

New River Center for Energy Research and Training (NRCERT) Weatherization Training Center

The Weatherization Assistance Program enables low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. For more than 30 years, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program has provided weatherization services to more than 6.4 million low-income families.

Expanding Resources

The Community Housing Partners' New River Center for Energy Research and Training (NRCERT) opened in 1999 and provides trainings on weatherization, residential energy conservation techniques, home performance testing, and heating and cooling

NRCERT Weatherization Training Center

Located in Christiansburg, VA
Established in 1999

Expansion completed March 2010 at main campus

Added 4 field training locations
- 1 single family home and 3 mobile homes

Trained over 25,000 students since 1999



The NRCERT Weatherization Training Center completed its expansion in March 2010 and provides over 12,500 square feet of hands-on training area.

equipment diagnostics, repair and replacement. In March 2010, NRCERT completed work on a new facility that offers over 12,500 square feet of operational, classroom and hands-on training space. NRCERT designed the facility to be as innovative as possible. The new space incorporates state-of-the-art equipment and demonstration modules that enable the NRCERT trainers to provide the best hands-on training to its students.

The new facility offers a wide variety of coursework that includes whole house weatherization fundamentals, home performance testing, energy auditing, combustion safety and analysis, mobile home weatherization, blower door and pressure diagnostics, OSHA health and safety, and weatherization management. In addition, NRCERT is currently developing a distance learning platform to provide high quality training to weatherization crews, contractors, auditors, and other entities across the country.

Since the launch of the new facility, NRCERT has definitely put the space to good use. In March 2011, NRCERT completed over 3,600 training hours, which includes both field and center trainings and is estimating training hours to exceed 5,000 hours per month over the summer months.

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