

Rochester Healthy Homes Partnership  
2010 Activities Report  
February 2011

The Rochester Healthy Homes Partnership (RHHP) was established in January 2010. This organization formed after the close of Rochester's Healthy Home in December 2009, and comprises members of the Healthy Home's Advisory Council. The goal of the RHHP is to ensure that information and resources relating to home environmental health hazards are readily available to the Greater Rochester community. This document reports RHHP activities in 2010.

In March 2010, University of Rochester (which organizes the RHHP) developed a list of member organizations arranged by environmental health hazard. RHHP member organizations were also added to the Rochester 2-1-1 resource database, connected through the RHHP. Since the spring, several new members have joined the partnership: Rochester Childfirst Network, Rochester Childcare Council, Isla, Catholic Family Center Refugee Outreach Program and Rochester General Hospital. An updated member list can be found in Appendix 1.

The RHHP has supported several new and ongoing projects/programs in Monroe County, focusing on the City of Rochester. 2010 activities have included:

- Support for the American Lung Association Master Home Environmentalist program. RHHP members have provided feedback on adapting this program to Rochester, NY, advice on things to change, and connected with the ALA for additional resources. For example, discussions about connecting this home visit program to healthy homes trainings by other organizations have taken place. Funding opportunities through the RHHP have also been discussed.
- Continuing to refer families to the Regional Community Asthma Network, and referring clients to the Monroe County Department of Public Health Healthy Neighborhood Program.
- Working with WXXI (local public media) to develop a Healthy Homes DVD. RHHP members reviewed content, providing feedback on the video product, and are seeking funding to copy and distribute the video.

Plans for 2011:

- The RHHP is looking for ways to establish its presence in the Rochester community as a healthy homes resource. The main difficulty in this regard is the fact that the partnership is simply a networking entity – there is currently no “point” institution or resource for community partners to contact. Likewise, there exist no funding sources to support any projects by the RHHP. The Partnership is investigating the possibility of applying for a Kresge Foundation “Healthy Environments” grant to help expand its scope.
- Support for the Rochester Childcare Council in adopting the EcoHealthy Childcare training program. The Childcare Council received funding to conduct this training four times, twice in Monroe County. The RHHP has connected with the council and given feedback on the training. We are moving forward to discuss other support possibilities and inclusion in potential funding opportunities.