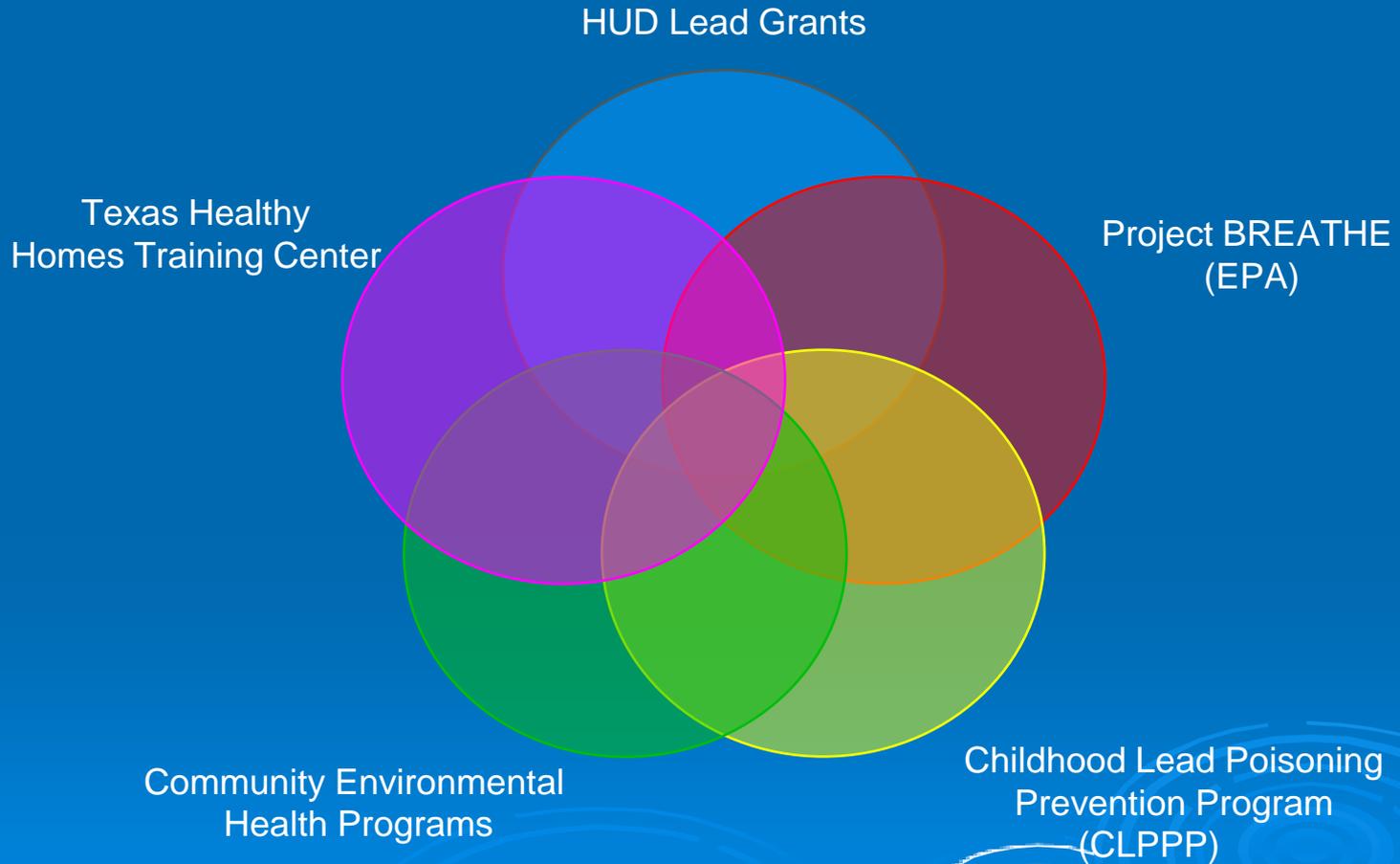


Working With Partners and Keeping Them Motivated

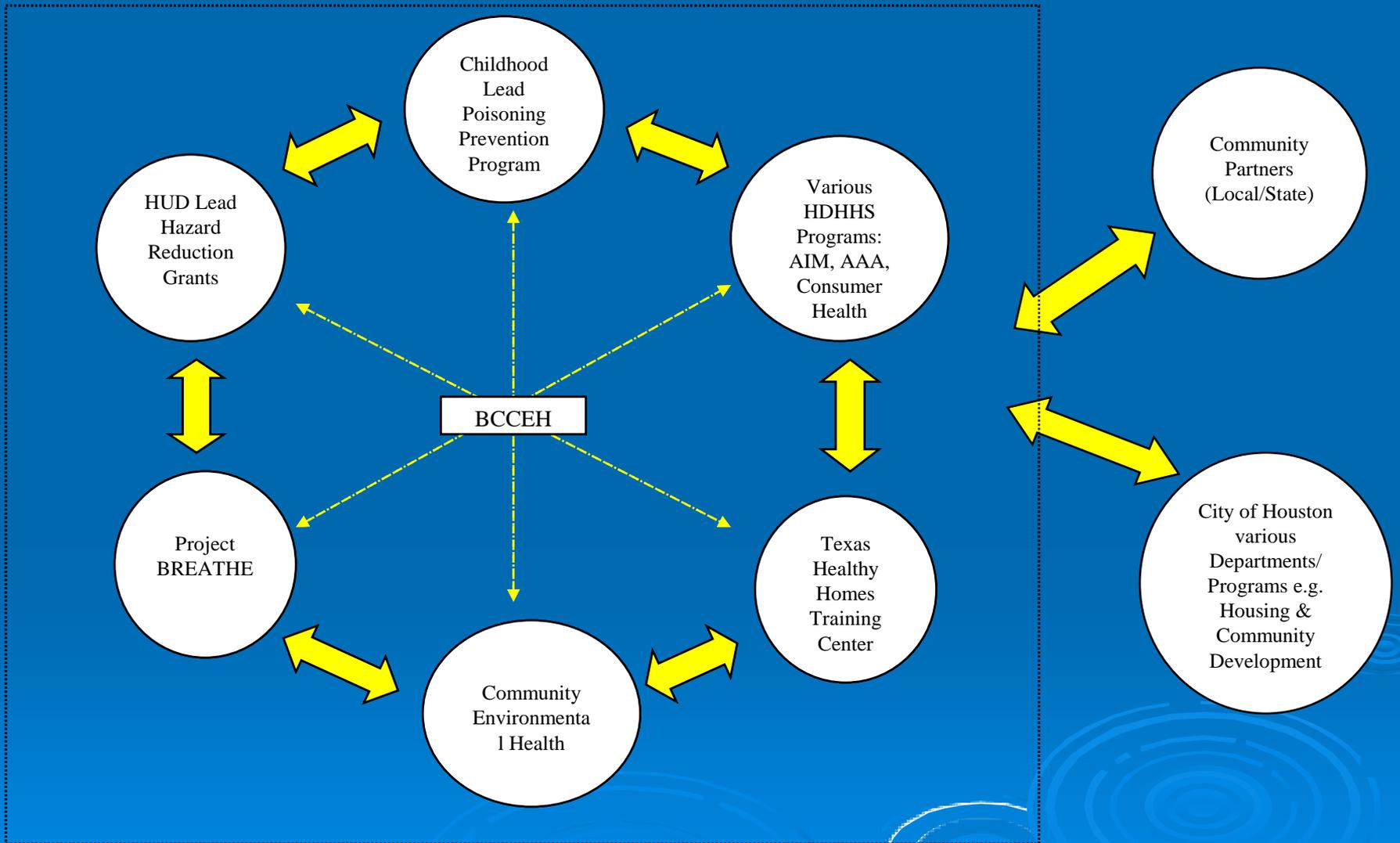
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Bureau of Community & Children's Environmental Health (BCCEH)



BCCEH Cross Referral Process for Clients





Community Partners

Housing and Community Development

Housing Authority

Local HUD

Head Start/Early Head Start (day care centers)

Mexican Consulate

University of Texas/National Center for Healthy Homes

Baylor University

Galveston-Houston Asthma Smog Program (GHASP)

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HDHHS Partners

HDHHS Director- Assistant Director

Consumer Health Bureau

Public Health Engineering/ Water Resources Bureau

American Aging Agency-AAA Bureau

Health Promotion and Education Bureau

Chronic Disease Bureau (TB-AIDS)

Assessment, Intervention and Mobilization (AIMS)

Dental Bureau

WIC, Immunization

Epidemiology



Texas Healthy Housing Training Center

Healthy Home training is being offered in collaboration with the HDHHS-BCCEH, National Healthy Homes Training Center and the Univ. of Texas School of Public Health, Texas Public Health Training Center. This two-day course brings together professionals with a variety of perspectives and experiences.

As of today, BCCEH has conducted 15 training sessions, covering topics including Healthy Homes Essentials, Making the Connection, Launching a HH Initiative and IPM for Multi Family Housing.

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 the National Healthy Housing Center: 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.

EPA Region 6, awarded the THHTC grant to provide Environmental Education to Community Health Workers/Promotoras

Project BREATHE

(Bringing Reduction & Education of Asthma Triggers To Home Environment)

Funded by EPA, the BREATHE program primarily addresses exposure reduction of indoor environmental asthma triggers to families that have children with asthma and/or children who are potential candidates to become asthmatic.

Access to other environmental and education programs within the Health Department will make it possible for BREATHE to provide participants with training on indoor environmental asthma triggers, i.e. rodents, dust mites, cockroaches, moisture, fragrances, etc and to provide tobacco smoke education.

