



# National Center for Healthy Housing

## Eliminating Lead Poisoning in Underserved Rural Communities in the United States

The purpose of this project is to reduce and prevent lead poisoning in rural America through an extensive collaboration between the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) and Cooperative Extension Services in **Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Montana.**

### **Project Goals:**

1. Train approximately 280 contractors in the one-day joint EPA/HUD Lead Safety Work Practices course (LSWP) in rural communities in the partner states;
2. Increase knowledge of the causes of lead poisoning and lead safe work practices by outreach through different media to more than 4,000 consumers and “do-it-yourselfers” in rural communities in the partner states;
3. Integrate lead-safe work practices and LSWP training capacity into the Cooperative Extension learning network through training and technical support to more than 50 Extension service agents and program specialists; and
4. Disseminate “best practices” at two national conferences.

### **Project Deliverables:**

1. 280 contractors trained
2. 4,000 consumers and do-it-yourselfers reached
3. 50 Extension service agents and program specialists trained/supported on LSWP
4. Best practices document developed to illustrate how Extension Services can integrated lead education outreach into their work
5. Best practices information presented at two national meetings