



"Hands on. Ready to work."

Energy Efficiency Training Center

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Weatherization is the process of sealing air leaks and properly insulating a home.

We've added two more courses to the curriculum at the Energy Efficiency Training Center.

The Center's first classes were conducted in June. The first course was entitled "[Insulation and Air Sealing. Level I](#)." Response to that training has been very positive with students from both the private and public sectors taking part.

We have also entered into an agreement with BOCES to provide the training needed as part of their weatherization instruction. Students will train at our Center. For more information contact us at: (716) 692-3676.



BOCES is an acronym for Board of Cooperative Educational Services, a regional public education service organization. Established in 1948 by the state legislature, a BOCES provides quality, cost-effective educational services to school districts in New York State. The mission of Erie 1 BOCES is to sustain and enhance the capacity of component school districts to carry out their roles as the chief instrument in the schooling of the children, youth and adults in their communities.



Training is conducted by BPI Certified Home Energy Specialists. Our Insulation/Air Sealing Level I is BPI Recognized Training, and has rating of 6.4 Continuing Education Units. The Building Performance Institute (BPI) offers nationally recognized training, certification, accreditation, and quality assurance programs.

During the start-to-finish two day training sessions, students were instructed in how to install attic, wall and floor insulation; implement air sealing procedures, seal ductwork, install vapor barriers, and fulfill additional energy audit requirements.

In addition to that offering, *a Level II and Supervisory Course are now active.*

All three courses are conducted at our 2,400 state of the art training facility is located at 34 Pequet Pkwy in Tonawanda, NY. It includes a class room and a complete house for real world, hands on training. As we mentioned last month, the key to the training's effectiveness is a self sufficient training environment designed to simulate the average home construction. To accomplish this, the Center's "house" features four different types of siding and paneling on the outside, and all the normal walls, slopes and crawl spaces that exist in an average structure. The "house" also includes an attic. A simulated basement is adjacent to the main area.

All courses offered through the Energy Efficiency Training Center feature open enrollment. That means there are no pre-entry requirements to be met. The training is available to any adult 18 and over who is interested in delivery residential energy efficiency services as a career. More information, and online registration, is available at www.energyefficiencytrainingcenter.com; by e mail at training@energyefficiencytrainingcenter.com; or by phone at (716) 692-3676.

NYS Weatherization Funding Act

The 47 page New York State Weatherization Funding Act contains the following segment which explains why now is the time to provide weatherization skills training.

Green Workforce Development

New York has been actively supporting the development of a green workforce to meet the challenges posed by climate change, constraints on energy supply, high energy prices, and expansion of the energy efficiency and alternative energy industries. Governor Paterson has convened a multi-agency working group to explore methods to implement this initiative. DHCR is involved in this effort, and will work with the NYS Department of Labor, OTDA, and other partners to provide support for sub-grantee "ramp-up" and to utilize the Program to provide job opportunities to workers dislocated by the current economic situation.

The increasing technical requirements of the Weatherization Program require a consistent standard for sub-grantee staff qualifications to ensure a minimum level of competence in program operations. In Program Year 2008 DHCR began to implement certification requirements such as Building Performance Institute (BPI) certification for weatherization staff performing energy audits and installing conservation measure. DHCR will examine a variety of approaches to implement this initiative, and will continue to phase in new requirements over time, to allow existing staff adequate opportunity to obtain required training and skills.

Energy Efficiency Training Center offers information and online registration.

The [Energy Efficiency Training Center website](#) includes all the details concerning the Center and the training courses offered. It also includes photos, frequently asked questions and answers, contact information and a downloadable brochure. Registration can also be accomplished online or by [downloading a registration form](#) and then mailing it in. Of course, more information can also be had by simply calling (716) 692-3676.

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