

# The National Dialogue on Green & Healthy Homes

The Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) and the National Academy of Public Administration are partnering on a new online dialogue to examine ideas and leading practices for integrating health, safety, energy efficiency and weatherization interventions in low- to moderate-income homes. The purpose of this dialogue is to identify ways to overcome the barriers that prevent children, families, and communities from having healthy, safe, and energy efficient housing.

**We would like to invite you and your colleagues to participate in this important Dialogue.**

Beginning on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and running through the 21<sup>st</sup>, GHHI, in partnership with the nonprofit, nonpartisan National Academy of Public Administration, will host **The National Dialogue on Green & Healthy Homes**. This web-based “conversation” will engage the green and healthy homes community in an open, online dialogue to:

- **Discuss challenges**
- **Generate innovative ideas**
- **Recommend ways to improve policy integration**

This interactive online dialogue is different from a web chat or a survey – it will be live 24/7, during which participants will be able to log on and join the discussion by submitting their own ideas and voting and commenting on the ideas of others. Because the dialogue is hosted by the independent National Academy of Public Administration, it will be a neutral space for participants to openly discuss their experiences and perspectives.

*Log on and participate beginning  
November 4, 2010*

[www.greenandhealthyhomesdialogue.org](http://www.greenandhealthyhomesdialogue.org)

The input received from participants in this Dialogue will be used to help inform the work of the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative as well as the efforts of other groups working to develop best practice models and recommendations to make the Nation’s older

housing stock energy efficient, healthy, and safe. The National Dialogue on Green & Healthy Homes is a collaborative effort among state and local governments, non-profits and foundations as well as the Federal Interagency Task Force on Healthy Housing. By sharing your experiences and expertise, you will help make sure that:

- **Federal efforts to advance healthier housing are better informed**
- **Children and families are healthier and have brighter prospects.**
- **Preventable medical costs are reduced.**
- **Energy costs for families are reduced.**
- **More sustainable housing is created.**
- **More well-paying green sector jobs and training opportunities are available.**

#### ***About the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI)***

The Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) is a public-private partnership between the federal government, national and local philanthropy, the National Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning and local partners in the 14 GHHI project sites - 12 cities and two Native American Tribes, with more sites to be added over the next year. It refocuses how we as a nation repair and improve housing in economically challenged communities. The GHHI brings together funding sources, erases bureaucratic boundaries and addresses all of the problems of a family home at one time. By aligning and coordinating various resources, the GHHI uses a single intervention to fix the problems of each housing unit, while ensuring the work is safe for both residents and workers.

#### ***About the National Academy***

The National Academy of Public Administration is a non-profit, independent organization of top public management and organizational leaders who tackle the nation’s most critical and complex public management challenges. With a network of more than 680 distinguished Fellows and an experienced professional staff, the National Academy is uniquely qualified and trusted across government to provide objective advice and practical solutions based on systematic research and expert analysis. Established in 1967 and chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Academy continues to make a positive impact by helping federal, state, and local government respond effectively to current circumstances and changing conditions.

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