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CHA Launches New Healthy Homes Division

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CHA is deepening its commitment to ensuring that residents have a safe place to call home by launching the **Healthy Homes Division**, a new team dedicated to proactively addressing environmental health issues by eliminating hazards and promoting healthier living conditions for people living in CHA public housing. From removing environmental hazards such as lead-based paint, mold, and pests to promoting energy-efficiency and indoor air quality, the Healthy Homes Division is focused on ensuring homes are safe, preserved, and sustainable for future generations.

Elizabeth Poole, a nationally recognized expert in children's environmental health and former coordinator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), leads the Healthy Homes Division. She's joined by her former Chicago-based EPA colleagues Shannon Wolf and Megan Dwyer Baumann, Environmental Health & Safety Managers.

"This effort is about equipping families with the tools they need to make healthy decisions," said Elizabeth Poole, Healthy Homes Division Director. "We have an ongoing commitment to provide resources for families to keep their homes safe and their families healthy. I live by this concept that if it's not good enough for my child, it's not good enough for any child."

The creation of the Healthy Homes division is part of CHA's "Year of Renewal," a dedicated effort to rebuild trust, transparency, and accountability in 2025 and beyond. CHA is taking steps to reduce barriers, enhance responsiveness, undergo long-term strategic planning, and ensure the needs of the 135,000 people it serves across all 77 Chicago community areas are effectively and equitably met.

[Read about the Healthy Homes team in the Chicago Tribune.](#)