# LEAD SAFE UTICA
## *Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant*

***Lead Safe Utica addresses lead hazards in privately owned housing using funds awarded to the city of Utica by HUD. This program aims to prevent childhood lead poisoning by creating lead-safe housing and helps homeowners, landlords, and tenants control hazards from lead in paint, soil and dust.***

## *Effects of Lead*

***If not detected early, children with high levels of lead in their bodies can suffer from:***

- Damage to the brain and nervous system
- Behavior and learning problems
- Slowed growth
- Hearing problems
- Headaches

## *Benefits of the program*

- ✓ Each enrolled unit may receive up to $10,000 in Lead Hazard Reduction funding
- ✓ Completed projects will receive an EPA clearance report by a certified professional to prove the property was made lead safe
- ✓ Property owners and maintenance professionals are eligible for free training in the EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) 8 hour course, so the property can continue to be maintained in lead-safe condition

## *The Lead Safe Program is open to*

- ✓ Owner occupied housing (single & multi family)
- ✓ Rental housing

## *This program is offered at no cost, however, participants must meet the following requirements:*

- ✓ Live in or own property within the city of Utica, built prior to 1978
- ✓ Have a child under 6 years old, or a pregnant woman living in the home, or a child under 6 who spends significant time in the home
- ✓ Qualify as a low income household

***Priority will be given to applicants with a lead poisoned child under six in the unit***

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