



WEATHERIZATION PLUS HEALTH

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Plus Health initiative is a national effort to comprehensively and strategically coordinate resources to improve the energy efficiency, health, and safety of low-income homes. The National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) is implementing the project on behalf of DOE. Weatherization Plus Health will ensure energy efficient and healthy indoor environments by facilitating the establishment of strong, effective partnerships between DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and healthy homes providers.

To encourage greater collaboration between practitioners of healthy homes and DOE's WAP, Weatherization Plus Health will:

- Create and manage an interactive, publicly available online map and directory of WAP and healthy homes programs nationwide
- Host regional conferences for WAP and healthy homes providers to identify gaps between existing partnerships and encourage new partnerships
- Produce individual reports on WAP and healthy homes activities in every state and territory as well as for the nation as a whole
- Collect and share best practices for referral systems between WAP and healthy homes programs
- Provide training and technical assistance for WAP and healthy homes practitioners

Who can take part in Weatherization Plus Health?

DOE encourages the participation of any interested parties who work in the fields of energy efficiency or health and safety. Target audiences include:

- State and local WAP Directors
- CSBG staff
- Community Action Associations
- Healthy Homes practitioners (providing services related to lead, mold, radon, pests, and more)
- State and local health departments
- Health professionals
- Researchers and/or advocates focusing on energy efficiency or healthy homes issues
- Housing and/or Community Development Agencies

BACKGROUND

WAP's mission is to reduce energy costs for low-income families, particularly for the elderly, people with disabilities, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety. For decades, innovative WAP service providers have creatively leveraged resources to deliver top quality, all-inclusive solutions to low-income families for both energy efficiency and health and safety measures. To expand upon these existing strategies for the provision of complementary services, Weatherization Plus Health will make building these essential connections easier and more effective.

Healthy Homes is a comprehensive approach to combatting disease and injury in the home driven by scientific evidence that links substandard housing and poor health. Healthy Homes interventions take a holistic approach to coordinated mitigation of housing-related hazards, rather than addressing a single hazard at a time. This method allows Healthy Homes practitioners to address a wide array of health and safety issues, including lead poisoning, asthma (exacerbated by moisture, mold, and pests), exposure to radon and other toxic chemicals, and injury caused by old or dilapidated housing among myriad others. Healthy Homes funding is provided by several federal agencies, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



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