

Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Training Modules

The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) maintains a staff of highly qualified and experienced training providers who offer dynamic and informative training courses. GHHI's trainings are unique in that they are conducted by leading program managers and technical assistance providers who are content experts but who also share insightful experiences, strategies, and lessons learned directly from their personal work in the various GHHI fields. Training modules offered by GHHI include:

1. Advanced Healthy Homes Training

Description: In-depth training provided on the 8 Principles of a Healthy Home as well as the Green & Healthy Homes Model that comprehensively integrates Healthy Homes practices, lead hazard control, and energy efficiency/weatherization upgrades. Training utilizes HUD, EPA, CDC, GHHI and other national best practices guidance. On the second day, the training includes a hands-on field exercise where participants experience firsthand how to recognize, evaluate and then address home-based environmental health and safety hazards as well as home performance issues.

Training Topics			
 Moisture and mold issues 	 Sanitation and domestic hygiene 		
 Lead-based paint hazards 	 Home maintenance issues 		
Household chemicals (VOCs, asbestos, radon)	 Energy efficiency, weatherization and comfort 		
 Ventilation to address IAQ issues 	 Resident & post remediation education 		
 Safety hazards and household injury risks 	 Risk management approach to Healthy Homes 		
Household pests & Integrated Pest Management	 Holistic hazards control measures 		
Target Audiences			
 Health and safety home assessors 	 Environmental health specialists 		
 Community health workers 	 Public health students and professionals 		
Energy efficiency/weatherization professionals	 Certified home inspectors 		
 Healthy housing professionals 	Housing professionals		

2. Comprehensive Health, Safety and Energy Efficiency Assessments and Interventions

Description: One day of training on the root causes and health and safety impacts of home-based environmental hazards commonly encountered by Healthy Homes and energy efficiency/weatherization personnel, hazards that often result in client deferrals under current program practices. This is followed by in-depth understanding and application of the Comprehensive Environmental Housing Assessment and Intervention Model. On the second day, the training session includes a hands-on field exercise on the identification, prioritization and development of risk management strategies to address these hazards.

Training Topics			
 Moisture issues and ventilation 	Household chemicals (VOC's, pesticides, etc.)		
 Lead-based paint hazards and control 	 Convergence of home performance and health 		
 Asbestos and radon hazards and control 	 A healthy home is a disaster resilient home 		
 Fire and electrical hazards and control 	 The comprehensive assessment process 		
 Combustion by-products (CO, PM, NO₂, etc.) 	 Hazards prioritization and risk management 		
 Injury prevention for children and older adults 	 Sustainable intervention measures 		
 Household asthma triggers (mold, dust, etc.) 	 Developing a prescriptive scope of work 		
Household pests & Integrated Pest Management	 The quality control process 		
 Ventilation requirements for and IAQ 	Home assessment tools		



Target Audiences

- Housing health and safety assessors
- · Community health workers
- Energy auditors/weatherization professionals
- · Healthy housing professionals

- Environmental health specialists
- Public health students and professionals
- Certified home inspectors
- Housing and building science professionals

3. Asthma Triggers Assessments and Interventions

Description: In-depth, asthma-specific training on how the GHHI Comprehensive Health and Safety Housing Assessment and Intervention Model is applied for identifying, assessing, and addressing environmental asthma triggers and other indoor air quality concerns in the home. This training is composed of one full day of classroom education on the root causes, exposure routes, health impacts, and control measures of environmental asthma triggers commonly encountered by Healthy Homes programs. On the second day, the training session includes a hands-on field exercise where participants experience firsthand how to identify, evaluate, and prioritize environmental asthma triggers in a home. This is followed by a discussion, analysis and development of cost-effective strategies to address asthma triggers found during the exercise.

Training Topics			
Asthma triggers 101: allergens vs. irritants	 Household dust lifecycle and control measures 		
 Moisture, mold and dust mites 	 Air cleaners vs. air purifiers 		
Cockroaches, mice, rats, and IPM Asthma triggers prioritization and risk managem			
 Household chemicals (VOCs, pesticides, etc.) 	 Developing a comprehensive scope of work 		
Combustion by-products: NO ₂ , CO, PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5}	Housing intervention measures for asthma triggers		
 Asthma triggers during the cooking process 	 Asthma and emerging household hazards 		
Target Audiences			
Housing health and safety assessors	 Public health students and professionals 		
Community health workers Certified home inspectors			
 Energy auditors/weatherization professionals 	 Building science professionals 		
 Healthy housing professionals 	 Certified pest control professionals 		
 Environmental health specialists 	 Housing renovation contractors 		

4. Identification and Control Strategies for Injury Hazards in Homes

Description: In-depth, injury prevention-specific training on how the GHHI Comprehensive Health and Safety Housing Assessment and Intervention Model is applied for identifying, assessing, and addressing injury hazards that could affect children and older adults in their homes. This training is composed of one full day of classroom education on the root causes, health impacts, and control strategies for injury hazards commonly encountered by Healthy Homes programs (i.e., Trip and fall hazards, fire hazards, electrical hazards, scalds, tipping hazards, etc.). On the second day, the training session concludes with a hands-on field exercise where participants experience firsthand how to identify, evaluate, and prioritize injury hazards in a home. This is followed by a discussion, analysis and the development of cost-effective strategies to address hazards found during the exercise.

