DOE Technical Assistance Program





Driving Demand: Door-to-Door Outreach & Tracking Impacts

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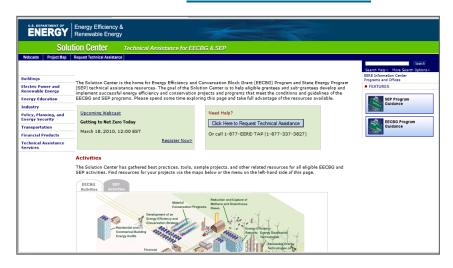
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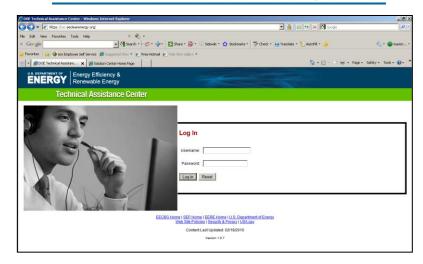


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Presenters



- **David Gershon**, founder and CEO of Empowerment Institute, is one of the world's foremost authorities on behavior-change and large-system transformation, and applies this expertise to issues requiring community, organizational, and societal change. He has addressed a wide diversity of issues, ranging from low carbon lifestyles, livable neighborhoods, and sustainable communities to organizational talent development and cultural transformation.
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THROUGH ACTION RESEARCH OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS EMPOWERMENT INSTITUTE HAS DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED

A PROVEN METHODOLOGY TO ENABLE CITIZEN BEHAVIOR CHANGE AND LARGE SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION IN CITIES AROUND AMERICA AND WORLD.

