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NOVEMBER 2, 2026

East Coast Regional Conference
November 2-5, 2026
DoubleTree by Hilton
700 Elm St, Manchester, NH 03101

TIME	FROST/HAWTHORNE ROOM	DARTMOUTH ROOM
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	**REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**	
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	**RRP Initial & Refresher Class: Instructor Kate Kirkwood** EPA and VT RRPM (8:00 AM–5:00 PM)	**Case Study of an RRP Selective Demolition in Boise's Historic North End Using Lumetallix to Identify Lead Hazards with Surprise Hands-On Demonstration** Joe Levitch, President, Lead Locators
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	**RRP Initial & Refresher Class: Instructor Kate Kirkwood** (Continued)	**Myths, Mysteries & Mistakes for Contractors Working with Lead, or Not** Mike Sharp, President of Lead and Healthy Housing Conferences & Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corp Join in a fun, game show-like atmosphere. You can win prizes!
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**	**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	**RRP Initial & Refresher Class: Instructor Mike Sharp** (Continued)	**From This Old House to Contemporary Abatement: Lessons from the Job Site: What Works, What's Changed, and What Still Matter***s* **Ron Peik,** President, Alpine Environmental, Inc.
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	**RRP Initial & Refresher Class: Instructor Mike Sharp** (Continued)	**These HUD Grant Program Managers are Doing Grant-Funded Healthy Homes Work and are Searching for Contractors!** - *Interested in working with HUD-funded grant programs? This is the place to be!* **Paul Chalifour,** Senior Manager, Lead & Special Projects, Multifamily Housing Division, NH Housing HUD Program Manager; **Kate Kirkwood**, Program Manager, Sullivan County, NH Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program, CEO Lead and Healthy Housing Conference (also a contractor); **David Sullivan**, Project Manager for Lead Paint and HH, City of Nashua; **Elisha Underwood**, Program Manager, Windham County Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Capacity Building Program
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	**RRP Initial & Refresher Class: Instructor Mike Sharp** (Continued)	**Networking Time! Meet with Programs and Colleagues.** Including organized work time with New Hampshire and Vermont Regulators: Navigating the State Portals - *Get step-by-step assistance completing your application to become licensed in either state using the online portals.* Representatives of the Vermont Asbestos and Lead Regulatory Program and Representatives from the New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services

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7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	**HUD Grantee Bootcamp** (for new and experienced grantees) ***Welcome and State Updates from Seasoned Grantees*** **James Brooks,** Director of Housing Development and Healthy Homes, City of Worcester	**Mysteries and Mistakes for Healthy Homes** **Mike Sharp,** President of Lead and Healthy Housing Conferences & Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corp	**Big Impact, Tiny Pages: A Success Story of Using Children's Books for Effective Lead-Safety Messaging** **Gail Gettens**, MS, Health Communications Specialist
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	**HUD Grantee Bootcamp** (Continued) ***Session 1: Grant Startup – Goal Setting/RFP/Policies and Procedures*** **James Brooks,** Director of Housing Development and Healthy Homes, City of Worcester	**Who Cares About IAQ in Homes? Centering the Occupant Across the Healthy Homes Framework** **Carl Grimes,** Director, Healthy Homes with Hayward Score	**From Mills to Homes: Lead-Safe Property Redevelopment in New England** **Emma Rutin,** Lead-Based Paint Project Manager, U.S. EPA Region 1 **Katy Deng,** Brownfields Project Manager, U.S. EPA Region 1
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	**HUD Grantee Bootcamp** (Continued) ***Session 2: Documentation Requirements and Project Workflow***		**Estimating the Economic Burden of Childhood Lead Exposure in New Hampshire** **Tom Neltner**, National Director, Unleaded Kids
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	**HUD Grantee Bootcamp** (Continued) ***Session 2: Documentation Requirements and Project Workflow***	**Private Meeting - EPA Staff Only**	**Latest on K and L Shell XRF's and Perovskite Test Kits** **Tom Neltner**, National Director, Unleaded Kids
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	**HUD Grantee Bootcamp** (Continued) ***Session 2: Documentation Requirements and Project Workflow***	**Private Meeting - EPA Staff Only** (continued until 12 pm)	**Latest on K and L Shell XRF's and Perovskite Test Kits** (Continued) **Tom Neltner**, National Director, Unleaded Kids
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12:30 PM – 12:45 PM	**WELCOME REMARKS**
12:45 PM – 1:45 PM	**Beyond Detection: Collaborating to Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning** **Dr. Jennifer Haile,** Primary Care Pediatrician and Medical Director, Lead Treatment Center, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
1:45PM – 3:00 PM	**Federal Perspectives** **Mark Sanborn**, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1; **Capt. Monica Leonard,** Program Service Team Chief, CDC
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	**BREAK**
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	**New England Panel:** ***State representatives from across New England will share program and regulatory updates, current challenges, and key developments in lead and healthy housing*** **Beverly Baer Drouin,** CPM, Section Administrator, Healthy Homes & Environment Section, NH Department of Health & Human Services **Judah Boulet**, MS, MBA, RI Rental Registry Program Administrator & Lead Poisoning Prevention Health Program Administrator, Center for Healthy Homes & Environment **Michael Weakley**, Supervisor, Lead and Asbestos Enforcement & Licensing, MA Department of Labor Standards **Amy Danielson**, MPH, Asbestos and Lead Regulatory Program Manager, VT Department of Health **Kimberly Ploszaj**, BSPH, EMT, Supervising Environmental Analyst, Lead Hazard Reduction and Control Section, CT Department of Public Health **John Bucci**, OHMS, III, Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management, ME Department of Environmental Protection **Sandy Moody**, Environmental Specialist, Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management, ME Department of Environmental Protection
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	**Moderated Question and Answer:** *Ask your questions of the New England Regulators* **Tom Neltner**, National Director, Unleaded Kids **Kate Kirkwood**, CEO, Lead & Healthy Housing Conferences
5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	**Sullivan County: Changing Homes, Changing Lives** **Kate Kirkwood**, MBA, Principal Trainer Lead -EDU, CEO Lead & Healthy Homes Conferences, Program Manager, Sullivan County, NH Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program, Author
5:15 PM – 6:30 PM	**Cocktail Reception with the Exhibitors in Assembly Room**

