LOUISIANA GULF COAST HEP TRAINING CENTER

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Spreading the word!

## **Website Updates**

VIRTUAL TOUR AND CATALOG

The center's website has been updated to include a visual tour of the training center and its capabilities. You can see the entire center along with close ups of cabins, classrooms, and some of the training props and equipment. We are excited that neighboring states have begun to interact with the training center and are excited about what we offer!

In addition to a visual tour of what we offer, we have put together a course catalog. If you are working with an agency, please have the agency contact us about training as there may be discounts for supplying your own materials and tools for some courses. CEU's are available for the HEP Professional courses, but fluctuate depending on the instructor. Please inquire if you're in need of some credits. We are still working on getting online courses up and running, but those are coming soon!









## **ASHRAE**

Quad Community Action Agency requested training for ASHRAE calculations and installation. LHC worked with Quad Community Action Agency to administer on ASHRAE calculations and installation. Due to the agency's proximity and material supply, we were able to provide the sessions at no cost to the Quad Community Action Agency team.

Chris Dunn, our QC Inspector,
worked with the Quad
Community Action Agency team
to provide a fun, engaging
environment for the agency to
review policy, calculation
methods, available tools, and
procedures.





Contact Pam Lewandowski at plewandowski@lhc.la.gov or 225-754-1474 for questions, training requests, and scheduling.



## Agency Spotlight - Cherelle Lee



Cherelle Lee has worked with <u>Quad</u>
<u>Community Action Agency</u> for 20 years, but is new to Weatherization. In the past she has worked with Veterans and that work has helped to make her very personable.

She works as an intake worker and outreach specialist and has set a goal to maintain 125% of the contracted number of units for each of the 19 parishes served. She has traveled to 7 of the these parishes, prioritizing the areas most in need of applications.

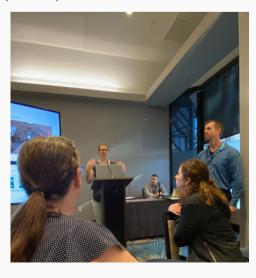
Outside of being an excellent professional in the field, she is a great person to be around. She is a loving wife to a husband that has served in the military for 20 plus years and is the mother of two children. In her spare time she also cares for exotic animals.

### **Trainers Summit**

The National Trainers' Consortium met in Washington, D.C. in early April to discuss best practices and challenges. One of the recurring themes was the need to spread the word about weatherization programs to help generate public interest in the field for potential workers. We are working towards strategies to retain crew members and make the field more desirable and sustainable.

Next month, we are meeting with a local school district to discuss training within public school curriculum and how that might help to prepare and build the workforce. Another idea is to build courses online that will introduce skills to new crew members without being overwhelming or removing them from the field for days at a time.

Ultimately, the training center is here to serve the agencies in whatever way we can. Please feel free to reach out and communicate any ideas or needs you may have.





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# LIHEAP

Priscilla and Donna gave a presentation on weatherization at the state LIHEAP conference to help spread the word about your programs.



They did an excellent job representing the work our agencies do in their communities. These women are passionate about the field and it shows in their work

### **Upcoming Events**

### <u>Website</u>

5/10 CTE Meeting with WBR Parish Schools 5/12 IDL Certification Training 5/15 Dense Packing Skill Training 4 CEU's 5/16 Venting to Daylight Training 4CEU's 5/17 Air Sealing Training 4 CEU's 5/19 IDL Certification Training (Matt K.) 5/22-5/26 BA Training with BPS (Matt K.) 7/10-7/14 EA Training with Everblue

Anytime: BPI Certification Renewal Available