SOCIAL CHANGE 2.0

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

EMPOWER INNOVATE **TRANSFORM** COLLABORATE DISSEMINATE

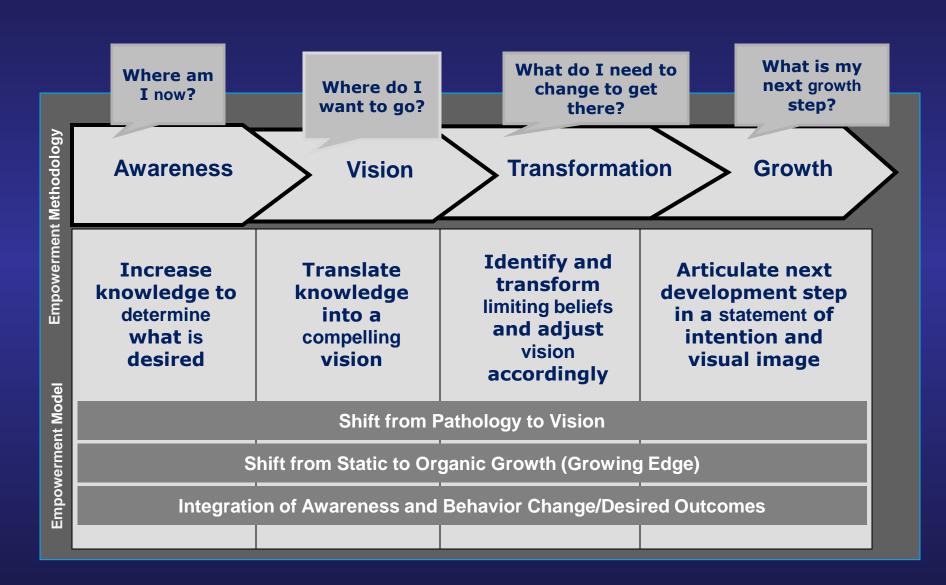


BEHAVIOR CHANGE: THE GOLD STANDARD

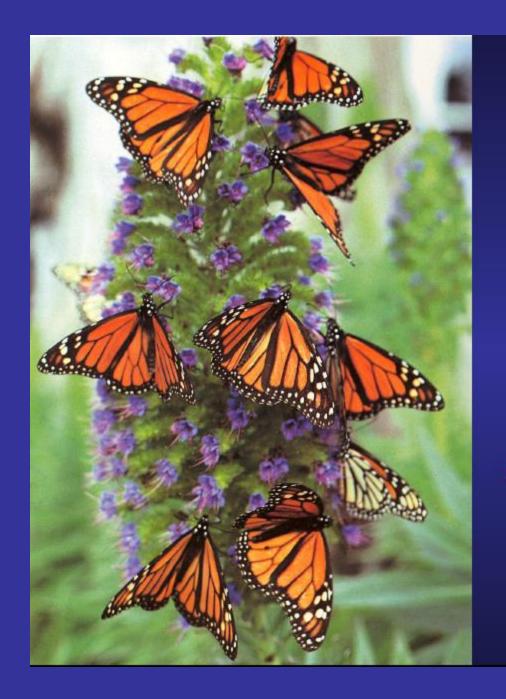
"THE CORE OF THE MATTER IS ALWAYS
ABOUT CHANGING THE BEHAVIOR OF
PEOPLE. IN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CHANGE
EFFORTS THE CENTRAL CHALLENGE IS
NOT STRATEGY, NOT SYSTEMS, BUT CHANGING
PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOR – WHAT PEOPLE DO AND
THE NEED FOR SIGNIFICANT SHIFTS IN
WHAT PEOPLE DO."

THE HEART OF CHANGE, JOHN KOTTER, PROFESSOR, HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL AND DAN COHEN, PARTNER, DELOITTE CONSULTING

EMPOWERMENT FRAMEWORK: A STRATEGY AND OPERATING SYSTEM FOR BEHAVIOR CHANGE







TRANSFORM

CREATE SOCIAL INNOVATIONS CAPABLE OF

CHANGING THE GAME







TO DIFFUSE A SOCIAL INNOVATION TO A LARGE POPULATION REQUIRES A STRATEGY WHERE

DISPROPORTIONATE INFLUENCE CAN BE LEVERAGED.

DIFFUSION OF INNOVATION

EARLY ADOPTERS – SEEK OUT NEW, HIGH TOLERANCE FOR EXPERIMENTATION, TIPPING POINT (FIRST 15%)

EARLY MAJORITY — WAIT FOR INNOVATION TO BE PROVEN, WANT TO BELONG (NEXT 35%)

LATE MAJORITY — RESISTANT, BUT COME ALONG WHEN EVERYONE IS DOING IT (NEXT 35%)

LAGGARDS - WILL NOT PARTICIPATE (LAST 15%)

Diffusion of Innovation – Everett Rogers

SOCIAL MARKETING RESEARCH REVEALED

FOUR BARRIERS TO ACTION:

- 1. WHERE DO I START?
- 2. WHICH ARE THE IMPORTANT ACTIONS?
- 3. HOW DO I TAKE THE ACTIONS?
- 4. WILL IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

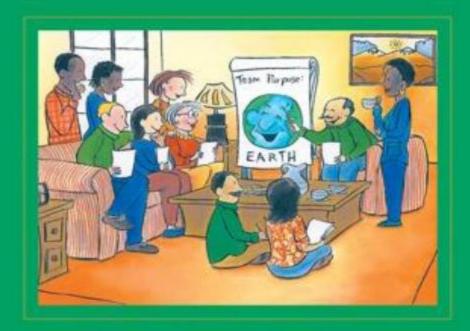
SOCIAL CHANGE DESIGN CHALLENGE...

CREATE A SCALABLE STRATEGY
WHICH CAN TRANSFORM BARRIERS
AND CHANGE BEHAVIOR.

WHERE BY THE EFA INVESTMENTAL COALTY AWARE

Green Living Handbook

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GREEN LIVING PROGRAM



TOPICS – GARBAGE, WATER, ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, PURCHASING, EMPOWERMENT

ACTIONS – TOPICS DIVIDED INTO USER-FRIENDLY ACTIONS IN RECIPE FORMAT

PEER SUPPORT – 5 TO 8 HOUSEHOLDS (ECOTEAMS)

MEETINGS – SELF-DIRECTED & SCRIPTED GUIDES

COACH — TRAINED BY PROGRAM MANAGER

PROGRAM MANAGER – TRAINED BY EMPOWERMENT INSTITUTE

THE ECOTEAM EXPERIENCE: ENVIRONMENTAL BEHAVIOR CHANGE PLUS...

