

Exploring Careers in Weatherization: Slide Deck User Guide

The “Exploring Careers in Weatherization” template side deck was developed for state and local agencies that are part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) network¹. The intent was to provide an editable resource for these agencies to use when presenting about WAP careers to students or prospective workers at high schools, community colleges, technical schools, or other similar groups. This slide deck was developed to accompany and/or complement the customizable [Weatherization Career Flyers](#) available through the National Association for State Community Services Programs website. They also build on and are consistent with other DOE-published WAP materials and resources.

All information provided in the template slide deck is generalized and/or national, and we worked with stakeholders to ensure that the language used in the slides and speaker notes was technically accurate while also being accessible to audiences that might not have any related background training or education. **However, all content in this slide deck is editable**, so that WAP agencies can customize the information shared to reflect the needs, preferences, and realities of their local organization.

There are three main elements for users to be aware of:

1. **Slides**: The slides themselves offer editable content and related images to provide baseline information about WAP, building science, and home performance generally, as well as job and career pathways options.
 - a. *Editable content*: The content of the slides has been vetted by DOE, however local agencies are welcome to make changes to the text or images, change the order, or remove slides or sections to meet their needs.
 - b. *Hidden slides*: Throughout the deck, certain slides are titled but the content is blank, and they are shown as “hidden.” This means that they are visible and editable but will not be shown when the slides are viewed in “presenter mode.” The hidden slides are optional and offered for use if agencies want different content, such as a video, and/or to showcase information about their local community or organization. Suggestions are included in the speaker notes for each hidden slide.
 - i. Note: If you want to use and present these slides, right-click on the slide and select “Unhide Slide.”
 - c. *Photo Images*: Some of these images were purchased by NREL for use in this slide deck. WAP agencies do not have permission to use images from these slides for other uses.
2. **Speaker notes**: At the bottom of each slide is a section that offers a “script” that users can follow and/or adapt, and which accompany the slides. Users can read right from the script or adapt it to their own style or changes they make to the slide content.
 - a. Some slides include an “Optional for Presenters” section with suggestions of how the script could be adapted to reflect or add more local information.

¹ This slide deck was developed for DOE by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, in coordination with the National Association for State Community Service Program, National Community Action Partnership, and the Interstate Renewable Energy Council.

3. Activities: The final section of the slide deck offers some suggested activities that you can use to get students out of their seats and more engaged. They range from simple activities, like bringing in a thermal imaging camera and allowing them to look at different surfaces, to activities that require some props and prep time. In addition, there is a slide with resources for educators of younger students to incorporate learning activities or ready-made curriculum into their classrooms.

Agencies are encouraged to download this template slide deck and save multiple versions. For example, some content may be more relevant for high schools versus community colleges. Or you may want a 15-minute version, 30-minute version, and/or 1-hour version that you can easily adapt for different audiences and opportunities, with or without activities.

We hope that this document will give you the foundation to easily introduce potential future workers to the important work that WAP does in communities across the country.