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Overview

- Demographics
- How Linn County is remediating
- Funding
- Community partners
- Recommendations
Linn Co. - Cedar Rapids vs. Scott Co. - Davenport

Population: 128,009
Median age: 35.6
Male to female ratio: 1.0:1
Caucasian: 87.5%
African American: 6.38%
Asian: 2.04%
American Indian: 0.30%
Mixed race: 2.96%

Population: 101,316
Median age: 35.1
Male to female ratio: 1.0:1
Caucasian: 81.09%
African American: 11.7%
Asian: 2.12%
American Indian: 0.38%
Mixed race: 3.32%
**Linn Co. - Cedar Rapids** vs. **Scott Co. - Davenport**

- **Children tested** - 2,282
  - **Total confirmed cases** - 14
  - **Total housing units** - 80,551
  - **Pre-1950 homes** - 21,067
  - **Children < 6 Poverty** - 9%

- **Children tested** - 2,095
  - **Total confirmed cases** - 25
  - **Total housing units** - 65,649
  - **Pre-1950 homes** - 20,065
  - **Children < 6 Poverty** - 18%
How Lead remediation is being addressed

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

- Housed under Healthy Homes at Linn County Public Health (LCPH)
- Receives funding from Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- Provides guidelines for:
  - Screening
  - Medical/environmental case management
  - Education/outreach
- Initial investigations
- Remediation
  - HUD grant
  - Comp-rehab/emergency funds
  - Out of pocket
  - Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
- Cases per year: 2-5
- Staff: Coordinator and Healthy Homes Program Nurse
How Lead remediation is being addressed continued...

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP)

- Subgrantee of the Lead Hazard Control Grant
- Certified lead inspector/risk assessors and certified abatement contractors/workers
- City provides scope of work→ HACAP conducts remediation→ City or LCPH conducts clearance testing

For more information contact: Jane Drapeaux, Chief Executive Director of HACAP
FUNDING

Lead Hazard Control Grant

- Provides funding for homeowners and property owners to mitigate lead based paint hazards in older homes
  - Community Development Block Grant neighborhoods

HUD Grant

- Currently in 4th round of funding
  - Year long extension to meet numbers
  - Most recent change for grantees: contractors need work done in 10 days
- Administered by City Housing Services Office and LCPH
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

City of Cedar Rapids Housing Services

- Provides:
  - Comprehensive rehabilitation
  - Emergency assistance
  - Other CDBG funding

CLPP

- Part of Healthy Homes
IS YOUR HOUSE SAFE?

Your home is more likely to have lead-based paint if:

- It was built before 1978
- It is located within the Danger Zone shown on this map
  - An area roughly bound by
    - 11th Street, E Avenue and Edgewood Road NW;
    - 1st Avenue W; Rockford Road and Wilson Avenue SW;
    - J Avenue, I-380, 32nd Street and 29th Street NE;
    - 1st Avenue E; Forest Drive;
    - 19th Street and 15th Avenue SE

HELP FOR YOUR HOME

The City of Cedar Rapids and Linn County Public Health have a program that can help you find and fix lead-paint problems for little or no cost to you. There is a grant that can help both homeowners and landlords. If you live in a Danger Zone, you might qualify – especially if children under 6 live with you. Plus, it’s FREE to find out if you are eligible.

Thanks to a Lead Hazard Control Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), we can help those who qualify with:

- Inspection costs
- Improvement costs
- Healthy Homes assessments and education
- Relocation assistance during repairs

Homeowners and landlords:

It costs nothing to find out if you’re eligible. Visit CRHazardHunters.com or call 319-286-5872 today.

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Recommendations

- Get Scott County’s community more involved, make the issue more prominent in all of the community
- Educate people in the community on how to remediate their homes
- Give easier access to information
- Proactive approach
- Create Lead Hazard Fund
- Use Different Marketing Strategies
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• Linn County Healthy Homes http://www.lchh.org/mold
• HACAP http://www.hacap.org
• Cedar Rapids City of Five Seasons
  http://www.cedar-rapids.org/local_government/departments_a-_f/community_development/housing_programs/public_services_and_facilities.php
• Linn County Iowa
  http://www.linncounty.org/710/Lead-Hazard-Control-Grant
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