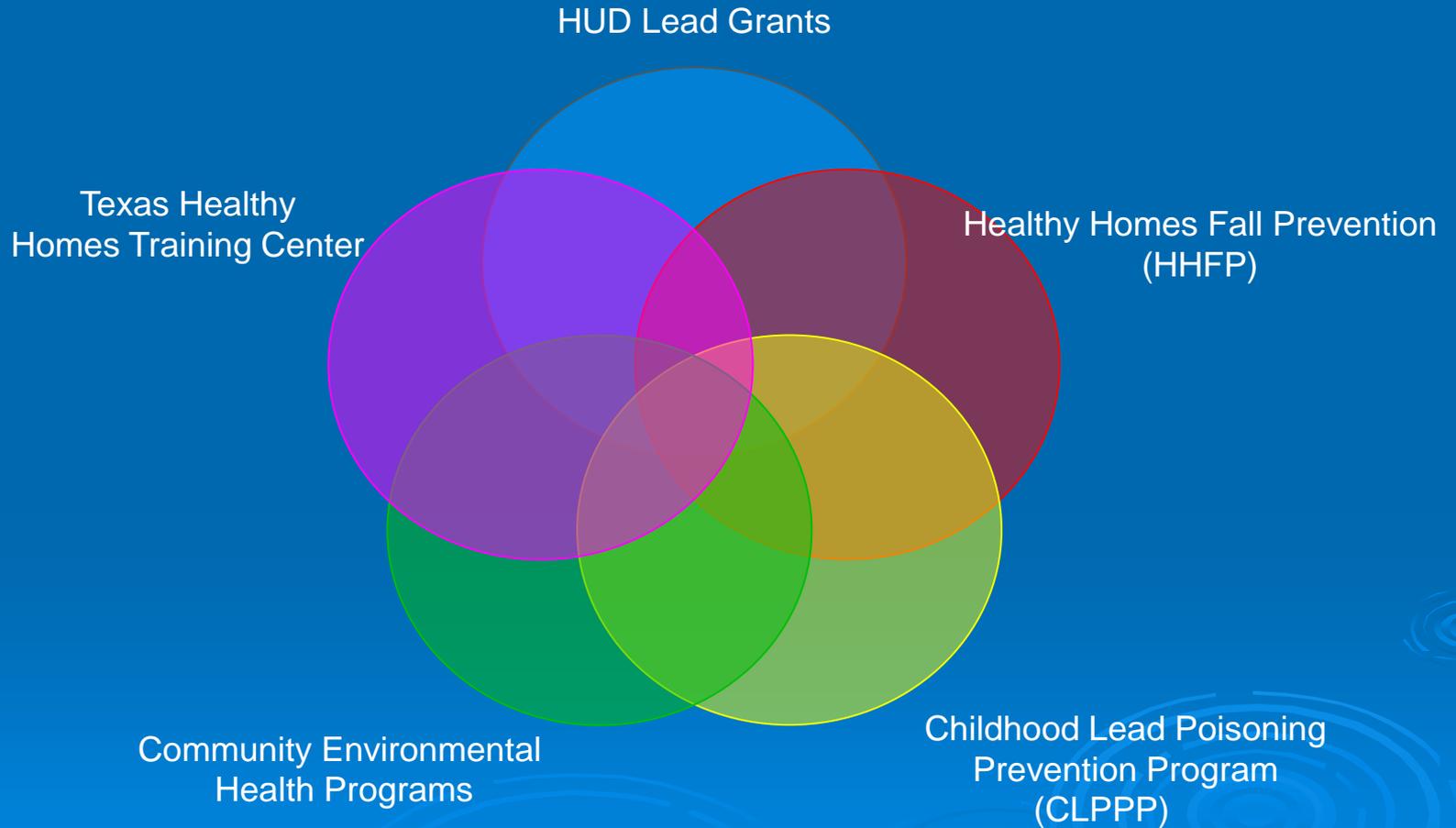


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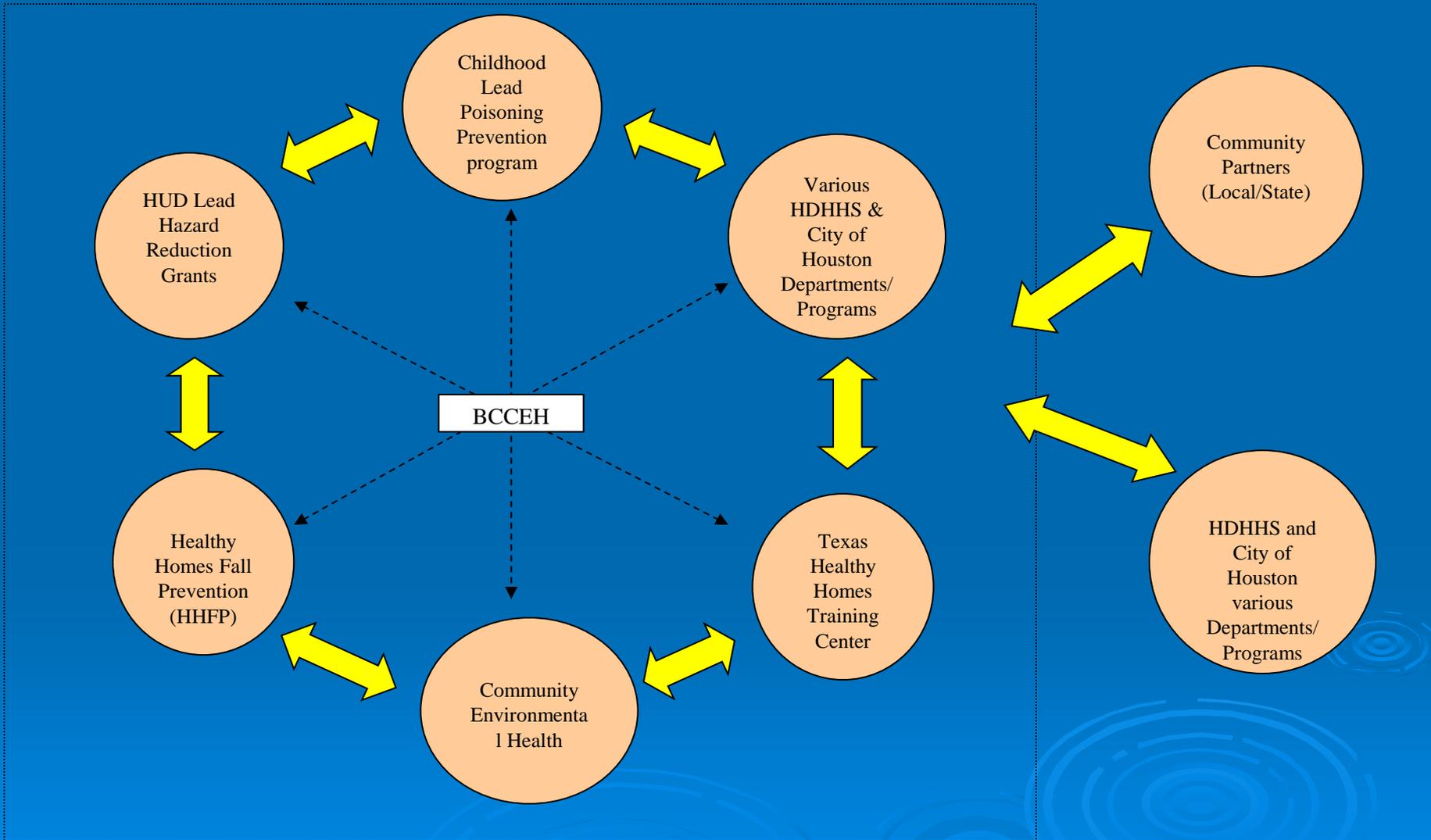
Vision

By providing cross referral and follow up system, the BCCEH is dedicated to developing environmentally safe homes for children by increasing public awareness to reduce the environmental hazards of lead poisoning, asthma and unintentional injuries that impact their health. The BCCEH seeks community involvement, social justice and legislative change to focus on children's health and their success. The BCCEH brings both experience and resources to find housing solutions that are affordable, practical and immediate for low income populations.

