



Protect Children, Build Capacity, & Make Money! Help Your Organization Become a Lead-Safe Renovation Trainer

The Alliance for Healthy Homes is now offering a two-day “train the trainer” class at locations around the country to help prepare organizations to become accredited trainers under EPA’s new Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule. By April 2010, this rule will require virtually every contractor working in pre-1978 homes to complete an 8-hour course in lead safe work practices or face a Federal fine of up to \$37,500 a day.

By becoming an accredited RRP trainer, you can both help meet a critical community need and provide a new and valuable revenue stream for your organization!

Why Become an RRP Trainer?

There is a dire shortage of trainers to meet projected needs. EPA believes that there are only 194 firms currently in the business of providing accredited lead training and estimates 236,000 individuals will need to be trained. Meeting the expected demand will require hundreds or even thousands of additional firms to enter the market. Especially needed are trainers who understand local renovation practices and have connections to their contracting community. Non-profit organizations and community housing organizations are especially well suited to take on this role.



RRP training also has the potential to be a revenue source for your organization. Organizations may set training fees as they see fit and in response to community needs (similar classes charge \$150-\$200 per person). Costs can easily be recouped in as few as three trainings!

How to Become a Trainer

To become an accredited trainer under the RRP rule, your organization needs to apply to the EPA and meet their requirements. The requirements may appear a bit daunting, but as long as you have some experience in training adults, the Alliance can help you understand the rest. You must:

- o Provide an adequate facility and materials to do hands-on training
- o Have a training manager with experience in adult education and familiarity with construction or lead abatement
- o Have a principal instructor with experience in adult education and experience or education in construction/lead abatement and who has completed 16 hours of accredited lead abatement training*
- o Fulfill record keeping, auditing, and reporting requirements
- o Complete an application and pay a fee (fee waived for non-profit entities)

**Note: This 16 hour requirement refers to traditional Lead Abatement Training (for Workers, Supervisors, Inspectors, or Risk Assessors). Even though this training is required by the EPA, it does not cover the specific requirements of the RRP Rule, or instruction on how to train contractors. The Alliance’s Train the Trainer class is the best way to receive instruction specific to this rule and may help demonstrate familiarity with lead for the instructor or training manager, however, it does not supplement the 16 hour lead abatement requirement.*

What the Alliance's Train the Trainer Class Provides

Our course can help your organization to become a successful RRP Trainer. Drawing on experience in training organizations to deliver lead safe work practices training across the country, the class will include information on:

- o RRP Rule requirements
- o Detailed review of the EPA model curriculum
- o How to effectively deliver the hands-on components of training
- o How to make the class relevant and address common questions
- o How to market the class to contractors
- o How to apply for accreditation
- o Tools for remaining in compliance with EPA requirements



How Do I Sign Up?

To see a list of upcoming train-the-trainer classes, visit the Alliance's website at www.afhh.org or e-mail Patrick MacRoy at pmacroy@afhh.org.

About the Alliance for Healthy Homes

The Alliance for Healthy Homes is a non-profit public-interest organization dedicated to eliminating health hazards in housing. Founded in 1990 as the Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, the Alliance has been involved in the development or implementation of every significant federal lead regulation since its inception. Alliance staff helped the EPA review model curriculum that will be used by RRP trainers across the country.

Additionally, the Alliance has worked with non-profits, state, and local governments across the country to increase access to Lead Safe Work Practices training and promote policies to protect children, families, and workers from lead.

About the RRP Rule

The RRP Rule was announced by the EPA on April 22, 2008, and is being implemented in stages over two years. Full compliance with the rule will be required by April 2010. Under the rule, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. A firm must apply to the EPA to become certified and a renovator must complete an EPA-approved 8-hour training course.

For more information on the rule, including requirements, fees and exemptions, visit www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm