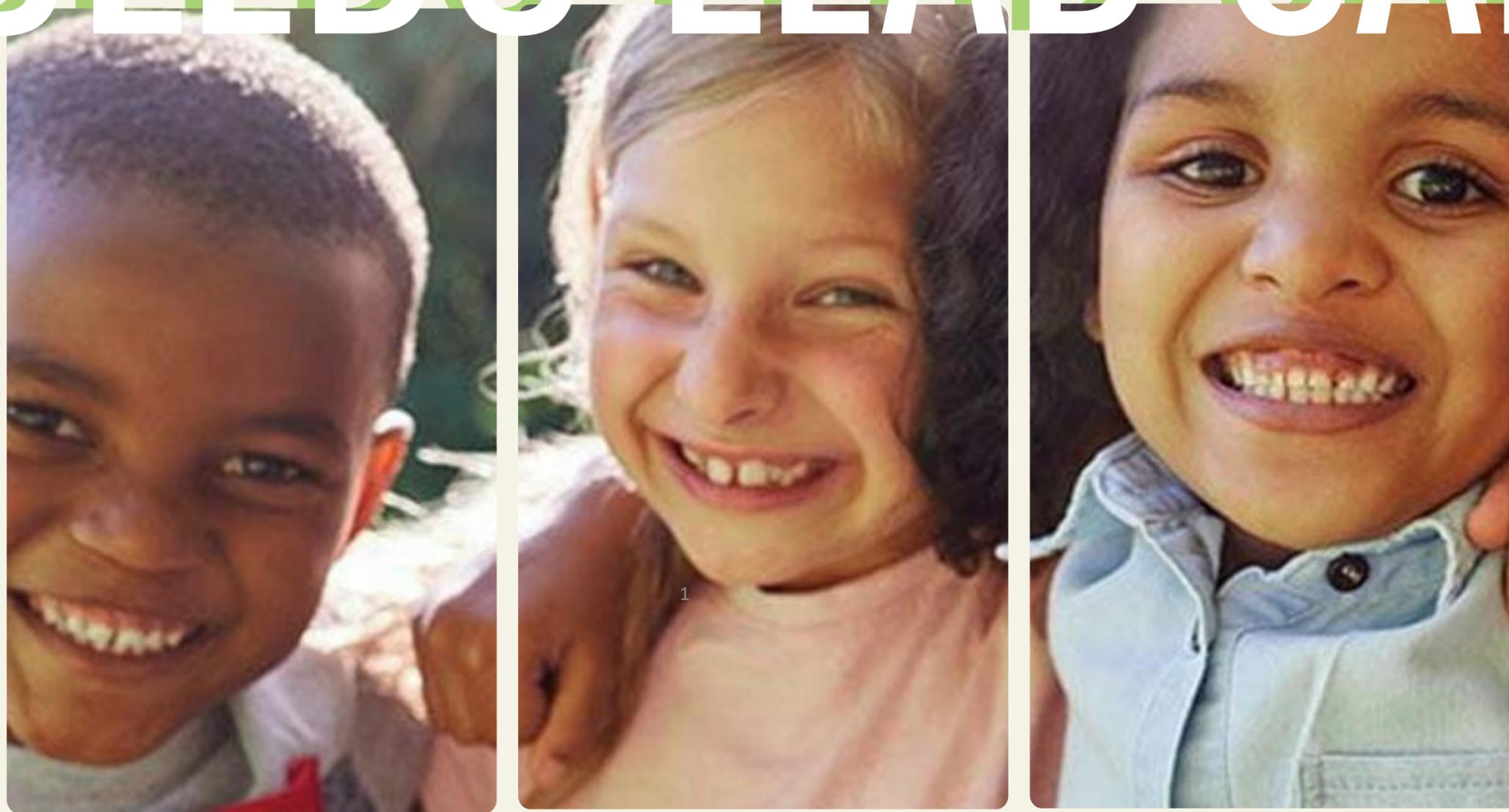


# TOLEDO LEAD SAFE



## Progress Report

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CHILDREN UNDER 6 IN LUCAS COUNTY

**31,500**



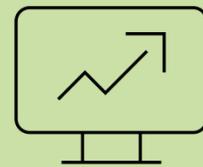
CHILDREN UNDER 6

**18,419**



CHILDREN IN LUCAS COUNTY WITH  
ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVELS

**3,500**



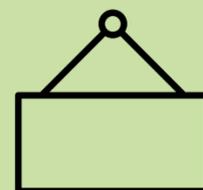
CHILDREN TESTED IN 2024 WITH CONFIRMED  
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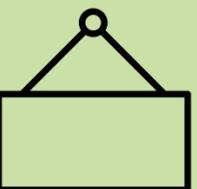
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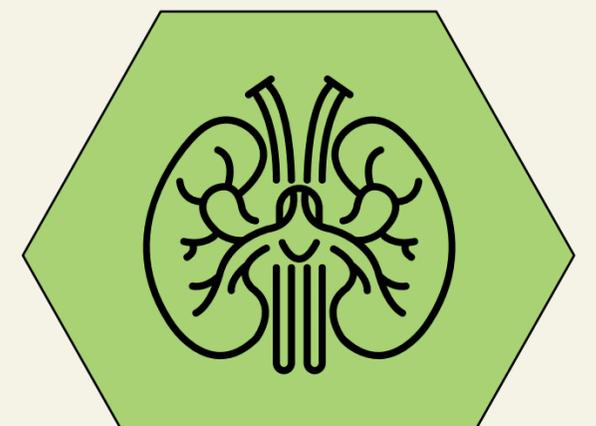
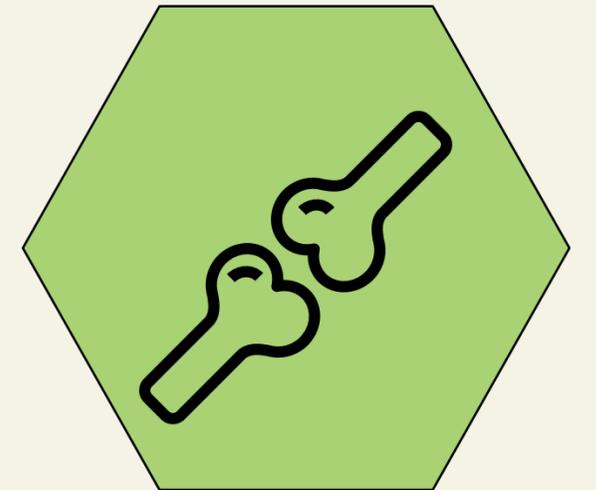
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# LEAD EXPOSURE: A LIFETIME OF CONSEQUENCES

- Neurological damage / developmental delays (especially in children)
- Lowered IQ
- Hearing problems and sensory impairments
- Behavioral and psychological effects
- Reduced growth in children
- Damage to the nervous system
- Kidney and renal impairment
- Cardiovascular problems
- Reproductive harm
- Anemia and other blood-related effects



# LEAD ORDINANCE OVERVIEW

## Purpose of the Ordinance

- Ensure safe, healthy housing for families and children.
- Reduce exposure to lead-based paint hazards in pre-1978 residential units.
- Shift Toledo toward prevention, not reaction after a child is poisoned.

## Who Must Comply

- Residential rental properties (1–4 units) built before 1978.
- Family Childcare Homes operating in pre-1978 structures.



# PROGRAM ROLLOUT

## **Phased Compliance**

Rental properties grouped by census tract with staggered deadlines

## **Education & Outreach**

Direct mail, website resources, workshops, and one-on-one technical assistance

## **Workforce Readiness**

Coordination with local lead inspectors

## **Clear, Standardized Process**

Online application system and uniform clearance requirements

## **Enforcement as a Last Step**

# KEY METRICS

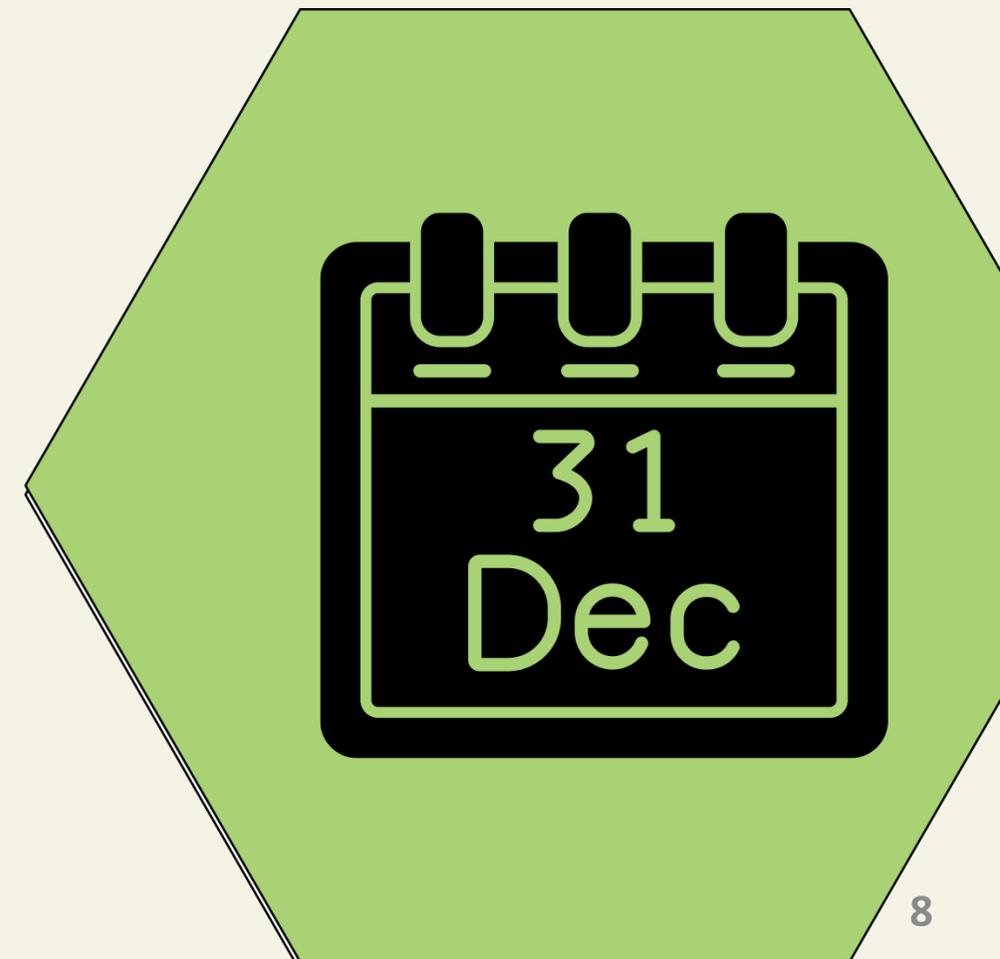
- Rental properties covered by ordinance: 36,900
- Lead Safe Certificates issued (citywide): 4,728
- Compliance Rate: 12.8%
- Total reminder mailings sent: 7,599
- Local lead inspectors participating: 53

METRICS



# PHASE 1: PROGRESS TO DATE

- Rental properties in Phase 1: 6,538
- Lead Safe Certificates issued to date: 1,516
- Reminder letters mailed: 4,400
- Compliance rate to date: 23.2%
- Phase 1 deadline: December 31, 2025



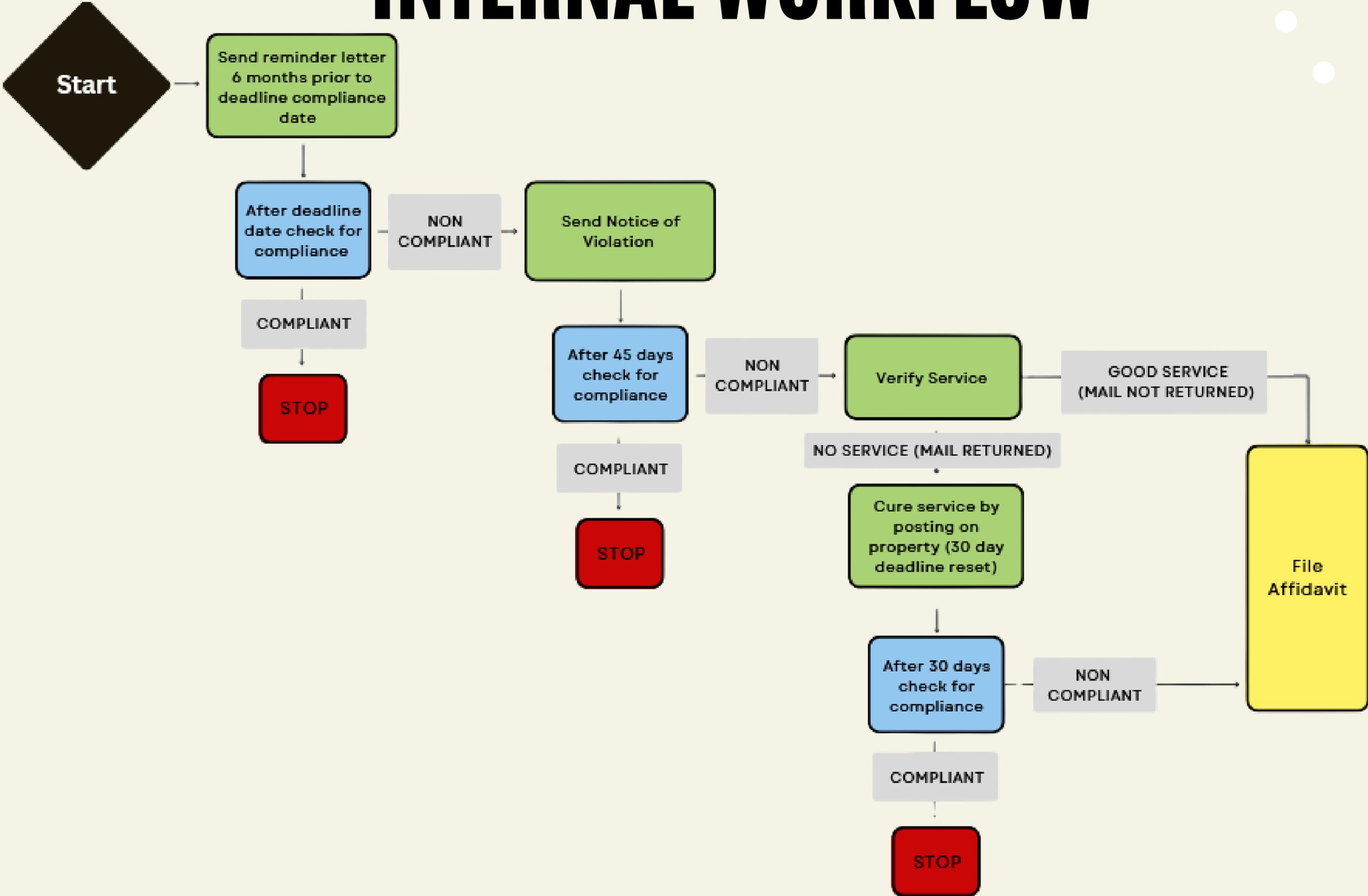
# APPLYING FOR A LEAD SAFE CERTIFICATE

## What Owners Must Do

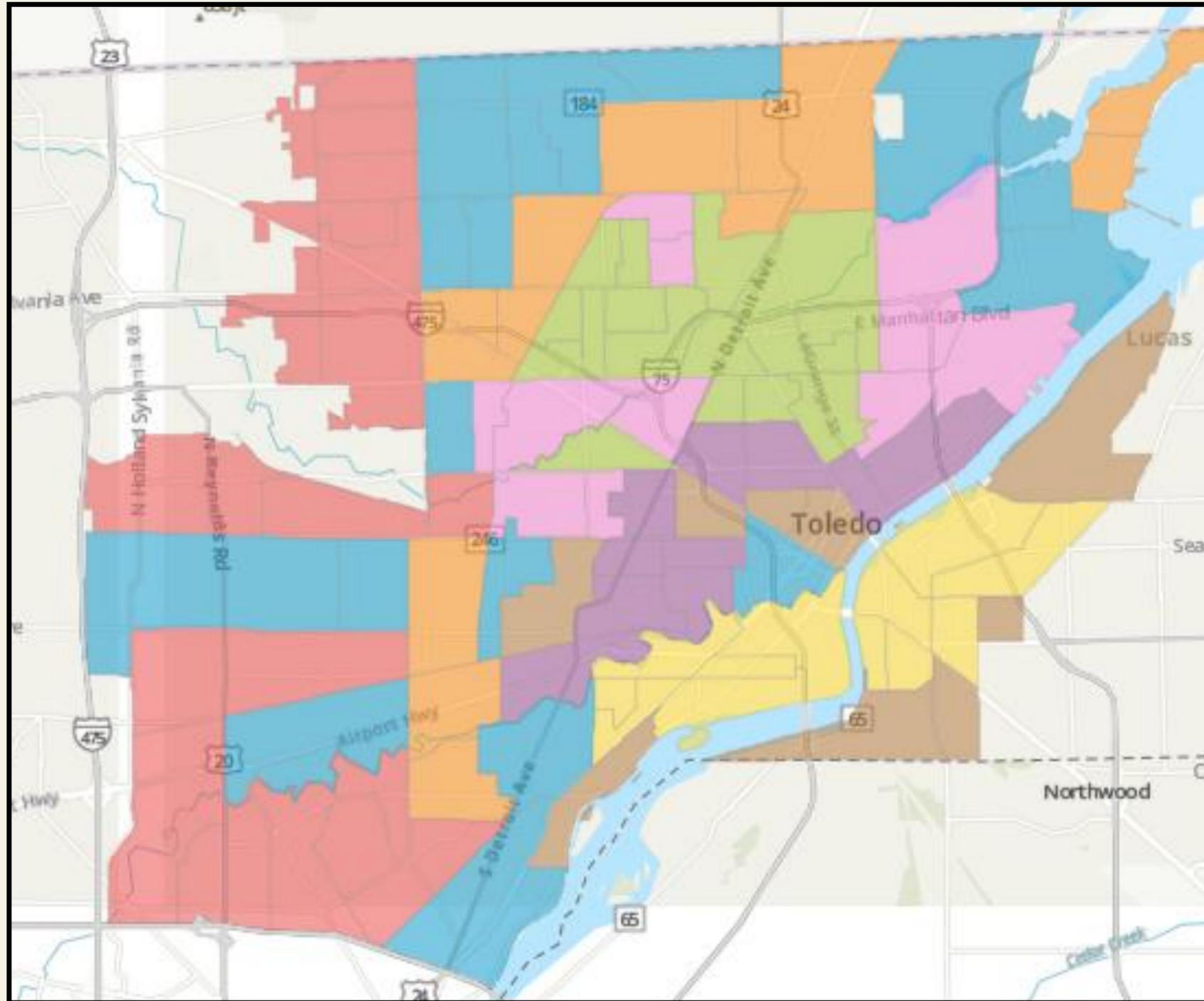
- Hire a Local lead inspector (Clearance Technician, Lead Inspector or Lead Risk Assessor).
- Resolve any chipped/peeling paint or identified hazards.
- Pass a visual inspection + dust wipe clearance.
- Submit application clearance report to DHCD.



