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Northern New England CAP Conference
May 16th through 19th, 2017
Sunday River Resort
Newry, ME

The NNECAP Conference planning committee is excited to be offering one of the most comprehensive presentations done to date on the National Weatherization Assistance Program Evaluation.

Dave Rinebolt, the new Weatherization Program Manager for the Department of Energy, will provide his vision for the program and will provide insights into his efforts to improve and gain support for Weatherization. This will be your opportunity to provide your feedback to Dave about what works and what could be improved to make the program more effective.

Erin Rose, Social Scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratories, will then present a wide variety of data from the national evaluation. Erin was part of the lead staff at ORNL that was responsible for managing the evaluation project for the Department of Energy.

DOE sponsored two major national evaluations of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). These were multiyear, peer-reviewed, statistically robust efforts led by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). The Retrospective Evaluation covered Program Year (PY) 2008 and is reflective of a typical year in WAP operations. The Recovery Act Evaluation covered Program Year 2010 and provides insights into the unique Program that was administered by DOE in the national effort to create jobs and promote economic recovery as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The Retrospective Evaluation was performed to provide information on the costs and benefits of WAP services in different parts of the country and for different types of housing. It was also performed to provide a comprehensive picture of the Program (including the characteristics of the clients, housing stock, and service providers) and assess program administration.

The Recovery Act Evaluation cover the same aspects as the Retrospective Study plus documented the network's experiences during the Recovery Act period and conducted several special studies of the Weatherization Innovative Pilot Program and Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers.

Consider that there were 21 reports released for the Retrospective Evaluation and 15 for Recovery Act work and it is clear that the amount of information to cover is extensive. The planning committee has set aside two sessions to try to cover just some of the details. This will be a great opportunity to hear the lessons learned from this comprehensive evaluation.

You can learn about these sessions and the rest of the agenda at [NNECAPWebsite](#).