



BCDI

Black Child
Development Institute
OHIO

**ADVANCING
ENVIRONMENTAL
CLIMATE AND
CLIMATE JUSTICE
TO SUPPORT
HISTORICALLY
DISINVESTED
COMMUNITIES**

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MISSION

The Black Child Development Institute - Ohio (BCDI-Ohio) is committed to empowering Black and Brown children and families, ensuring equitable opportunities for health, education, and social well-being.



OUR INITIATIVES

Our initiatives focus on addressing environmental injustices, specifically lead exposure, while advancing climate justice in historically disinvested communities across Ohio. Through awareness, education, and advocacy, we aim to create a sustainable and equitable future for all families.

OUR IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENTAL CLIMATE & CLIMATE JUSTICE

BCDI-Ohio recognizes the critical intersection between environmental climate change and the health and development of children, particularly in communities that have historically faced systemic disinvestment. Lead exposure, exacerbated by climate change, disproportionately affects Black and other marginalized children, impacting their cognitive and physical development.

Our Climate Justice Efforts Focus On The Following Key Areas:

1

Increasing Awareness & Education on Lead Exposure and Climate Justice

- Provide educational resources to communities about the risks of lead exposure and its long-term effects on children's health and development.
- Offer climate justice programs aimed at raising awareness of the relationship between environmental toxins (like lead) and climate change in Ohio's urban and rural areas.

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Supporting Collaborative Efforts Among Local Organizations

- Facilitate partnerships between grassroots organizations, local governments, and environmental groups to share resources and strategies to combat lead exposure.
- Encourage collaboration in local communities to integrate climate justice principles into community health, education, and environmental policies.

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Advocating for Policy Change & Programming

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Increasing Lead Screening and Health Access for Families

- Support initiatives that expand access to lead screening for children in at-risk
- Connect families to local health resources, providing them with the tools and support they need to mitigate environmental risks to their children's health.

Our Goals

Raise Public and Governmental Awareness

Increase statewide awareness of the intersection of lead exposure and climate change, with a focus on marginalized communities, ensuring a holistic approach to public health.

Expand Lead Screening Access & Education

Advocate for more comprehensive and equitable lead screening programs, ensuring children in historically disinvested communities have access to critical health assessments.

Support Collaborative Advocacy

Build partnerships with other organizations to advocate for stronger policies on environmental justice, including lead abatement, housing reform, and climate resilience.

Ensure Family Support Connection

Create a network of resources and services that connect families to lead screening, climate education, and long-term health services.



GET INVOLVED!

**TOGETHER, WE CAN LEAD THE CHANGE
FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW!**

BCDI-Ohio is dedicated to creating a future where all children, regardless of background, have the opportunity to grow up in safe, healthy environments. Your support in this important work is crucial for making a lasting impact in Ohio's most vulnerable communities.



We invite organizations, community leaders, policymakers, and residents across Ohio to join us in the fight for climate justice and health equity. Together, we can build a healthier, safer, and more just environment for Black children and all communities at risk.

For more information on how to collaborate with us or support our work, visit our website: www.bcdiohio.org or contact us: 216.202.5172.