# INTERNAL WORKFLOW



# PHASE-IN TIMELINE



- 1 December 31, 2025
- 2 June 30, 2026
- 3 December 31, 2026
- 4 June 30, 2027
- 5 December 31, 2027
- 6 June 30, 2028
- 7 December 31, 2028
- 8 June 30, 2029

# LEAD SAFE GRANTS: COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Lead Stabilization Grant (2024-2025)

- 29 Awarded
- \$15,000.00 Maximum Amount
- Reimbursable
- Lead Stabilization Activities
- Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union



## HUD & ODOD Funding (2021-2025)

- 219 Units Completed
- 61 TLCHD orders (30%)
- Addressed lead-based paint hazards and other identified healthy housing deficiencies.



# LEAD SAFE GRANTS: SUPPORTS

## Marketing Campaign

Radio, Billboards, Digital, Print

The Truth, The Blade, La Prensa,  
The City Paper

## Lead-Safe Cleaning Supplies

Over 1,200 families

## Lead Safe Portal

Launch January 2026

## TLCHD Administrative Costs

## Training & Education

149 Individuals



# PARTNERSHIPS FOR A SAFER TOLEDO

## **Lucas County Auditor's Office**

Rental registry data

## **City of Toledo Code Compliance**

Enforcement alignment

## **Toledo-Lucas County Health Department**

Public health coordination and referrals

## **Toledo Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition**

Education, outreach, and community engagement

## **Toledo Lead Resource Center**

Property owner support, training, and technical assistance

## **Local Lead Inspectors**

Testing, risk assessments, and clearances

## **Property Owners & Property Managers**

Compliance, remediation, and ongoing maintenance

## **Lucas Metropolitan Housing**

Coordination on public and assisted housing units

# CHALLENGES

Rising Construction and material costs

- 40% increase over the past 2 years

Limited Funding Resources

Limited contractor and workforce capacity

Older Housing Stock Complexity

Gaps in childhood lead screening



# STARTUP INVESTMENT: TOLEDO LEAD RESOURCE CENTER

City of Toledo support to launch and stand up the Toledo Lead Resource Center:

## **\$250,000 – General Fund**

Startup funding to establish operations, staffing, and core education and technical assistance functions

## **\$150,000 – ODH Lead Safe Grant**

Startup support for training, outreach, and workforce development aligned with grant objectives

## **Purpose of Startup Funding:**

- Establish a centralized lead-safe housing resource
- Build capacity to support property owners and residents
- Expand education, training, and technical assistance
- Support implementation of the Lead Safe Ordinance



# CLEVELAND LEAD RESOURCE CENTER

## Lead Resource Center Teams

- Environmental Health Watch Team
- Hotline Team
- Outreach Team
- Relocation Team
- Education Team
- Workforce Development

## What the Teams Do

- **Community** bodies in the process of engaging systems and structures for changes towards lead safety.
- **Navigate** community members to appropriate resources and teams to directly address lead safe measures and mitigation.
- **Disseminate** information to community members on lead safe activities and engagement in the city.
- **Educate** community members on the effects and importance of understanding lead from various perspectives.
- **Integrate** community rental property owners and tenants in the process of policy interaction with associated funding.
- **Remediate** community homes exposed to lead in compliance with lead safe certification policy.

## Cleveland Lead Safe:

Raised \$99.4 million to support lead hazard control, remediation, and community-based lead prevention

# WHAT'S NEXT

## **Phase 1 Compliance Deadline**

Continue outreach and technical assistance ahead of the December 31, 2025 deadline

## **Ongoing Application Processing**

Review and issue Lead Safe Certificates as applications are submitted

## **Targeted Outreach**

Focus on remaining non-responsive Phase 1 properties

## **Begin enforcement for non-compliant Phase 1 properties**

## **Lead Safe Portal Launch**

## **Phase 2 Preparation**

Begin outreach and planning for Phase 2 census tracts

## **Program Monitoring & Reporting**

Track compliance, workload, and outcomes and report progress to Council