



The National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network (Training Center) offers cutting edge training and professional development in the field of healthy housing. The Training Center has trained almost 28,000 people since its inception in 2003, and is creating a workforce that understands how to find and resolve hazards in the home environment. Visit the website at [healthyhousingsolutions.com/hhtc/](http://healthyhousingsolutions.com/hhtc/).

## The Training Center:

- **Brings together public health and housing practitioners** to promote practical and cost-effective methods for making homes healthier.
- **Serves as a forum** for exchanging information on new research and best practices.
- **Promotes cross-training** of public health and housing practitioners.
- **Identifies and optimizes opportunities** for networking, collaboration, and partnerships.
- **Provides continuing education units (CEUs)** for most courses.

## Training with a higher purpose

Our trainees are dedicated professionals committed to making a difference in their communities through safe and healthy housing. In 2009, the U.S. Surgeon General's *Call to Action to Promote Healthy Homes* underscored the public health importance of healthy housing and endorsed the "seven principles of healthy housing," which serve as the cornerstone of the Training Center's curricula.

Trainees learn critical skills and increase their knowledge of the principles, while also becoming inspired to serve as resources, thought leaders, conveners, and advocates in their communities.

The Training Center operates across the country and provides training through a network of experienced partners. To see a list of partners and their contact information, go to [healthyhousingsolutions.com/hhtc/training-partners/](http://healthyhousingsolutions.com/hhtc/training-partners/).

The Training Center offers three types of courses to meet the needs of all students: (1) face-to-face, (2) online self-paced, and (3) online instructor-led.

## Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners

This is the Training Center's flagship course. Over 14,000 students have taken the course, and nearly 97% of participants say they would recommend it to a colleague. Eighty-five percent say they could immediately incorporate the concepts they learned into their daily work.

This is what a few of our trainees have said about the Essentials course:

*"The breadth of the course and practical application to in-home assessments (how to clean up mold, green cleaning supplies) was terrific. Plus the instructor's range of knowledge and experience was a great added value to the training materials."*

*"Information presented in practical, real world examples by presenter with solid experience with weatherization and healthy homes practices."*

*"The training was comprehensive and could relate to all types of homes."*



## Classroom courses:

**Code Inspection for Healthier Homes** – This is a one-day course for code inspectors and others interested in learning more about how effective housing enforcement and programs can improve the health of occupants. The course provides information on the health-related provisions of state and local housing codes and the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

**Eco-Healthy Child Care Course**<sup>®</sup> – The five-hour Eco-Healthy Child Care<sup>®</sup> Train-the-Trainer curriculum offers information on 11 core content areas: pesticides, poor indoor air quality, household chemicals, lead, mercury, furniture and carpets, art supplies, plastics, arsenic, radon and recycling. The course prepares individuals to become a resource for their localized communities.

**Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners** – If you visit homes to provide health or inspection services of any type, you will benefit from this course. The training will help you understand the connection between health and housing and how to take a holistic approach to identify and resolve problems that threaten the health and well-being of residents.

**Green and Healthy Management Strategies for Multifamily Properties** – This course provides property owners/managers with tools to implement green and healthy practices that can reduce energy, water, contaminants, and improve resident health conditions.

**Healthy Home Evaluator Study Course** – This course is designed to prepare students for the Healthy Home Evaluator certification offered through the Building Performance Institute (BPI). Students identify and evaluate health related hazards in a client's home. Students learn how to apply good practices to work with residents, identify housing-related health hazards, use tools to measure hazardous conditions, prioritize hazards, and identify and communicate solutions to residents. The course includes a site visit to a home and a number of case studies. Students will also learn how to protect themselves as they conduct home visits.

**Healthy Homes Assessment and Interventions** – This course enables students to learn about the importance of the resident interview, develop strategies for assessing the health-related hazards in a home, conduct an on-site inspection, and develop a comprehensive action plan.

**Healthy Homes Assessment for Community Health Workers** – This course enables is designed specifically for community health workers (CHWs), and other home visitors who provide health education to residents. The course provides these individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to perform a basic healthy home assessment.

