



## Legislative Agenda 2020

*In all of our policy work, we value and promote equity in access to resources by and for our diverse community members to obtain safe, decent, accessible and affordable homes and to address immediate needs through culturally appropriate services, prevention and homeless services.*

**1. Lead Safe Homes (HF 1007/SF 1798): Provide \$2 Million to prevent lead paint poisoning and brain damage in young children by providing funding to ensure lead safe homes in urban and rural areas.**

Lead exposure is dangerous for young children and can cause permanent brain damage. Each year there are typically at least 700 Minnesota children who have elevated blood lead levels.

Children less than 6 years of age, living in homes with lead-based paint that is chipping, absorb lead more easily at a stage when their brains are still developing. Elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs) in young children are linked with adverse health effects, including learning problems, behavioral problems, brain damage and even death if exposures are very high.

**2. State Resources for Housing and Services:**

**A. Provide \$500 million in Bonding to address the range of affordable housing needs.**

**B. Homes for All Policy and Supplemental Funding Agenda: Support targeted policy improvements and supplemental funding for needed programs to serve families, individuals, couples, seniors and youth who are homeless or housing insecure.**

Additional info available at: <https://homesforallmn.org/our-agenda>