



The Weatherization, Rehabilitation & Asset Preservation Program

AN EVALUATION

October 30 / 12:30 to 1:45 / Hickerson House
Bring your lunch / Drinks & dessert provided!

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Within the past year, the Obama administration has begun concerted efforts to promote coordination between weatherization and housing rehabilitation programs because it recognizes their crucial role in helping to preserve low-income homeownership and reduce energy consumption. Historically the local agencies administering the programs rarely collaborate and the assistance they provide hasn't been well coordinated. The Ford Foundation and the Energy Programs Consortium devised the Weatherization, Rehabilitation & Asset Preservation (WRAP) program in 2002 to test ways to better coordinate energy efficiency and home renovation programs. Dr. Cowan will present the findings of a five-year evaluation of the WRAP program, focusing on the impact of the program on the low-income homeowners who participated and the lessons learned about combining weatherization and rehab assistance.

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