

## CERTIFIED GHHI CITY (#12)

The Richmond City has begun the GHHI Onboarding process on May 1, 2017. This is a six month process that will culminate in a Compact to be signed by the Mayor and the recognition and designation as a GHHI City.

Becoming a Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) site is one of 55 initiatives identified for implementation in the City of Richmond's RVA Green Sustainability Plan. The Richmond City Healthy Homes Coalition (HHC) member organizations (i.e. service providers) embarked on the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) model because they recognized it was necessary to change the way they addressed the connection between health and housing especially for low income populations in our community. This decision was driven by the realization that there were more needs than there were available resources to address the needs.

The HHC believes the GHHI model provides a new paradigm that can deliver more and higher quality services to tackle problems linked to health and housing conditions with more efficiency and effectiveness at a lower cost and lower level of resources in order to achieve its goals as follows:

- Braid resources and funding to achieve efficient and coordinated services at a lower cost per unit.
- Reduce preventable household injuries, incidences of childhood lead poisoning, and asthma episodes, or related emergency room visits and hospitalizations.
- Improve school attendance rate and better academic performances.
- Lower home maintenance and utility/energy costs, while increasing disposable incomes, affordability and livability of homes.

Under the GHHI model, HHC service providers will work together to limit the redundancy in intake, data collection and site visits from various programs in order to provide timely and effective delivery of coordinated services. This coordination will limit confusion regarding eligibility requirements and cut down duplicative inspections from different programs. The interventions and remediations will be more impactful in terms of occupant health, safety and livability of the dwelling.

**Onboarding Activities and Time line** [CLICK HERE](#) to follow us on our progress