Programs
- Participate in National Lead Awareness Week and other Healthy Homes specific campaigns
- Attend section 8 landlord initiation meetings
- Public Access TV stations or local radio stations
- Bulletin boards (i.e., libraries, laundromats, etc.)
- Visit Community Health Centers, community events to promote the program

#### Marketing to Contractors

- Provide information about your program and employment opportunities to:
- Local general contractor training providers
- Other local housing rehab program providers (CDBG/Weatherization Program)
- Non- profits who offer self- improvement programs

#### Marketing to Contractors

- Potentially assist in training and licensing costs
- Engage your contractors
- Host Request for Qualification meetings to make them aware HHP program

### Partnership and Outreach Obstacles

- Unfamiliar with OLHCHH new Healthy Homes Production Grant Program or Requirements
- Not enough money/ capital
- Disengaged from the mission
- Contracts/ MOU are not clear as to expectations and consequences of poor performance
- Changes in personnel
- Timely payments

### **Overcoming Obstacles**

- Identify existing Healthy Homes Coalition in your area and join the group
- Host workshops and skills training sessions for CBO's to provide their staff with relevant skills training that will benefit other programs in the area.
- Educate all partners involved regarding the mission and purpose, and obligations of the program
- Utilize leverage resources for potential financial limitations
- Have appropriate succession planning for staff turnover or changes
- Work with financial staff to ensure timely payments and streamlined process
- Have detailed contract/ MOU development details and clarity of expectations and timeline.

## Key Things to Remember

- Building relationships and engaging program participants takes time. Especially for new grantees, be patient yet persistent.
- Key consistent communication with partners, contractors, and program participants.
- Define core program objectives and key partners prior to outreach and marketing.
- Effective partnerships, outreach/ education and an active community helps build and maintain local capacity to provide healthy housing to the most vulnerable population.
- Successful outreach and marketing should take you to the next step of intake. Once you have eligible applications you can then prioritize enrollment process (target housing, population, etc.)

#### **HHP** Grantee

#### Keep Your Home Healthy and Safe

2	Every Day	Every Week	Every Month	Every 6 Months	Every Year
一時により	Turn on a fan when taking a bath or shower	Change and wash bedding	Clean air vents and replace fliters	Clean roofs of leaves and debris	Wash off mold and mildew from exterior walls and roofs
	Put trash in garbage cans	Vacuum carpeting and sweepwet clean other floors	Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (change batteries every 6 months)	Ctean exhaust fans	Check walls for cracks and holes and seal them up
	* Wipe countertops	Clean bathrooms and kitchens	Trim trees and bushes and clear leaves/debris from around your home	Test your outliets for short circuits	Inspect screens and replace any that have holes
副語れたと	Keep floors dry and clean	Remove clutter and dust surfaces of furniture	Check for water leaks and inspect pumps	Check all locks and deadbolts in your home	Check roofs for leaks and repair damaged areas

#### **HEALTHY HOMES**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

#### **Eight Tips for Keeping a Healthy Home**

- Keep it Dry: Prevent water from entering your home through leaks in rooting systems or due to poor drainage. Check your interior plumbing for any leaks.
- Keep it Clean: Control the source of dust and contaminants by creating smooth and cleanable surfaces, reducing clutter, and using effective wet cleaning methods.
- Keep it Safe: Store poisons out of the reach of children and property labeled. Secure loose rugs and keep children's play areas free from hard or sharp surfaces. Install smcke and carbon monoxide detectors and keep free extinguishers on hand.
- Keep it Weit-Ventilated: Ventilate bathrooms and kitchens and use whole house ventilation for supplying thesh air to reduce the concentration of contaminants in the home.
- 5. Keep it Pest-Free: Pests look for food, water and shelter. Seal cracks and openings throughout the home, and store food in pest-resistant containers. If needed, use sticky-traps and baits in closed containers, along with less toxic pesticides such as boric acid powder.
- 6. Keep it Contaminant-Free: Reduce lead-related hazards in pre-1978 homes by fixing deteriorated paint and keeping floors and window areas clean using a wet-cleaning approach. Test your home for radon, a naturally occurring dangerous gas that enters homes through soil, crawkspaces, and foundation cracks, instail a radon removal system if levels above the EPA action-level are detected.
- Keep it Well-Maintained: Inspect, clean, and repair your home routinely. Take care of minor repairs and problems before they become large repairs and problems.
- Thermally Controlled: Houses that do not maintain adequate temperatures may place the safety of residents at Increased risk from exposure to extreme cold or heat.



#### Resources

**Healthy Homes Production NOFO** 

#### **Healthy Homes Resource Page**

https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/healthy\_homes/healthyhomes

#### **Healthy Homes Program Manual**

https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/healthy\_homes/HHPGM

#### **PGI 2017-05 Income Verification Guidance**

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/HH/documents/PG\_2017\_05\_Income\_Verificatio n\_Guidance.pdf

# **Questions**?