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NATIONAL WEATHERIZATION DAY EVENTS IN VERMONT

Regional Low-Income Weatherization Partners To Hold Educational Tours

Montpelier, Vermont—October 26, 2011—Monday, October 31, is National Weatherization Day, and throughout Vermont the organizations that provide weatherization services will be offering a behind the scenes look at the latest in building science and how it is being used to help the most vulnerable Vermonters make their homes more affordable and comfortable. Each agency will hold an open house at their facilities beginning at 9AM, followed by a site visit to a project in progress at 11:30 AM.

“With rising fuel prices and the cumulative damage from Tropical Storm Irene, the need for weatherization has never been more critical,” said Shaun Donahue, Director of Vermont’s Office of Economic Opportunity. “The state’s draft energy plan underlines the importance of expanding weatherization services and we feel that decision makers need to see first hand how this program works.”

In 2010, the state’s five weatherization agencies made energy efficiency improvements on more than 1,700 low-income households, ranging from mobile homes to large affordable housing projects. Participating Vermont households will save an average of \$400 annually from the state’s investment in weatherization.

Visitors will tour the facilities of their local weatherization program headquarters where they can meet the program directors and energy auditors, learn how projects are managed and crews dispatched. Then, the tour will move on to a nearby weatherization job in progress where they can see a crew in action, learn about the technology and techniques, and talk with some of the people who are benefitting from the program.

To learn more about your local event, please contact your local weatherization partner, please visit: http://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/weatherization_offices or call Erik Filkorn at 802-238-4560.