- 1. STRONG SOCIAL BONDS AND TRUST BETWEEN TEAM MEMBERS
- 2. DEVELOPMENT OF LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES INCLUDING:
 - TEAM VISIONING SKILLS
 - GROUP PROCESS SKILLS
 - ACCOUNTABILITY SKILLS
 - COOPERATION SKILLS
 - COACHING SKILLS
- 3. ALTRUISTIC BEHAVIOR
- 4. HIGH PERFORMANCE ETHIC
- 5. COLLECTIVE PROBLEM SOLVING AND TEAM WORK



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO GREEN LIVING PROGRAM FEEDBACK ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY MODULE



THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY SECTION WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR. THE TOPIC LEADER DEMONSTRATED HOW TO RETROFIT HIS HOME. THOSE WHO DID NOT FEEL THEY HAD THE SKILLS TO DO THIS ACTION WERE OFFERED HELPED BY TEAM MEMBERS. PEOPLE REALIZED THAT THIS WAS NOT A STRENUOUS TASK AND MOST OF THE TEAM DID IT.

OMAR JACABO – ECOTEAM LEADER, COSA PURCHASING AND GENERAL SERVICES

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO GREEN LIVING PROGRAM FEEDBACK ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY MODULE



EVERYONE GOT INVOLVED IN THE ENERGY SECTION. OUR UTILITY, CPS, GAVE OUT FREE THERMOSTATS AND MOST OF US ENTERED IT TO 78. THE TEAM WAS HELPFUL TO GET PEOPLE TO DO IT. WE ALSO WENT TO CPS AS A TEAM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR RETROFITTING PROGRAM AROUND WEATHER STRIPPING OUR HOMES AND PUTTING IN ENERGY EFFICIENT WINDOWS. MOST OF OUR TEAM HAS TAKEN THESE ACTIONS AS WELL.

FRANK GARCIA, ECOTEAM LEADER, COSA POLICE DEPARTMENT

BEHAVIOR CHANGE RESULTS

IN U.S. 20,000 PEOPLE ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING ANNUALIZED REDUCTIONS

40% -- SOLID WASTE

32% -- WATER

14% -- ENERGY

8% -- VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED

15% -- CO₂ EMISSIONS (Internationally reduced 1 billion pounds)

\$255 -- FINANCIAL SAVINGS

LONG-TERM CHANGE

KEY FINDINGS:
LONG-TERM BEHAVIOR CHANGE
SUSTAINED.
53% TRANSFERRED LEARNING TO
WORKPLACE
"UNSURPASSED IN CHANGING
BEHAVIOR."

7 LONGITUDINAL STUDIES:

3rd PARTY MARKET RESEARCH FIRM

TWO YEAR ACADEMIC STUDY BY LEIDEN UNIVERSITY

SAMPLE: PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN 5 CITIES

DIFFUSION STRATEGY NEIGHBORHOOD DELIVERY PLATFORM

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR SELLING POINTS:

- 1. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT FOR CHILDREN
- 2. GET TO KNOW NEIGHBORS
- 3. BUILD MORE LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOOD

ACHIEVED 25% PARTICIPATION

TOWARDS THE TIPPING POINT

COMMUNITY – ACHIEVED FULL DIFFUSION ON NUMEROUS BLOCKS AND MANY NEIGHBORHOODS

NATIONAL — PROGRAM ADOPTED IN 25 US CITIES AND AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL IN HUNDREDS MORE

INTERNATIONAL – DIFFUSED TO 21 COUNTRIES WITH OVER A MILLION PEOPLE IN SEVERAL HUNDRED CITIES

POLICY INITIATIVES – EMPOWERED NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS
AND CITIES TO ENACT INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABILITY POLICY
INITIATIVES AND UTILIZE SOCIAL TECHNOLOGY

MEDIA – IDEAS SPREAD TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. INCLUDING NY TIMES, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, BOSTON GLOBE, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, FAMILY CIRCLE AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

NEW YORKER ...