Project BREATHE

The goal of the BREATHE program is to reduce the environmental health risks posed by indoor environment hazards. BREATHE will, through education, training and outreach, empower the participants to identify environmental hazards and develop a plan of action.

BREATHE will also refer the participants to appropriate environmental and health programs provided by the HDHHS and partnering agencies.

Community partner- Gulf Coast Head Start



Community Environmental Health

The Community Environmental Health section protects citizens and City employees from exposures to environmental hazards in a correct and timely manner by educating citizens, enforcing ordinances and laws, making recommendations, monitoring exposures and responding to all complaints, requests and emergencies in the following program areas:

- Indoor Air Quality,
- Smoking Ordinance Enforcement,
- Medical Waste/Infection Control,
- Occupational Health, Radiation Compliance
- Ambulance Ordinance enforcement.

Environmental Investigators of the Community Environmental Section conduct lead paint/dust risk assessments and clearances for the City of Houston Department of Housing and Community Development. The inspectors are certified risk assessors. Since the program started the team has conducted more than 2000 assessments.

Benefits of Synergy through Consolidation

- Existing programs are perceived as successful
- Multi-dimensional investigations are more efficient and bring resources to their individual programs
- More opportunities for training
- Creates and promotes team work

The natural consequence of the work relationships made between existing programs ultimately increase cost-effectiveness and results in consolidation



Principles

1. Continue to cross-train staff and
 2. Educate partners to gain commitment to a holistic approach
 3. Foster overall Healthy Homes culture by reaching out to other staff/programs/department within the City
 4. Obtain funding to establish healthy home program
 5. Commitment from local leaders
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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 healthy home objectives can not be addressed by current program?
6. Community partners/local leaders buy-ins
7. FUNDING...FUNDING...FUNDING???????

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