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## **Green Industry Training & Services Southern California Looks to Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County for Training Certification & Services**

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA (OCT. 15, 2010)** - Want to get certified for a weatherization job in the Green Industry? Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County's (CAPSBC) Weatherization Training Center is the only place in Southern California where you can. The CAPSBC Training Center educates workers to "Weatherize" a home to make it more energy efficient under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program for low-income families. Weatherization services lower the cost of heating a home in the winter or cooling it in the summer, while conserving natural resources. The training program consists of three courses, Basic Weatherization, Blower Door/Duct Blaster and Combustion Appliance Safety Testing. The skills taught to trainees include minor home repair, appliance installation, appliance diagnostics and repair, and outreach and assessment. The Training Center Instructors are hands-on crew leaders with more than 25 years of field experience.

The Weatherization Training Center provides certification training for all ranges of workers, from beginners to those already employed in the field who need additional training. As the industry leader in this field, CAPSBC

serves large organizations such as PACE (Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment), Southern California Gas Co., community based organizations and private contractors in Riverside, Orange, L.A., Ventura, Imperial, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo County as well as many other counties in Northern California. CAPSBC has also forged significant partnerships to move the industry forward including the Green Employer Advisory Council (GEAC), Work Source California, Workforce Investment Board (WIB), Community Services Development Department of the State of California and countless cities across Southern California.



*CAPSBC Weatherization Crew Technicians seal off the base of an air conditioning/heating unit to prevent air from escaping to the outside of the home.*

A group of students from PACE recently completed their certification in September, and a new group of students from SCE will be starting next week. If you or your business are interested in

finding out more about the CAPSBC Weatherization Training Center, call (909) 723-1688 or visit our website at [www.capsbc.org](http://www.capsbc.org)

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CAPSBC also offers weatherization services to qualified low-income residents of San Bernardino County through our own in-house Weatherization Program. Our staff are professionally trained to provide excellent service in the field and those who have had their homes weatherized now enjoy a more comfortable home with lower energy bills. CAPSBC is currently performing services on 330 homes here in San Bernardino, and has serviced 5,592 homes throughout San Bernardino County since January 2010. Individuals interested in receiving these free services, can call to see if they qualify 909-723-1600.

CAPSBC is the designated Community Action Agency for San Bernardino County charged with providing programs and services for low-income individuals and families to help lift them out of poverty. As one of the largest non-profit human services agencies in San Bernardino County, CAPSBC provides resources and opportunities to the low-income to improve their lives, contribute to their communities and offer a return on investment for our communities, cities and county. Programs include Weatherization, Home Energy Assistance, Family Development, Assets for Independence/Individual Development Accounts, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Homeless Management Information Systems and the CAPSBC Food Bank. For more information about Community Action Partnership and its programs call (909) 723-1514 or visit us on the web at [www.capsbc.org](http://www.capsbc.org)