"Please help us reduce our garbage and improve our energy efficiency and our water quality. Help us to be eco-wise and...above all...to empower others."

Drawing by Koren; @ 1994 The New Yorker Magazine, Inc.

SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

GOVERNANCE - FROM CITY AND CITIZEN AS ADVERSARIES TO PARTNERS

NATURAL RESOURCES - FROM WASTEFUL USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

COMMUNITY - FROM RESIDENTIAL ISOLATION AND ALIENATION TO LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

CITIZENSHIP - FROM ENTITLEMENT AND CRITIC TO EMPOWERED PARTICIPANT IN SOCIAL CHANGE



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Vermont Community Energy Mobilization Project (VCEM)

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VCEM Program Context

- Efficiency Vermont Home Performance with ENERGY STAR ® ("HPwES")
- 2008 Fuel Prices, Volunteerism, Legislative Support, HPwES market research report
- Program Goals: Develop program so volunteers can immediately assist neighbors with energy savings
- 2-month period from Program Design to Implementation
- "Neighbor-to-Neighbor" not so much "Door-to-Door"



VCEM Program Design

Efficiency Vermont provided local partners with "turn-key" program that employed a "phone tree" approach

Home Visit

- "Direct Install"-immediate savings
- Brief walk through home
- Kitchen Table Conversation

Home Participants

Local Volunteers

Local
Coordinator
& Group

Efficien cy Vermont



Driving Demand: Spreading the Word

- Message
- Outreach Tools
- VCEM did not use paid advertising

Driving Demand: Behavioral Change

- Modeling Success
- Engaging Community Leaders
- Engaging Participant
- Framing
- Commitment
- Normative Messaging, Comparison to Others, Feedback
- Repetition of Message





Tracking

- Energy Savings
- Customer/Site Information
- Customer Feedback
 - Why did they move forward?
 - Rank program elements according to influence
- Challenge
- Database Flexibility
- Time Lag





Findings & Results

- Plan Do Check Act
- Energy costs are "manageable", so need community buy-in
- Outreach: Try 'em on, wear what fits
- Social Behavior: Try 'em all on, survey what works
- Make Project Results Public and Real-Time
- "Neighbor-2-Neighbor" works
- Follow Up! Follow Up! Follow Up!

# of Groups	15
# of Towns	34
# of Volunteers	539
# of Visits	1252 *154 rentals
# completed & in progress HPwES	50 2009: 5.7% 2010: 3.4%
Total KWH Net Savings	598,847 kWh
Total MMBTU Net Savings	1758 (1448/310)



Reasons for not moving forward (highest to lowest):

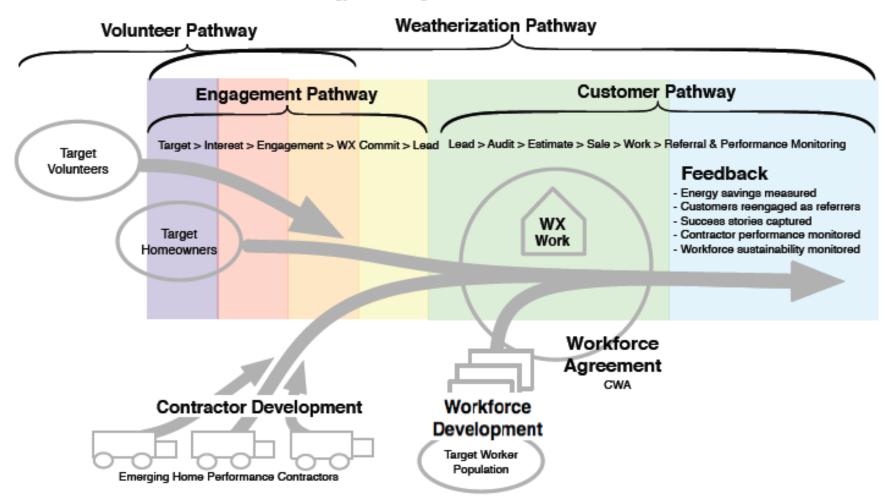
Why Not?	What can YOUR PROJECT do?
Lack of Money	Financing, Incentives, Follow Up
Don't Need It	Get it all the 1 st time, Clear Message, Follow Up
Plan to do work themselves	Explain pitfalls & provide additional information; Follow up
Waiting for Weatherization	Good News!
Lack of Time	Streamline customer experience, Follow Up
Delaying a Decision	Follow Up

