



## National Conference Agenda Day 1 – April 28, 2026

**7:30 AM- 8:30 AM      REGISTRATION – Coffee and Pastry Bar**

**Room A&B**

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	<b>Kara Hollins</b> , MPH University of Kansas Medical Center <b>Christina Pacheco</b> , JD, MPH; and <b>Jody Love</b> , MBA	Get the Lead Out: Empowering Rural Kansas to Reduce Lead Exposure through Community-Led Strategies	Room A&B
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>Dr. Kevin Guth</b> , DrPH, CIH KGC Environmental Consultant	Assessment of lead exposure controls on bridge painting projects using worker blood lead levels	Room A&B
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Break		
10:00 AM –10:30 AM	<b>Dr. Frances Shi, MD</b> , General Pediatrician at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore Einstein, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and <b>Dr Morri Markowitz, MD</b> , Director of Lead Poisoning Prevention and Treatment Program at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore Einstein, Director of Regional Lead Resource Center for the New York Metropolitan and Hudson Valley region, and Professor of Pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine	Improving Universal Blood Lead Level Screening at a Pediatric Primary Care Clinic	Room A&B
10:30 AM –11:30 AM	<b>Thomas Laubenthal</b> , Terracon, regional technical consultant, TX division/SE division Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint	“LBP Regulations Review”	Room A&B
11:30 AM –12:00 PM	<b>TBD</b>		Room A&B

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM      Lunch on your own**

**Room C**

8:30 AM – 9:15AM	<b>Gail Gettens</b> , MS, Health Communications Specialist	Changing Course: Road Map to Increase Pediatric Blood Lead Levels Testing Rates  Part I - Effective Pediatrician Engagement: Quality improvement project utilizing ECHO® Model for continuing medical education	Room C
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9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>Gail Gettens</b> , MS, Health Communications Specialist	Changing Course: Road Map to Increase Pediatric Blood Lead Level Testing Rates  Part 2 - Impact of the HEDIS® Measure: Collaborating with state-level Offices of Medicaid Services for change	Room C
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM BREAK			
10:00AM –11:00 AM	<b>Lanessa Owens-Chaplin</b> , Director, Racial Justice Center at NYCLU <b>Oceanna Fair</b> , chair of Families for Lead Freedom Now and <b>Valerie Baron</b> , Senior Attorney & National Policy Director (water), Environmental Health, NRDC	Lead Water Coming Through Our Kitchen Sinks	Room C
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Candace Buckley</b> , Executive Director, Toledo Lead Resources Center and <b>Monica Smith</b> , Lead Safe Coordinator, City of Toledo	Building a Lead Safe Future: Community and Local Government Shared Action	Room C
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch on your own			

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### St. Charles Room

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM	TBD		St Charles Room
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM BREAK			
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Mike Sharp</b> , Senior Safety Officer Janus Corp, President of Lead and Healthy Housing Conferences	Myths, Mysteries, Mistakes	St Charles Room
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch on your own			

### Astor Ballroom

8:30 AM -10:30 AM	<b>Kevin Kennedy</b> , Environmental Health Scientist, Healthy Indoors Training and Consulting, LLC	Healthy Home Principles: Simple but Complex	Astor Ballroom
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	<b>Perry Cabot</b> , Senior Program Specialist, Multnomah County Health Dept.	Stronger Together, How Robust Partnerships and Effective Communications took a local public healthy response global	Astor Ballroom
11:30 AM -12:00 PM	<b>Tom Neltner</b> , National Director, Unleaded Kids	Conversion of Commercial Property to New Residential; Challenges and Opportunities	Astor Ballroom

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch on your own

**Room A,B,C**

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Mark Romig</b> , Senior Advisor for New Orleans & Company and The Ehrhardt Group (TEG), logistics from, Kate and Mike <b>Kate Kirkwood</b> , MBA, Principle Trainer Lead EDU, CEO Lead and Healthy Homes Conferences, Program Manager Sullivan County, NH Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program, Author <b>Mike Sharp</b> Senior Safety Officer Janus Corp, President- Lead and Healthy Homes Conferences	Conference Welcome	Room A,B,C
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Amanda Reddy, MS, Executive Director of the National Center for Healthy Housing</b>	Plenary # 1- The Future We Choose: Building on What Works, Growing What's Next	Room A,B,C
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	BREAK		
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Sheila Xiah Kragie, Agency Lead PB Coordinator, U.S. EPA</b>	Plenary # 2-Progress update from EPA on Lead Activities	Room A,B,C
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	<b>CDC speaker confirmed, details will be announced by 4/21</b>		Room A,B,C
4:45 PM - 5:00 PM	LEHA Awards - Jazz band leads us into the reception		Room A,B,C
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Free Agents Brass Band and Reception		Ballroom D

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**Room A&B**

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Chris Bowling</b> , Flatwater Free Press	Investigative reporter specializing in housing, health, criminal justice and social issues	Ballroom A&B
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Naudia McCracken</b> , Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Supervisor, Douglas County Health Department	From Smelter Legacy to Prevention Success: Community Impacts and Blood Lead Trends in Omaha	Ballroom A&B

