

# LEAD SAFE CLEVELAND COALITION

## NEWS RELEASE

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## **LIVING LEAD SAFE NOW COMMUNITY CLASSES TO BEGIN THIS FALL**

*First series of meetings to be held in Glenville neighborhood*

CLEVELAND – On November 6, 2019, the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition’s Community Engagement Committee, Environmental Health Watch, and the Citizen Action Team will kick off a community education series to educate the public about lead poisoning prevention. The goal of the series is to raise awareness, educate and mobilize the community to act, and ultimately, create lead safe homes. The first set of community classes will be held at host locations in the Glenville neighborhood.

**“One of our goals is awareness building and a transfer of knowledge with the community to empower them with information they can share to proactively protect our children from lead poisoning”,** said Fred Ward, Founder of The Khnemu Foundation Lighthouse Center and Citizen Action Team leader. **“This series is a true grassroots process, developed by the Action Team, a group of resident-leaders trained and mobilized to educate other residents about lead”.**

Free and open to the public, the series will cover lead 101, the impact of lead poisoning, identification of lead hazards, proper cleaning methods, and demystifying lead misconceptions. Other topics include the importance of lead screening and testing, early intervention programs and services, the new lead safe law and resources to meet compliance and remediate lead hazards.

**“The word policy can scare people. Among many other topics, this series will translate the new lead safe policy into laymen’s terms,”** said Shelia Calloway, Citizen Action Team leader. **“It’s exciting to see community members’ input received and included in decisions to create lead safe solutions.”**

### **Living Lead Safe Now Community Classes:**

- **Lead 101: The Basics of Lead Hazards** Wednesday Nov. 6, 5:30pm - 8pm Bethany Baptist Church, 1211 East 105th, Cleveland, Ohio 44108
- **Lead 102: Keeping Your Home Safe: Hands-On Demonstrations** Saturday Nov. 16, 10am - 12pm Glenville Recreation Center, 680 East 113th, Cleveland, Ohio 44108
- **Civic Engagement: Building Power From The Ground Up** Saturday Nov. 30, 10am - 12pm Khnemu Foundation Lighthouse Center, 966 E 105th St, Cleveland, Ohio 44108
- **How The New Lead Poisoning Prevention Law Impacts You** Thursday Nov. 21, 6pm - 8:30pm Studio 105, 1470 East 105th, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

- **Lead & Healthy Homes Resource Fair: Who Can Help** Saturday Dec. 7, 10am - 12pm Cory Recreation Center, 10510 Drexel Avenue, Cleveland, Oh 44108

The next round of community classes is scheduled to begin in January 2020 in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. More to come on the dates and locations.

**Please see attached a copy of the *Living Lead Safe Now* flyer.**

If you are interested in joining the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition, or have any questions regarding the *Living Lead Safe Now* Class Series, please contact Wyonette Cheairs at Enterprise Community Partners at 216-631-0280 ext. 4139 or [wcheairs@enterprisecommunity.org](mailto:wcheairs@enterprisecommunity.org).

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