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BCCEH Cross Referral Process for Clients



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Goals

1. Assess health and safety hazards and conduct appropriate interventions in housing units occupied by at-risk children.
2. Characterize health and safety risks in targeted housing, based on the results of environmental assessments.
3. To prevent future lead poisoning, asthma, unintentional injuries in children and limit the damage.
4. Conduct community education on prevention of child illness and injury caused by housing related hazards.
5. To develop outreach materials and distribution of materials by creating a partnership with community based organization, faith based organization and other community associations.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

The purpose of CLPPP is to eliminate the prevalence of childhood lead poisoning in the city of Houston.

To accomplish the elimination goal the BCCEH staff is educating health care professionals, parents and the public about the hazards of childhood lead poisoning and how to identify and provide follow-up care to the children affected with childhood lead poisoning, providing case management to children with elevated blood lead levels in collaboration with network partners, and by educating the community and contractors about lead poisoning and how lead hazards can be remediated from residential neighborhoods.

CLPPP also provides environmental investigations and lead hazard reduction to the units that qualify by referring to the lead grant programs and other HDHHS programs such as WIC, Immunizations etc.

Texas Healthy Housing Training Center

Healthy Housing training is being offered in collaboration with the HDHHS-BCCEH and the Univ. of Texas School of Public Health. This two-day course brings together professionals with a variety of perspectives and experiences. As of today, BCCEH has conducted over 45 training sections, covering topics including Healthy Homes Essentials, Making the Connection, Launching a HH Initiative and IPM for Multi Family Housing, Housing Authority.

The training complements hazard-specific training in lead-based paint, radon, mold, pests, and asbestos. It identifies root causes of health problems in a home and links them to seven principles of healthy housing: keep it dry; keep it clean; keep it pest-free; keep it ventilated; keep it safe, avoid contaminants; and maintain the house.

Participants leave with a better understanding how to make healthy homes a reality in their community.

Targeted Area and Demographics

- Historical prevalence of lead poisoning
- High-risk age group
- Poverty status
- Age of housing (pre-1978)
- Racial/Ethnic minority status

HUD Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grants Successes

BCCEH performs a combination of lead inspection and risk assessments to every unit which meets HUD's guidelines and qualifies to participate in the program. The program provides interim lead reduction to most housing units since this method is the most cost effective. In some cases due to the low income housing stock and the condition/age of the windows/doors (surfaces of contact), replacement of such components becomes cost effective.

Since inception in 1992 the lead based paint hazard control program has,

- Provided lead hazard reduction to over 2000 housing units
- Trained over 300 unemployed/ underemployed individuals to be state certified lead hazard reduction workers
- Screened over 170,000 children for lead poisoning.
- Provide lead management in place to 50,000 individuals

Challenges..... Challenges...?

1. New program/new people to deal with?
2. Changes in job description/duties ?
3. Staff may see this as no or little incentives?
4. Cross training issues?
5. What IF LEAD objectives can not be addressed by program?- *citizen declines services, don't qualify...*
6. Community partners/local leaders buy-ins- *lack of lead ordinances and state legislation*
7. FUNDING...FUNDING...FUNDING???????

BARRIERS

COLLABORATION

PARTNERS

HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

LEVEL OF AWARENESS

DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS

POLICIES

CULTURE

RESOURCES

LOCAL HUD

LEAD POISONING

HOUSING

LANGUAGE

\$\$\$FUNDING \$\$\$

ASTHMA

COMMUNICATION

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DATA COLLECTION

PHYSICIANS

LEGISLATION

ADEQUATE SURVEILLANCE

Benefiting the Community

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