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## QUICK FACTS

### **Connecting Housing with Health and Education: A Brighter Future for America's Children**

#### **Children that live in...**

...housing built before 1960 – **approximately 14 million children under age 6 – are more likely to suffer from increased lead exposure and lead poisoning** since older rental housing contains the highest levels of lead-based paint hazards.

...good housing conditions – in particular, housing free from pesticides, mold and cockroach infestation – **are less likely to develop asthma and, as a result, to miss school.**

...stable housing where they move less frequently are **more likely to do better on reading and math tests and less likely to drop out of school** than children who move regularly.

#### **Children in families that receive housing assistance...**

...are approximately **50 percent less likely to suffer from iron deficiencies** than children in low-income families that do not receive housing aid.

...in the form of housing vouchers **live in better neighborhoods and are less likely to move frequently, experience crowding and to miss school** compared to children in families that do not receive vouchers.

#### **Children of homeowners...**

...scored **up to 9 percent higher on math and up to 7 percent higher on reading tests** than their peers in families that rented their homes.

...and their families **achieve better physical and mental health outcomes** compared to renters, including fewer long-term illnesses, as well as lower blood pressure and depression levels.

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