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Matt Jones</b> , BrightFields, Inc/Terraphase Engineering	Advanced Lead Dust Cleaning: Understanding and Achieving Lead Clearance	Ballroom A&B
10:00 AM-10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>Ron Peik</b> , President, Alpine Environmental	Using modern techniques to solve an old problem. Making HUD clearance levels attainable	Ballroom A&B
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	<b>Xander Terpstra</b> , CEO/Co-founder Lumetallix	Instant Lead Detection On Site & At Home	Ballroom A&B
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch - Buffet Lunch Provided		Ballroom D
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>Larry Brooks</b> , Retired Director, Alameda County Healthy Homes Department and Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	Code Enforcement/Public Health Partnerships in Lead Poisoning Prevention and Asthma Reduction	Ballroom A&B
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Break		
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Michael Walker</b> , Program Associate, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative and <b>Ashley Zuverink</b> , Program Manager-Detroit, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative	Building Capacity with Home Repair Implementers and Home Repair Contractors to Collaborate Effectively in Home Repair	Ballroom A&B
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Amanda Hatherly</b> , CEO, Building Performance Institute and <b>Kevin Kennedy</b> , Environmental Health Scientist, Healthy Indoors Training and Consulting, LLC	Growing the Workforce with Healthy Housing Principles: An Updated Exam and Spanish-Language Accessibility	Ballroom A&B

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### Ballroom C

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Megan Hughes</b> MPH, Chief Sanitarian, Housing Hygiene, New York State Dept of Health and <b>Stacey Thayer</b> MPH, Program Director, New York State Homes and Community Renewal	New York State Lead Registry: Interagency Collaboration and a Multifaceted Approach to Implementation	Ballroom C
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>Joel Ervice</b> , Associate Director, Regional Asthma Management and Prevention; <b>Amanda Reddy</b> , Executive Director, National Center for Healthy Housing, <b>Meredith Mueller</b> , MPH, Wisconsin Dept of Health, <b>Yvette Mitchell</b> , Cleveland Dept of Public Health and <b>Nathaniel Booker</b> , Mayor of Maywood, IL	Snapshots of Innovation: State and local approaches to healthy housing and asthma-friendly housing.	Ballroom C



10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM – 11:15 AM	<b>Shawn Kerachsky</b> , President, CEO, Community Infrastructure Partners	Leveraging Lead Service Line Replacements (LSLR) to Deliver Broader Home Health Impacts	Ballroom C
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Tom Neltner</b> , National Director, Unleaded Kids	Updating EPA's Soil Lead Standards: Issues and Options	Ballroom C
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch – Buffet Lunch Provided		
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Amanda Reddy</b> , Executive Director, National Center for Healthy Housing, <b>Danika Hill-Paulus</b> , MSc, Co-Executive Director & Indoor Air Quality Specialist of MKE FreshAir Collective	Locally Driven Innovation in Radon Testing and Mitigation: Models for the Field	Ballroom C
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Break		
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	<b>Rachael Stough</b> , Program Director, Tennessee's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention	Tennessee's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Real-Time Electronic Providers' Toolkit	Ballroom C
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Kate Kirkwood</b> , MBA, Principle Trainer Lead EDU, CEO Lead and Healthy Homes Conferences, Program Manager Sullivan County, NH Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program, Author	How do I apply for a HUD grant? Will it work in tandem with my current funding? Strategies for HUD Grant success	Ballroom C
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Janet Scully</b> , Program Manager, Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Public Health Soil and Blood Testing in the Wildfire Impacted Communities	Ballroom C

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8:00 AM – 12:00 AM	<b>Kevin Kennedy</b> , Environmental Healthy Scientist, Healthy Indoors Training and Consulting LLC	Advanced Measurement Techniques for the Healthy Home Assessor Certificate of Completion	St Charles Ballroom
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch – Buffet Lunch Provided		Ballroom D
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Kate Kirkwood</b> , MBA, Principle Trainer, Lead-EDU	EPA RRP Refresher Certification Course	St Charles Ballroom



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### Astor Ballroom

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Larry Brooks</b> , Lead Paint and Healthy Homes Program Administrator, 4 Leaf Inc, <b>Janet Scully</b> , Program Manager, Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health, <b>Paul Gray</b> , Fix Lead SF	California's Lead Paint Lawsuit/Settlement and Spending Plans	Astor Ballroom
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Howard Mielke</b> , Adjunct Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Tulane University School of Medicine	History of New Orleans and Leaded Soil	Astor Ballroom
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	<b>Tom Neltner</b> , National Director, Unleaded Kids	Replacing Lead-Based Paint Disclosure with something more impactful	Astor Ballroom

## National Conference Agenda Day 3 – April 30, 2026

### Ballroom A,B,C

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>Neal Freuden</b> , MA, MBA, President, EnviroPlan, LLC <b>Kate Kirkwood</b> , CEO, Lead and Healthy Homes Conferences & <b>Mike Sharp</b> , President, Lead and Healthy Homes Conferences <b>Howard Mielke</b> , Adjunct Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Tulane University School of Medicine	Chair, LEHA Third Party Exam Committee  Wrap up and Future Convention information.  “Unveiling the Facts of Human pb exposure”	Ballroom A,B,C
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Ruth Ann Norton</b> , President and Chief Executive Officer, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative	Healthy Housing Strategies for 2026	Ballroom A,B,C
10:00 AM -11:00 AM	<b>Sarah Goodwin</b> , Policy and Advocacy Manager, National Center for Healthy Housing and <b>Michael McKnight</b> , Senior Vice President of National Programs, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative	Updates from National Non Profits and Q&A	Ballroom A,B,C
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	<b>John Belt</b> , Chief, Field Services Section, Principle Investigator OH Healthy Homes Program and Panel of Experts	What the future holds if we had a crystal ball	Ballroom A,B,C