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Press Release

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Healthy Housing & Community Fair

High lead levels in the drinking water throughout New Orleans, as well as the lead hazards characteristic of our older housing stock, have contributed to poor health outcomes for New Orleans children and their families. Lead poisoning causes aggressive behaviors, learning disabilities, hearing problems, Autism, Anemia, Hypertension, dementia, kidney failure and death.

In recognition of Children's Health Month & in advance of lead poisoning prevention week October 22-28, SUN is hosting

Healthy Housing & Community Fair

Saturday October 7th

10am to 2pm

Fair Grinds Coffeehouse

2221 St. Claude Avenue

This event will feature:

- Opening of Art Exhibit on Lead Poisoning Prevention from students at Arise Academy.
- FREE information how to keep your family and home healthy.
- What to do about high lead levels in New Orleans drinking water
- How to identify & fix health hazards in your home.
- Sign up for one on one help buying your own home and fixing or establishing credit.
- Debut of WAMF 90.3 low power community radio station with information on how to host your own show.
- Information on Toxic Free Coffee and healthy eating options
- Lead Poisoning Resource Center at A Community Voice

In educating the public on the dangers of lead poisoning and things they can do to make their homes healthy, SUN hopes to open a larger dialog with our city and state officials

on how to work together to protect our children's health. According to the PEW Charitable Trusts' [10 Policies to Prevent and Respond to Childhood Lead Exposure](http://healthyamericans.org/health-issues/lead-prevention-briefs-ten-policies-to-prevent-and-respond-to-childhood-lead-exposure), removing the lead service lines to drinking water and rehabilitation of lead paint hazards from housing stock could go a long way to reducing blood lead levels of children born in 2018 to zero, which combined with more investment in behavioral interventions could generate \$84 Billion in benefits nationally (<http://healthyamericans.org/health-issues/lead-prevention-briefs-ten-policies-to-prevent-and-respond-to-childhood-lead-exposure>).

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