Wx Plus Health Virtual Conference Session Descriptions

Date: Wednesday, June 19th

Introduction to Healthy Homes
This webinar has been designed for Weatherization and other energy efficiency providers to learn about healthy housing issues and strategies to integrate Healthy Homes improvements into home energy upgrades. Participants will be introduced to fundamentals of DOE Health and Safety guidance, EPA protocols, the Federal Healthy Homes Working Group’s Strategy for Action, and engage in interactive sessions to diagnose and solve health hazards.

Date: Thursday, June 20th

Introduction to Weatherization
This webinar has been designed for Healthy Homes and other health related service providers to familiarize themselves with Weatherization as a natural partner for Healthy Homes services. Participants will go through an in-depth review of Weatherization, including the service delivery network, recipients, technical evolution, and rules governing the program.

Date: Friday, June 21st

Weatherization Plus Health On the Ground: Innovative Models of Collaboration
This session is designed for WAP and other energy efficiency service providers to learn about healthy housing issues and strategies to integrate healthy homes improvements into home energy upgrades. Participants will engage in interactive sessions to diagnose and solve health hazards. Participants also will identify health resources/services to enhance energy upgrades. Additionally, this presentation will give examples of innovative collaborations between energy efficiency and Healthy Homes programs using a variety of funding sources and creative approaches to improve the living environments of low-income families. The National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP) will also share tools, developed with support from the U.S. Department of Energy, which can help bolster Healthy Home and energy efficiency program partnerships.

Date: Monday, June 24th

The Funding Perspective
With many of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects coming to an end, this webinar will explore ways programs can keep their momentum going. The webinar will also review federal Health Homes Work Group’s (HHWG) latest release, Advancing Healthy Housing- A Strategy for Action to look at how Federal agencies are showing their commitment to this work post-ARRA.

Tuesday, June 25th

Training and Motivating Staff to Implement Weatherization Plus Health
This webinar will explore various methods healthy homes agencies can use to begin and sustain the process of integrating training and technical assistance into Weatherization Plus Health programs.

Date: Wednesday, June 26th

Weatherization Plus Health: A Public Health Perspective
In public health, the idea that where we work, live, and play influences health is bringing new attention to the importance of energy efficient and healthy housing. At a time of constrained resources for public health and for weatherization, there are opportunities to work together to address common problems that face WAP client households. This "Weatherization in the Eyes of Public Health" webinar provides: an overview of
public health for the WAP network, describing key priorities, organizations, and funding; an eye toward understanding how public health and healthy homes practitioners see the value of working with state WAP offices and sub-grantees; examples will be introduced of tools and programs supportive of a Weatherization Plus Health approach, including health impact assessment, Medicaid reimbursement for housing-related measures, climate change adaptation/mitigation planning, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Date: Thursday, June 27th

The Future of WAP, Weatherization Training & Technical Assistance and New Markets

The U.S. Department of Energy’s Weatherization Assistance Program is currently developing a comprehensive set of tools aimed at enhancing training and work quality throughout the home energy upgrade industry. New Markets: Multifamily Wx and incorporating Wx Plus Health is a huge untapped opportunity.

This session will cover:
- The Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals project, a collaborative that includes work quality specifications, accreditation of energy efficiency training programs, job task analyses, and National Home Energy Professional certification program.
- Review of available multifamily technical tools and resources.
- Technical expertise that is inherent in WAP: H&S is integral to WAP, in Wx training centers and in the Weatherization Assistance Program. Review of programmatic approaches and new resources including the National Weatherization Training Platform.

Friday, June 28th

Navigating the Weatherization Plus Health Web Portal

This webinar will provide an overview, highlighting Phase 2, of the new Weatherization Plus Health web portal and spotlight its valuable data, resources, and tools to connect low-income community energy and health providers, as well as citizens, with much needed services and resource information to help impact community health planning. This is the first comprehensive compilation of Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Healthy Homes resources.