employed in:

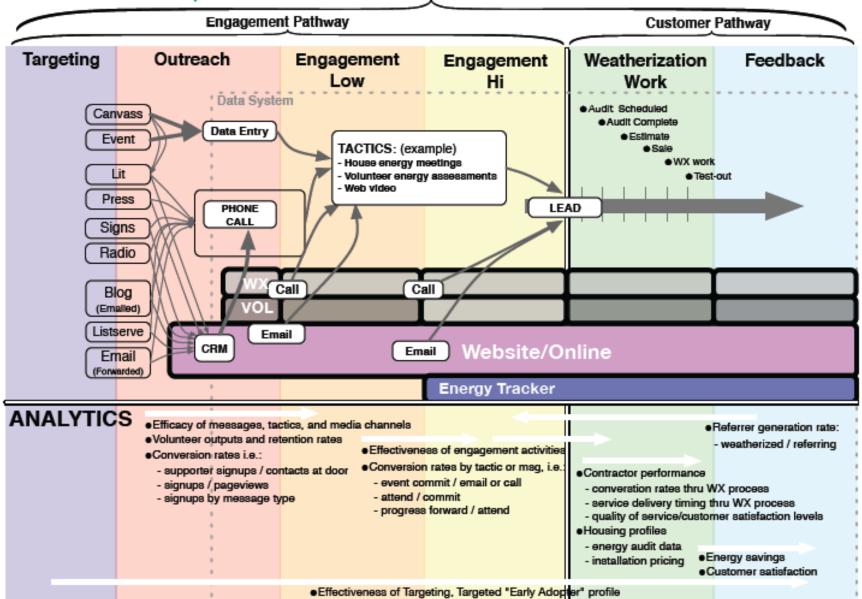


The weatherize DC Program Model

Functioning essentially as a retrofit program adminitrator, WeatherizeDC manages or coordinates much of the structure integral to high-road retrofit job creation. This basic diagram lays out the numerous pathways we use to design and analyze our program. The "Engagement Pathway" section on the left depicts the engagement to lead generation stage. In order to share the program's unique success in engagement-based demand creation, this document will focus on the metrics methodology in this stage.



Basic Data Framework and Example Analytics





Metrics Methodology:

A deeper look into our Weatherization Pathway uncovers our metrics methodology. Facilitated by our data system, this framework allows the program to track its performance by enabling analysis of the conversion rates and lag times of the outreach and engagement tactics, as well as high-road home performance contractor performance. Our attention to rolling data analysis allows us to be tactically adaptive while continually striving for, and reporting greater program success.

EXAMPLE A. Mass-Mobilization (Neighborhood Canvass > Home Energy Meeting > Leads Generated)