**Healthy Homes Assessment: Principles and Practice** – This course provides knowledge and skills that individuals need to perform healthy home assessments. It is intended for those professionals who have completed either the Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners or the Healthy Homes Essentials for Environmental Professionals course and who plan to perform home assessments as part of their professional activities.



**Healthy Homes for Community Health Workers** – This course teaches Community Health Workers (CHWs) how to provide healthy homes information to members of their communities. The course trains CHWs to provide one-on-one and large group education on healthy homes, provide general advice about specific healthy homes problems, and to recommend healthy homes approaches to be taken by families, landlords, and other community members.

**Healthy Homes Essentials for Environmental Professionals** – This course is an accelerated version of the Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners course for those individuals who already have certification as a professional in a healthy home field of expertise.

**Health Opportunities in Energy Audits and Upgrades** – This course provides an opportunity for energy auditors to learn about healthy homes and understand that energy efficiency is only one part of a safe and healthy home. Students become aware of a wider array of housing problems they will encounter and may be able to address once they are working in a home.

**Integrated Pest Management in Multifamily Housing** – This course is designed to help property managers implement a comprehensive integrated pest management (IPM) program by bringing stakeholders, especially resident leaders, together to develop the skills and practices needed to effectively eliminate pests such as cockroaches and rodents from multifamily housing. This course is available both in the classroom and online.

**Launching a Healthy Homes Initiative** – This course brings together health and housing professionals from state and local agencies as well as other health and housing organizations. The goal is to identify policies and practices to establish robust programs to make homes healthier. The course provides elements of a strategic planning process to initiate a healthy homes program in your community.

### Online Self-Paced Courses:

**Basic Principles of Healthy Housing** – This course is engaging and interactive. Whether you're a community health worker, home assessor, home inspector, program manager, or anyone concerned about healthy housing, you will learn about the well-documented link between health and housing and become familiar with the eight principles of keeping your home healthy.

**Eco-Healthy Child Care** – This interactive course is designed for early care and learning professionals and those who offer technical assistance and/or training to child care providers. Parents will find it useful for the home environment as well. Learn why children are uniquely vulnerable to common environmental health hazards (e.g., lead, pesticides, household chemicals, unsafe plastics), and receive practical and low-cost to no-cost strategies for preventing children's exposures to toxic substances.

**Integrated Pest Management in Multifamily Housing** – This course is designed to help a property manager, including a public housing authority, to implement a comprehensive integrated pest management (IPM) program by bringing stakeholders, especially resident leaders, together to develop the skills and practices needed to effectively eliminate pests such as cockroaches and rodents from multifamily housing. This course is available both in the classroom and online.



**Pediatric Environmental Home Assessment** – This course is designed to prepare nurses to recognize potential environmental hazards as part of a primary prevention approach, and recommend preventative action or make appropriate referrals for conditions that may be caused by a housing-related hazard.

### **Online instructor-led courses:**

**Bed Bug Management for Affordable Housing Providers** – During this four-hour webinar, you will learn how to take an active role in solving common challenges, identifying problems, learning what strategies work to kill bed bugs, and how to find a good pest management professional.

**Making Homes Healthier for Residents Who Hoard** – This one-hour webinar discusses how hoarding impacts healthy homes. Participants learn about using a tool that helps a healthy home practitioner measure the level at which the resident's hoarding could have an impact on his or her health. They also learn about what does and does not work in addressing health-related hazards in a hoarder's house.

**Making Homes Healthier for Residents With Limited Finances** – This one-hour webinar will help participants identify alternative sources of funding for healthy home fixes. Instead of focusing solely on what their programs can pay for, participants will learn how to take a broader view on finding potential funds. Participants will also learn about the importance of starting locally when looking for resources, including programs that address housing repairs. Additionally, the webinar will provide a brief overview of federal and state programs.

To locate Training Center classes that are currently being offered, visit our Schedule of Classes at <http://healthyhousingsolutions.com/register>.

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