

LOUISIANA GULF COAST HEP TRAINING CENTER

WHAT'S UP WITH WAP?

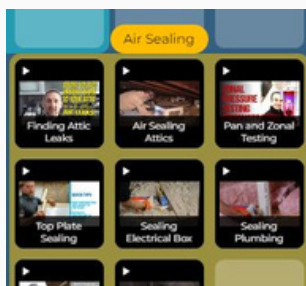
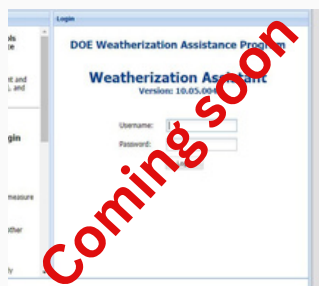
Springing into technology!

A NEW WAY OF TRAINING

ON-DEMAND LEARNING

Courses are being built with access in mind. Being able to take your time, absorbing information at a pace that is comfortable, and being able to access training outside of traditional business hours are a priority in today's world. We are designing courses that allow content to be delivered online at whatever pace or time of day is convenient for the trainee. Questions can be emailed to the trainer and video instruction can be delivered to clarify or go further in depth as needed.

In addition to online opportunities, we have created courses that offer BPI Certification or CEU's that can be offered at a time that works best for you. You can call and request the course you need, the dates you'd like to attend, and whether you'd like to include online instruction as a resource or not. We currently offer this option for BPI IDL Certification, Venting to Daylight, Dense Packing Insulation, and Air Sealing skills training, but our library of courses is constantly expanding. Look for a course menu on the website coming soon!



Online Resources

We are in the process of curating videos of installation processes for homeowners on the topics of efficient lighting and water fixtures as well as basic CAZ safety.

These videos will be a tool you can use as part of client education and will be posted on the website in our resource library.

Don't forget that installation guides and SWS are accessible on the website as well. To find them:

[Click Here](#)

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "The Weatherization Field Guides".

Check your lead certification - in need of renewal? Contact LA House with the LSU Ag Center to sign up for the training on March 20, 2023. Speak with Debra Langlois at 225-578-7913 or [Click Here](#).



Agency Spotlight - Michelle Hughes



MICHELLE HUGHES
Weatherization Coordinator
DeSoto PPJ/OCS

Michelle has been working in Weatherization since 2005 and started as a clerk back when typewriters were still in use for reports. She became the coordinator at DeSoto PPJ when weatherization was transitioning into an approach that was more scientific and whole-house focused.

Her background in WAP has made her skilled in the financial and technical aspects of the field. She is an expert with NEAT/MHEA and has her BA certification with BPI. She is currently working towards her EA and QCI certifications and is an excellent leader within her agency. She is passionate about her job and proud to offer services that lower utility bills and increase comfort for families.

In addition to being an excellent professional and a great person to be around, she is also a loving wife of 32 years, a mother, and a grandmother to three beautiful grandchildren

WAP Statewide Promotion

The Governor's Workforce and Education Subcabinet came by to check out the training center and learn about building science and weatherization. Members include leaders of state agencies, such as the Department of Education, Department of Corrections, Department of Health, and the Board of Regents. They were very surprised to learn about the state-wide weatherization program offered to residents at no cost to the homeowner. Subcabinet members discovered that their personal homes have a few safety hazards, and they were ready to go home and find a way to test their combustion appliances. The work you do across the state is valuable and appreciated!

The Governor's Workforce and Education Subcabinet

Dr. Lisa Vosper, CWD
Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education
and Training



In 2018, the Governor created the Workforce and Education Subcabinet as a formal collaborative effort to bring together a cross-section of agencies committed to talent development, economic development, workforce, child and family services, health, corrections, juvenile justice, housing, and joined PK-12 and higher education. The focus is on cross-agency policy work specifically designed to improve Louisiana's progressively skilled workforce through alignment with education and credential accumulation. The Subcabinet represents a promising opportunity to leverage resources and develop policy and practice to improve educational attainment and workforce readiness. --Board of Regents Website

Prop Build

We are building more mobile and less cumbersome props, so we can move indoors or outdoors as needed and have a quicker turnover rate on trainings. Check out our new roof/venting to daylight prop (in progress). It's a foldable roof that will have shingles and drywall and be able to fold to whatever roof pitch is most common in your area. Best of all: we can fold it flat and put it away when we are done!



Upcoming Events

- <https://bit.ly/waptraining>
- 3/20 Lead Certified Renovator - at LAHouse
 - 3/15 Center Tour for HDMK Inspectors
 - 3/16 Marketing Tour of Center
 - 3/31 Central Middle School Field Trip
 - 4/11-4/14 Everblue blended BA / IDL
 - 4/24-4/26 Skills Training (as needed)
 - 5/10 CTE Meeting with WBR Parish Schools
 - 5/22-5/26 BA Training with BPS (Matt K.)
- Anytime: BPI IDL certification or Skills Training (Vent to Daylight, Dense-Packing, Air Sealing - 4 BPI CEU's available for each skill course)**

Contact Pam Lewandowski at plewandowski@lhc.la.gov or 225-754-1474 with questions or to book training sessions or make specific training requests.