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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	**HUD Grantee Bootcamp** (Continued) ***Recap Q&A*** **James Brooks,** Director of Housing Development and Healthy Homes, City of Worcester		
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	**HUD Grantee Bootcamp** (Continued) ***Session 3: Increasing Contractor Capacity & Contractor Management*** **James Brooks,** Director of Housing Development and Healthy Homes, City of Worcester	**Rental Registry Lessons Learned** **Judah Boulet**, MS, MBA, RI Rental Registry Program Administrator & Lead Poisoning Prevention Health Program Administrator, Center for Healthy Homes & Environment	
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	**BREAK**	**BREAK**	**BREAK**
10:30 AM – 11:15 AM	**HUD Grantee Bootcamp** (Continued) ***Session 4: Healthy Homes Grant Administration*** **James Brooks,** Director of Housing Development and Healthy Homes, City of Worcester		**Modernizing Lead Poisoning Prevention Outreach: RIDOH's Use of SMS Text Messaging and Digital Advertising to Increase Lead Awareness** **Judah Boulet**, MS, MBA, RI Rental Registry Program Administrator & Lead Poisoning Prevention Health Program Administrator, Center for Healthy Homes & Environment
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	**HUD Grantee Bootcamp** (Continued) ***Session 1-4 Q&A Roundtable Discussions*** **James Brooks,** Director of Housing Development and Healthy Homes, City of Worcester	**Encapsulation of Lead Paint - Abatement Chemistry for Success** **Cole Stanton**, Director of Education & Development, Sentinel Products, Inc	**Rethinking Inspector, Risk Assessor, and Supervisor Training and Certification** **Tom Neltner**, National Director, Unleaded Kids
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	**LUNCH PROVIDED**	**LUNCH PROVIDED**	**LUNCH PROVIDED**

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1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	**You've Got a Grant—Congratulations! Now What?** *Turning Your HUD Award into Action: Clear, Practical, and Broad Guidance for Grantees* **Kate Kirkwood,** CEO Lead and Healthy Homes Conferences, Program Manager Sullivan County, NH Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program, Principal Trainer Lead EDU, Author	**Changing Course: A Roadmap to Increasing Blood Lead Level Testing Rates** **Part I - Why the Testing Method Matters: Effective pediatrician engagement through quality improvement projects utilizing ECHO® Model for continuing medical education** **Gail Gettens**, MS, Health Communications Specialist	**The Scoop on Lead in Baby Food, Infant Formula, and…** **Tom Neltner,** National Director, Unleaded Kids **Mariah Walters,** Communication Strategist, Unleaded Kids
1:45 PM – 2:30 PM	**Community-Based Lead Education, Outreach & HUD Program Recruitment Methods** **Laura Brion**, Executive Director, Childhood Lead Action Project **DeeAnn Guo**, Community Organizer, Childhood Lead Action Project	**Changing Course: A Roadmap to Increasing Blood Lead Level Testing Rates** **Part 2 - Impact of the HEDIS® Measure: Collaborating with state-level Offices of Medicaid Services for change** **Gail Gettens**, MS, Health Communications Specialist	**Sullivan County, NH: Beyond Benchmarks, How Do You Tell the Story of Your Program** —A Practical Guide to Powerful Video Outreach using the video **"Changing Home, Changing Lives"** **Kate Kirkwood,** Program Manager, Sullivan County, NH Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program, CEO Lead and Healthy Homes Conferences, Principal Trainer Lead EDU, Author **Rob Thompson,** Creative Director & Founder, Fourth Kind Films
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3:00 PM – 3:45 PM		**Reliable Instant Lead Detection On-Site & At Home** **Xander Terpstra,** CEO/Co-founder, Lumetallix	**Lead Detection in Drinking Water: A New Hampshire Case Study for Schools and Licensed Child Care Programs** **Ian Atwell,** Program Manager with NH Department of Environmental Services **Laurie Reynolds Rardin,** MES with NH Department of Health and Human Services
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM		**"Elevating" Lead Terminology: The Messages We Send** **Tom Neltner,** National Director, Unleaded Kids **Mariah Walters,** Communication Strategist, Unleaded Kids	**Recent Advances in On-site Screening of Lead in Dust** **Michael Bellamy,** Professor of Chemistry, Department of Natural Science at Northwest Missouri State University **Eli Drennen,** Student at Northwest Missouri State University and **Victor Davis,** Student at Missouri State University

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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	**Plenary 1 – Law and Lead: Understanding the Impact of Lead Exposure on Behavior and Public Safety** **Sheriff Mark Anderson**, Windham County Sheriff's Office
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	**Plenary 2 – Federal Agency Wrap-Up** **Dr. Trina Williams, CDC**
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	**Plenary 3 – Strategies that work; Solutions and Partnerships** **Stephen Thompson**, Services Environmental and Safety Director, Lowe's Companies Inc. **Ron Peik**, President, Alpine Environmental, Inc. **Tom Neltner**, National Director, Unleaded Kids **Kate Kirkwood**, CEO, Lead & Healthy Housing Conferences
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	**Plenary 4: The Call to Action Continues -** with the best new ideas from the audience