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Healthy Homes Partnerships Meeting the Needs



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National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network

- Funded by CDC, HUD and EPA
- Established in 2005
- Managed by NCHH through a contract with Healthy Housing Solutions, Inc.
- 37 partners around the country covering 37 states and DC
- Trained 10,581 students through March 2011



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Approved Courses

- Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners
- Launching a Healthy Homes Initiative
- Pediatric Environmental Home Assessment
- Integrated Pest Management in Multi-family Housing
- Healthy Homes for Community Health Workers



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Approved Courses (continued)

- Code Inspection for Healthier Homes
- Health Opportunities in Energy Audits and Upgrades
- Green and Healthy Management Strategies in Multi-family Housing
- Healthy Homes Condensed for Certified Professionals



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A new approach: the “University” of Healthy Housing

Healthy
Homes
Training
System
(bolded
items to be
developed)

Job Function	Sample Job Titles	101 →	Credential	201 →	301 →	License	Electives
Assessor	Home inspector, code inspector, mold investigator, lead inspector/risk assessment, environmental health professional, energy auditor	Healthy Homes Condensed (for Certified Professionals)	Healthy Homes Specialist	Healthy Homes Assessment Principles & Practice	Field Training: Assessor (one day field)	Registered Healthy Homes Assessor	Mold / Moisture, Lead Risk Assessor/ Inspector, IPM
Home visitors	Community health worker, public health nurse, volunteers (e.g. Meals on Wheels)	Pediatric Environmental Home /Healthy Homes for CHWs/CBOs	Healthy Homes Specialist	Field experience (1/2 day field)			Any of the courses in the training system
Contractor	Lead abatement worker, tradesperson, HVAC technician, mold remediators, weatherization worker, pest control operator	Healthy Homes Condensed, & Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule	Healthy Homes Specialist	Healthy Homes Contractor Course	Field training: Contractor (one day field)	Registered Healthy Homes Contractor	TBD
Program Staff	CLPPP manager, healthy homes grant manager, affordable housing program manager	Essentials of Healthy Homes	Healthy Homes Specialist	Field experience (1/2 day field)	Launching Healthy Homes and Transitioning to Healthy Homes		Field Exchange, Green Multi-Family, IPM, RRP
Program Director	Executive director (housing, health, social service agency), environmental health/maternal and child health program director.	Introduction to Healthy Homes			Launching Healthy Homes and Transitioning to Healthy Homes		



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Healthy Homes Specialist Credential

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- Must pass written test and visual assessment exercise
- 700 people have earned credential



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Possible Training System Partnerships

- NeighborWorks
- RESNET/BPI
- Weatherization training network
- Brownfields job training program
- Eco-Health Child Care training



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Courses to be Developed

- Healthy Homes Condensed for Certified Professionals (customization only)
- Healthy Homes Assessment –Principles and Practice
- Transitioning to Healthy Homes (to be revised)
- Healthy Homes Contractor Course (to be revised)



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Courses to be Developed (continued)

- Introduction to Healthy Homes (in development)
- Healthy Homes for Child Care Providers
- Field experience for home visitors and program staff (1/2 day)
- Field training for contractors (1 day)
- Field training for assessors (1 day)



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Health and Energy Retrofitting



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Healthy Homes and Energy Efficiency

What we know and want to know

- US is investing large amounts of resources into Energy Efficiency activities
- Research health effects of energy retrofits or weatherization on occupants needed
- Does occupants health get worse or better
- Making housing tighter- good or bad
- 3 separate studies started at the same time



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Watts to Wellbeing Study- Healthy Homes Technical Study-

- NCHH received ARRA grant in 2009 from HUD
- Study the health effects of weatherization and energy retrofitting on occupants
- 3 cities- Boston, Chicago and New York
- Boston- 150 units, Chicago-100 units, New York 110 units



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Weatherization and Energy programs

- Embraced opportunity to get involved in study- wanted to know the answer to the health question
- Weatherization programs and Utility dollars were used for the multifamily projects



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Partners

- Action for Boston Community Development inc - Boston
- Center for Neighborhood Technology-CNT Chicago
- Enterprise Community Partners –New York



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Study Activities

- Partners administered 40 minute health survey prior to weatherization and or energy retrofit work
- 1 year Follow up interviews are ongoing
- Results not completed at this time- stay tuned



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NCHH Goal moving forward

- Continue to work collaboratively
- Continue to build partnerships
- Listen to the folks and programs on the ground
- Meet the changing needs for training and research in healthy homes and energy efficiency



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