Engagement Pathway			Customer Pathway		
Targeting	Outreach	Engagement Low	Engagement Hi	Retrofit Work	Feedback
Primary Universe: 40,000 home owners Targeted by: 1. Publically-available data: - House age - Block-level energy use data - Homeownership 2. Consumer data - Heating type - Mortgage status	Tactic #1 Canvass: Attempts(At): 1,000 Contacts(Cts): 150 Home Energy Meeting YES (HEMYes):45 (Cts to HEMYes) Conv. Rate: 30% (At>CEMYes) Conv. Rate: 4.5% Paid Prep time: X hrs Vol prep time: X hrs Vol prep time: X hrs Vol Process Time: X hrs Vol Process Time: X hrs Vol Process Time: X hrs Context notes: A cold and windy day. Improvement areas: Smaller walk-packets on cold days.	Attendees (HEM No shows (flake Flake rate(HEM: WX commits/Au (HEM > Aa) Con Paid prep time: X Paid Process Tim Vol Process Tim Event Cost: \$X Date: Script / Transcr Context notes: prepared. Improvement a	i: 15 >flake): 15/45=33% dit applies(Aa): 20 iv. Rate: 66% X hrs (hrs me: X hrs e: X hrs ipt: Host was well reas: Factor in e-breakers & team	Retrofit pathway Audit applies (Aa): 20 Audits Scheduled(AS): Aa>AS lag time: Aa>AS Conv rate: Audits Complete(AC): AS>AC Lagtime: Quotes Complete(QC): AC>QC lag time: Sales Complete(SC): Aa>SC: Conv. rate: Aa>Sales: lag time Attempts>Sales Conv. rate: Attemps>Sales Lag time: Total \$/sale: Audit files, estimates: Job Costs: Test out file:	Customer Qualitative satisfaction Referral rate: Sales>referrer Avg. Referrals/customers: Home Energy Usage reduction



Metrics Methodology:

EXAMPLE B. Network-Mobilization (1 on 1 Leader Meeting > Home Energy Meeting > Leads Generated)

Engagement Pathway

Targeting

Primary:

Targeted by:

- 1. Network Affiliation
- trusted environmental / community leader

1:1 Engagement

Outreach

Outcome:

 Leader commits to organizing a 20 attendee HEM Date:

Engagement Low

Engagement Hi

Tactic #2 Home Energy Meeting:

20 attendees (HEM) WX commits: 15

Attendees(HEM)>Audit applicant/ WX commit (Aa)

Conversion Date:

Conversion Rate: 75%

Paid prep time: X hrs Vol prep time: X hrs Paid Process Time: X hrs Vol Process Time: X hrs Total Event Cost: \$X

Date:

Script / Transcript:

Context notes: Strong sense of familiarity and community. Improvement areas: Make fewer

handouts.

Customer Pathway

Retrofit Work

Retrofit pathway

Audit (Aa)/applicants: 15 Audits Scheduled(AS): Aa>AS lag time: Aa>AS Conv rate:

Audits Complete(AC): AS>AC Lagtime:

Quotes Complete(QC): AC>QC lag time:

Sales Complete(SC): Aa>SC: Conv. rate: Aa>Sales: lag time

Attempts>Sales Conv. rate: Attemps>Sales Lag time: Total \$/sale:

Audit flies, estimates: Job Costs: Test out flie:

Feedback

Retrofit pathway

Qualitative satisfaction Referral rate: (Sales>referrer)

Avg. Referrals/customers:

Home

Energy Usage reduction

The DC Project Core Metrics for Demand Creation Success

Metric	Description	
\$/ Lead Generated; \$/Retrofit Job Complete	Outreach program costs per lead generated and per retrofit job complete as a measure of cost-effectiveness.	
% Homeowners Engaged/Referring Post- Retrofit	Out of all homes retrofitted, the percentage of homeowners that stay engaged as volunteer organizers or refer other homeowners; measures customer satisfaction, program performance, and sustainable marketing capital and indicates long-term market mobilization.	
Referral rate	Average number of referrals per post-retrofit customer.	
Volunteer Energy Assessments (VEAs) conducted	VEAs are conducted by trained volunteers and provide homeowners with a deeper understanding of their personal home energy consumption and opportunities for improvement.	
Weatherization Interests	The number of households expressing interest in weatherization (determined by on- and offline sign-ups and attendance at energy meetings).	
Households Referred To Home Performance Business	The number of households that make a commitment to weatherize and are referred to a home performance business for service.	
Efficiency Investment Mobilized/ Cost per retrofit	Consumer dollars invested in home weatherization/ cost per retrofit.	
Lead Generation Rate	The number of households referred to a home performance business out of eligible program participants.	
Long-term Volunteers	The number of long-term volunteers includes volunteer organizers, house meeting hosts, student groups activated, and collaborating local organizations as a measure of lasting community infrastructure mobilized and program sustainability.	

