



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **From Mayor Dean DePiero**

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### **Board of Health Announces New Programs for Parma Residents**

**(Parma, OH)** – The Cuyahoga County Board of Health recently announced two new programs designed to reduce and eliminate the health hazards of lead paint and mold. Parma residents with children under the age of 6, who own or rent a dwelling with lead hazards such as peeling paint on windows or peeling paint on the home exterior, can have their children tested for lead exposure and the peeling paint tested for the presence of lead. If lead is found, the homeowner or landlord could qualify for up to \$10,000 for repairs that include installation of vinyl replacement windows and the repainting of the dwelling exterior.

An accompanying program, the Healthy Home Initiative, aims to limit the impact of mold, mildew or moisture problems in homes with asthmatic children under the age of 16. Improvements include specialized house cleaning, furnace and hot water tank repairs, and the installation of insulation to make the home more comfortable. Homeowners, tenants or caregivers of asthmatic children under 16 may apply.

Mayor Dean DePiero encourages every Parma family with young children who may occupy a dwelling with a possible lead or mold/moisture problem to investigate these programs. “These are substantial grants and a wonderful opportunity for parents to protect the health of their children and upgrade their homes to prevent a recurrence.”

For more information, you can visit the Board of Health Services website at [www.ccbh.net](http://www.ccbh.net) or call (216) 201-2001 ext. 1527. Income limits do apply.

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