

Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning

a partner of the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency

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Membership Commitment

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We encourage all those who are representing an organization to list affiliations.

Professional Association: _____

Other Affiliation: _____

1. Obtain a working knowledge of and agree to follow the Coalition's By-Laws

Vision: We envision a community in which all Monroe County children and their families live in a lead-safe environment.

Mission: The CPLP will provide leadership and advocacy in a local effort to empower the community and its residents to prevent the lead poisoning of children by creating an environment that is free of lead hazards.

Goal: To end childhood lead poisoning in Monroe County by 2010

2. Obtain a working knowledge of and agree to use the Principles of the Coalition

Primary Prevention – The only way to truly protect children and their families from environmental health hazards is to identify hazards and take corrective and preventive action before harm occurs.

Right To Know – Community members have the right to know about environmental hazards in their homes, neighborhoods, and communities.

Community Organizing – Communicating directly, exchanging ideas regularly, and developing projects jointly with local communities is our organizing strategy. We understand that for solutions to be sustainable, those directly affected must be full partners in the project design and implementation.

Community Empowerment – Community residents are effective agents of change when they are provided with information and resources. Information about primary prevention is the most effective means to maintain a long-term lead safe community. Resources to test housing stock and abate lead hazards are required to establish lead safe environments for our children and families.

Environmental Justice – All people, regardless of income or color, deserve to live in housing that is decent, affordable, and safe from environmental hazards and to live, work, learn, and play in healthy communities.

Responsibility – Our responsibility is to communicate the best health hazard information and to educate the residents about steps they can take to reduce health risks.

Accountability – The central purpose of this effort is to hold property owners, governmental agencies, health care providers, insurers, and the legal system accountable for protecting the health and safety of our children and families.

Outcome-Oriented – The Coalition will consistently be outcome-oriented. Hence, its goals, objectives and actions will be directed toward achieving measurable outcomes within a specified period of time.

Collaboration – Coalition members will work together as a team to make this community's environment lead-safe. Because we recognize and value the differing perspectives of our Members, we seek to achieve a consensus on all Coalition decisions, and use a formal consensus-building model to that end.

Science-Based – All initiatives, reports, proposals publicly issued by the Coalition shall be based on the best scientific evidence available.

Respect – Individuals and organizations that share common values and work on kindred issues deserve mutual respect, honesty, trust, and candor, even when they may differ on tactics or short-term objectives.

3. Join at least one of the following committees. Please select at least one from below.

Finance – Manages the Coalition's financial records and makes monthly status reports to the Board of Directors. One of the Co-Chairs of this committee shall be the Coalition Treasurer.

Government Relations – Translates the work of the other committees into actionable legislative and regulatory initiatives and provides legal and legislative insight to Coalition discussions.

Screening and Professional Education – Monitors the latest research about lead poisoning and ensures that all members of the Coalition have a sound scientific basis for the conclusions that we reach and the actions that we advocate. Works to inform physicians and parents about lead poisoning prevention and the appropriate testing of children at 12 and 24 months.

Community Outreach – Reaches out to a broad range of individuals and organizations to raise awareness of both the problem and the solution to childhood lead poisoning and to enlist their participation in advocacy for policy change.

4. Accept the privacy policy

It is the policy of the CPLP to make only the names and affiliations of members public through our website and other communication vehicles. Under no circumstances will member information be sold or rented to any other organization. Any member who prefers that his/her name and affiliation not be made public may request to be excluded.

5. Accept the Conflict of Interest Policy

Any member who may realize a personal or business gain or loss as a result of a Coalition decision will disclose the conflict and refrain from participating in the decision.

Category of Affiliation: Please select and check your level of affiliation

Member: I agree to all of the above conditions.

Ally: I agree to keep informed and to work to end childhood lead poisoning.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____