

WHAT'S UP WITH WAP?

New Year Resolutions!

LaSalle Community Action Agency

SKILL TRAINING

The dedicated team in the weatherization program at LaSalle's Community Action Agency came to improve their technical skills for venting to daylight, dense packing insulation, wrapping water heaters, and air sealing to target. They were able to learn some new techniques and share their knowledge with fellow crewmen. There were some laughs and a little competition, and they're heading home with more confidence in their skills! It was a great couple of days, and we hope to do more trainings like this one to develop and grow. Our goal is to serve your communities more effectively.



New Year, New Plans!

Happy 2023 and Year of the Rabbit, everyone! As a training center, the LHC Gulf Coast Training Center is working to keep its resolutions for the new year.

We are hoping to:

1. Keep you informed on agency best practices, updates in Weatherization, and available training.
2. Keep you posted on what we have been doing in the center recently and what we are hoping to offer in the future.
3. Promote your programs and the hardworking people involved!

Check your lead certification - in need of renewal? Contact LA House with the LSU Ag Center to schedule training for your renewal today.
Speak with Debra Langlois at 225-578-7913



Program Promotion

We are working on educational programs for elementary and secondary students that help them grasp Weatherization and the benefits of our program. In the future, we are hoping to introduce a Career and Technical Education course to high schools in the area to help educate, train, and prepare interested students. We hosted a small group of students in January and sent them home with a document summarizing the benefits of Weatherization and with contact information for their local WAP Agency, Quad Area CAA. The kids had a great time!



The training center is developing consumable props that allow trainees to practice skills and get their hands on equipment and tools that are appropriate for these tasks. Here's a detailed look at a new prop created to train crew on venting to daylight. Trainees practice lining up ducts in the attic where the holes should be placed, marking the hole from inside the attic, cutting the hole in the roof, shingle work to place the vent cover properly, sealing the vent cover thoroughly, repairing all shingle work thoroughly, and connecting the duct to the cover.



Calling all agencies!

We'd like to celebrate the people in programs across the state that are doing great work.

Please email Pam with names, photos (if possible), and a short blurb about anyone you feel deserves recognition.

Upcoming Training

<https://bit.ly/waptraining>

2/6-2/10/2023 BPI BA Course
2/20-2/24 Everblue EA Course

March 2023: Skill Training Courses in Air Sealing, Venting to Daylight, CAZ and Dense Packing Insulation

Our goal is to create trainings that help our technicians feel confident and capable in the field. We are also working to provide online lessons ahead of training so that your time in the center is focused on practicing what you've learned and getting feedback in real time. When you leave, you'll be the expert on the skills you practiced.

Please contact the Training Center Coordinator, Pam Lewandowski, at plewandowski@lhc.la.gov or 225-754-1474 to discuss what you'd like to see in future training courses.

Special thanks to the gentlemen from LaSalle for helping us improve our props and training!



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