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### Window Replacement Classes Expanded

#### *"Low-cost Instruction Benefits Do-it-Yourselfer and Homeowners Hiring Contractors"*

Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente, Jr. today announced the expansion of a window replacement program piloted by the County's *Lead Primary Prevention Program* (LPP) that originally offered low-cost instruction only to do-it-yourselfers and contractors who replaced windows in the 'high risk' areas of west Utica and Cornhill.

*"The partnership between our Lead Primary Prevention Program and MVCC allows us to now offer this valuable training to homeowners throughout Oneida County at both the college's Education Center in Utica and its Rome campus,"* Picente said. He continued, *"While the greatest number of childhood lead poisonings occur in the City of Utica, there are other significant areas of the county with pre-1978 housing that have old, energy inefficient single pane windows covered with lead paint.."*

Classes are scheduled for **May 18<sup>th</sup>** and **June 15<sup>th</sup>** at MVCC's Education Center located on Elizabeth Street in Utica and on **July 13<sup>th</sup>** and **August 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Plumley Building on the college's Rome campus. All classes will take place between **6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. Pre-registration is required since class size will be limited to 8-10 students and will offer *'hands-on'* instruction covering a variety of subjects including:

- Proper measurement and ordering of replacement windows
- Required supplies.
- Room preparation to reduce the spread of lead dust.
- Occupant and pet safety during renovation.
- proper removal and disposal of old windows
- Proper installation of replacement windows
- How to borrow a HEPA vacuum and proper cleaning procedures

**The cost for the class is \$49.** Those interested **must pre-register** by calling **792-5300** or by visiting the college's web site at [www.mvcc.edu/cced](http://www.mvcc.edu/cced).

The window replacement training is being expanded to meet the demand of both property owners looking to install more energy efficient replacement windows and landlords who are required to hire contractors who are EPA certified in lead renovation, according to the County Executive.

*"The successful partnership between our Lead Primary Prevention Program and MVCC has already trained more than 500 contractors on EPA required lead safe practices through its other training programs,"* Picente said.

Residents can access the current list of EPA certified Renovators and Lead Abatement Contractors by visiting the County's web site at [ocgov.net](http://ocgov.net) and clicking on "Lead Recalls and Information" on the home page.