

## ***Did You Know?***

- Weatherization saves an average of 32% in gas space heating. This comprises a total fuel consumption reduction of 23%. Net savings for each home weatherized averages 30.5 MBtu/year.
- Since its inception in 1976, over 5.7 million households have been upgraded to energy-efficient, safer dwellings through the weatherization program.
- Annually, CAP Riverside's Weatherization program has weatherized more than 1,000 homes.
- Weatherization efforts bring a return of \$2.69 in direct and non-energy related savings to the homeowner for every \$1 spent on weatherization.
- Weatherization increases property values, reduces incidences of fire, reduces utility arrearages and bad debt, and reduces pollution.

## **GREEN TEAMWorks: A Strategy for Foster Youth**

**C**ommunity Action Partnership of Riverside County launched an exciting new initiative, GREEN TEAMWorks, in May of 2009. This program places Foster Youth that have turned 18 and are termed out of the foster care system into weatherization jobs with CAP Riverside subcontractors. In the first three months, the youth were skills tested, received financial literacy and job preparation education and were matched with a subcontractor. They received basic weatherization training. They received tools and began on-the-job training (OJT). Each received an \$8 per hour stipend from CAP Riverside, which increased to \$8.50 in the fourth month.

Additional training and on-the-job training continued in months 4-6, and in months 7-9 their stipend increased to \$10 per hour, half paid by CAP Riverside and half by the subcontractor. The goal of the project is for them to obtain permanent employment, having been trained and experienced in weatherization and home repair. The first class of GREEN TEAMWorks consisted of seven participants.

The result of Round 1 of GREEN TEAMWorks is that two of the participants were permanently hired by their subcontractors, one was employed by a CAP in Texas after he had to move from California, and all seven were certified in Weatherization Technicians, giving them a valuable asset and knowledge for future employment.

Round 2 of GREEN TEAMWorks started in January, 2011 in partnership with City of Riverside Public Utilities.



**GREEN TEAMWorks Round 2**