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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

LAMC is working on developing out our Healthy Homes program which provides relevant, reliable, science-based information to empower families to make changes in their home, to create a healthier environment and become advocates for policies and regulations to protect everyone from environmental health hazards in the home. We emphasize education and affordable solutions for families to maintain healthy homes. Healthy Homes will provide free community-based workshops.

EDUCATION

The Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities (LAMC) has developed the Pathways to Inclusion and Success program. Our program goal is to prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and professional development opportunities necessary to grow academically, in their future careers and contribute to their communities.

LAMC will deliver the Building Potential component of our Pathways program. The Building Potential initiative is an after-school tutoring program that will focus on elementary and middle school students. The academic subjects are math, reading and writing. We will also engage elementary and middle school students to develop lasting life skills that will prepare them for high school and beyond. We will pilot the program with the Rosemont community beginning mid-October 2023. LAMC is currently working with the city of North Charleston Recreation Department to gain permission to offer the Building Potential initiative at the Accabee community center.

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This education program is funded by LAMC and is free to your child. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Shanteisha Crabtree Roper at 919-480-8807.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

LAMC will be partnering with Charleston Moves to get community feedback on bike/pedestrian mobility and safety in North Charleston in order to develop a master plan to present to the city. Charleston Moves is interested in conducting one-on-one interviews with residents and collecting data via bike/ped counts and photos. The goal is to put together a formal but also grassroots recommendation to the new Mayor and Council.

If interested in this matter, LAMC will have their petition and survey available at the LAMC office (2125 Dorchester Rd) or via email (please contact Inka Bogdanski at inkabogdanski@gmail.com) and for an interview you may contact Charleston Moves Executive Director, Katie Zimmerman, directly at 843-693-1380 or katie@charlestonmoves.org.

The Rosemont Community Association in North Charleston has kindly invited the SC DHEC Bureau of Air Quality to speak at their upcoming Fall community meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023. The meeting will be held from 6 PM to 7 PM at the Freddie Whaley (Rosemont Park) Community Center on 1810 Doscher Ave in Charleston SC. This invitation has also been extended to neighboring communities like Accabee, Chicora/Cherokee, Liberty Hill, Union Height, Windsor Place, Five Mile, and community organizations LAMC and CCRAB. During the meeting, DHEC will present a report on the Ambient Air Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Monitoring Study, which was conducted in the North Charleston area from May 2022 through April 2023 with a temporary grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LAMC, The Sustainability Institute and Community First Land Trust are working together to get a better understanding of <u>critical home repair and weatherization</u> needs in the LAMC neighborhoods. Residents can expect to see the Sustainability Institutes Americorp members, alongside community members, canvassing neighborhoods in the coming months asking for residents' participation in a survey. This survey data will help us prioritize cases and find resources for those that need them. Participation is not mandatory.

LAMC and Lowcountry Steet Grocery (LSG) have teamed up together to increase health in our communities! LSG is hosting a walking club and their mobile farmers market at the Royal Missionary Baptist Church in Liberty Hill EVERY THURSDAY from 11am-1pm! Please come out for fresh, local produce and a lovely walk! SNAP/EBT accepted.

EVENTS LIBERTY HILL OCTOBER FEST & HEALTH FAIR - OCTOBER 28TH (FLYER BELOW)

EPA LEAD TRAINING

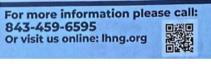
(DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN)
UNDERSTANDING LEAD PRESENTATION - NOVEMBER 17TH, 5:30-7 PM AT NORTH
CHARLESTON CITY HALL IN THE MONTAGUE ROOM
TRAIN THE TRAINER - NOVEMBER 18TH, 10AM-1PM AT THE DORCHESTER ROAD LIBRARY





Understanding Lead

Learn about lead and how to protect children



slan@musc.edu or 843-876-2427

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MUSC Health

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Date: November 17, 2023

Time: 5:30-7:00PM

Location: City Hall

2nd Floor, Montague Room

2500 City Hall Lane

North Charleston, SC 29406



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For more information, visit: epa.gov/lead/community-lead-awareness-sessions