Training Topics

- Scalding
 - Trip and fall hazards
 - Fire hazards
 - Electrical shock hazards
 - Tipping hazards

- Carbon monoxide poisoning
- · Aging In place safety evaluation and measures
- Children safety evaluation and measures
- · Bathroom vs. Kitchen safety
- Hazards prioritization and risk management



- Cut and Pierce hazards
- Poisoning prevention

- Comprehensive injury prevention scope of work
- Sustainable intervention measures

Target Audiences

- Housing health and safety assessors
- Community health workers
- Energy auditors/weatherization professionals
- · Healthy housing professionals
- Environmental health specialists

- Public health students and professionals
- Certified home inspectors
- · Building science professionals
- Case managers
- Housing renovation contractors

5. Healthy Homes Contractor Workforce Development

Description: In this training participants will learn the necessary healthy housing-related content and skills to improve their participation as contractors in healthy housing projects. This training addresses the lack of skilled contractor pool by assuring enough contractors are in place to complete the work for healthy housing programs. This training is composed of one full day of classroom education on the root causes, exposure routes, health impacts and remediation techniques of environmental hazards commonly encountered by healthy housing programs. On a second day, the training session concludes with a hands-on field exercise with participants in the identification and evaluation of environmental hazards followed by the development of strategies and selection of sustainable and cost-effective housing modifications to address such hazards.

Training Topics				
Moisture and mold issues	Household chemicals (VOC's, pesticides, etc.)			
 Lead-based paint hazards 	 Hazards prioritization and risk management 			
 Asbestos and radon hazards and control 	 Understanding the project's scope of work 			
Fire hazards	 The walk-through process 			
 Heating and cooling hazards and control 	 Sustainable & cost-effective measures 			
 Home performance issues 	 Sequencing of hazards remediation tasks 			
 Injury prevention for children and older adults 	 Work-site safety/Personal protection equipment 			
 Household asthma triggers (Mold, dust, etc.) 	 Quality Control procedures 			
 Ventilation requirements for IAQ 	 Comprehensive assessment tools 			
Household pests & Integrated Pest Management	 Cultural etiquette/Customer service 			
Target Audiences				
Housing renovation contractors	Students			
 Weatherization workers 	Community members			
 Healthy housing professionals 	 Building science professionals 			

6. Healthy Homes Resident Educator Workforce Development

Description: In this training participants will learn the necessary healthy housing related content and skills to perform environmental health and safety evaluations and work with residents to determine adequate, sustainable, and cost-effective management strategies to address household hazards. This training supports efforts to prepare community health workers, housing inspectors, and related professionals to provide client support services for healthy housing programs. Instructor will complete one full day of classroom education on the root causes, exposure routes, and health and safety impacts of environmental hazards and concludes with a review of best practices to effectively incorporate this information into resident teaching protocols and material. On a second day, the training session concludes with a hands-on field exercise with participants in the identification and evaluation of environmental hazards followed by the development of sustainable strategies to address such hazards.



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Training Topics				
 Moisture and mold issues 	CHW Competencies			
 Lead-based paint hazards 	 Prepping for home visits 			
Household chemicals (VOCs, asbestos, radon)	 Home visiting cultural etiquette 			
 Ventilation to address IAQ issues 	 Resident education teaching strategies and tools 			
 Safety hazards and household injury risks 	 Family engagement plan (SOW) 			
Household pests & Integrated Pest Management	 Hazards evaluation and management strategies 			
 Household asthma triggers and control 	 Sustainable hazards control measures 			
Target Audiences				
 Health and safety home assessors 	 Environmental health specialists 			
 Community health workers 	 Public health students and professionals 			
 Energy auditors/weatherization professionals 	 Certified home inspectors 			
7. Webinars on Healthy Home Topics				

Description: In these 60-90 minutes webinars participants will learn basic healthy housing related concepts and skills to assist in the identification of the root causes, exposure routes, health impacts, and sustainable control strategies for environmental hazards. These webinars support efforts to prepare community health workers, housing inspectors, and related professionals for providing client support services for healthy housing programs.

Training Topics				
 8 Principles of a Healthy Home Root causes for asthma triggers in the home Lead-based paint hazards and control Injury hazards and prevention Moisture and the built environment Asbestos and radon hazards Aging in place injury prevention measures Household dust - Root causes & health impacts Combustion by-products and IAQ in the home 	 GHHI comprehensive housing intervention model Household pests & Integrated Pest Management Hazards prioritization & risk management process Energy efficiency principles for non-energy staff Housing weatherization and health Energy efficiency survey for non-energy field staff Emerging health concerns in the built environment Writing a comprehensive and prescriptive SOW Healthy and resilient homes after a disaster 			
Target Audiences				
 Health and safety home assessors Community health workers Energy auditors/weatherization professionals Healthy housing professionals 	 Environmental health specialists Public health students and professionals Certified home inspectors Housing professionals 			

	Training Formats & Fees	
Classroom Instruction	Classroom instruction & field exercise	Webinar
• 1-day	 2-days 	• 60-90 min
• \$2,500 + travel costs for trainer	 \$4,000 + travel costs for trainer 	• \$800.00

Trainings and webinars can be customized to meet the specific training needs or locale of any client. Trainings are available in English and Spanish Language.

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