Challenges and Best Practices from WeatherizeDC

Challenge	Solution
At the outset of the WeatherizeDC pilot, little data was available regarding how to engage real people about the benefits of home weatherization and which messages would most effectively engender public buy-in around the program.	The DC Project applied cutting-edge campaign targeting software and data tracking platforms, and used canvasses and energy meetings as a vehicle to test various messages among prospective weatherizers and volunteers. This focus-grouping and assessment of conversion impact across various groups indicated that for middle- to upper-income homeowners, comfort, health, and community benefits were just as important message motivators as savings. More significant, we found that effective peer messengers from the community are far more important to driving up consumer uptake than any message.
We found significant attrition rates among program participants in the weatherization pathway after audits took place or after audit reports were delivered.	Community engagement and consumer advocacy must not end with lead generation, but should also help shepherd residents through the complex service delivery process. To increase service delivery efficiency and consistency of messaging with contractors, The DC Project has developed data tracking methods that allow for tracking of a resident's movement along the engagement and service pathways, while sending automated email alerts to staff and volunteers to follow up with program participants who have moved from "audit scheduled" to "audit complete" or "weatherization scheduled" to "weatherization complete."
Through "first touch" online and offline outreach, we met a high volume of general interest and requests for information, but struggled to ensure that this interest translated to converted efficiency upgrades.	First, The DC Project developed tools and methods to capture any and all interest among the community to allow for targeted, timely follow up. This prevented the loss of valuable "hot leads". Further, the program directed interested residents into deeper engagement events – community energy meetings and volunteer energy assessments - in which peer community members delivered education on the benefits of weatherization. After shifting to this peer-to-peer validation strategy, conversion rates more than doubled.

The DC Project is committed to supporting municipal retrofit programs as they implement a community-driven demand generation model in their communities. Focusing on recipients of Better Buildings funds with commitments to high-road job creation, we train community-based organizations on best practices for community-driven demand generation methods and work with program administrators to leverage community-based assets.

1. Community Outreach and Engagement

The DC Project trains community-based organizations on the nuts and bolts of effective engagement strategies to generate demand for home weatherization.

The DC Project provides these groups with modular tools, metrics for success, and trainings to structure their outreach efforts, while allowing room for local customization around implementation.

Community Outreach: Sample Trainings

- Target "early weatherization adopters" through a neighborhood weatherization canvass or phone bank
- Train volunteers on outreach methods
- Incorporate new media, video, and online tools
- Use the most effective messaging tactics to engage homeowners
- . Know where, when and how to collect data for outreach evaluation

2. Program Design

The DC Project works with program administrators to design programs that can accommodate a community-driven demand generation model and leverage community-based assets to achieve program goals. We conduct a comprehensive needs assessment that informs recommendations on organizational structure and the development of a strategic campaign plan.

Organizational structure support focuses on infrastructure needed to support community outreach efforts, while strategic campaign plans provide tactics and benchmarking goals for field, online organizing, data and campaign operations.

3. Customized Data Tools And Tactical Assistance

The DC Project has developed a suite of customized data tools that track key metrics for demand generation at each stage of the weatherization pathway. We work with programs to apply these data systems to collect data on the most important metrics, and offer best practices for data collection at each stage of the weatherization pathway.

The DC Project is now in the process of beta-testing a comprehensive data platform that will be available for licensing by targeted retrofit programs beginning January 2011.

Data Support: Sample Services

- Recommendations on data fields to collect for evaluating program outcomes
- · Survey instruments for data collection
- How to micro-target outreach utilizing to consumer indicators to increase efficiency
- . Tools to track real-time energy consumption by household
- · Recommended protocols for clean and useful data

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