

**Greater Bridgeport
Community Enterprises, Inc.
The Green Team**

Our Mission Statement:

To assist low and moderate income families in inner-city neighborhoods achieve self-sufficiency and financial stability through the creation of jobs and the expansion of business opportunities in the growing "green" economy.

Our Objectives:

- To identify, fund and carry out training programs to prepare low and moderate income people for well-paying jobs with benefits in the green economy;
- To develop and spin off green businesses that employ graduates of our training programs;
- To partner with private industry for training and to assist graduates in founding small businesses after gaining skills and work experience.

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Green Team Training Programs



Who is the Green Team?

The Green Team is a department of the Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprise, Inc. (GBCE). GBCE was founded by Action for Bridgeport Community Development (ABCD), our area's Community Action Program since 1964. Our mission is to train and employ low-income residents of the Bridgeport area's disadvantaged communities to make our neighborhoods healthy, energy efficient places to live. At the same time, the Green Team offers career opportunities to area residents in the growing energy conservation and environmental fields. The Green Team workforce is supported by an experienced management and counseling group that provides continuing structure and follow-up services designed to eliminate barriers to successful employment.

Our Graduates



Available Training Programs & Services

Our courses and certifications are provided by qualified training personnel approved by the Connecticut State Health Department.

Our graduates are licensed by the State of Connecticut to perform lead and asbestos abatement. Upon successful completion, students receive certifications for each successfully completed course.

Life Skills and Job Readiness Training:

This is an introductory and orientation week including preparation for successful employment in the workplace, OSHA 10 Training, and Math Tutoring.

Weatherization Technician Training:

This training consists of 120 hours of class lectures, task-related mathematics and workshop training in weatherization-specific carpentry. Also included are site visits and hands on weatherization work, blueprint reading, safety, window & door replacement, insulation tasks, course review & exam.

Asbestos Initial Supervisor Training:

This course consists of 40 hours of classes including lectures, demonstrations, 14 hours of hands-on training, course review, and written examination.

Lead-Based Paint Initial Supervisor Training:

This program includes 40 hours of training; 8 hours are devoted to hands on training. Curricula includes all the topics required by Connecticut Department of Public Health Standards, course review & exam.

Hazardous Waste & Emergency Response Training (HAZWOPER):

Training includes Legislation and standards, toxicology and chemistry, informational resources/hazard recognition, container and labeling in transportation of hazardous waste, compatibility of hazardous materials and hazardous waste; also a course review & exam.

Confined Space Training:

This training enables students to acquire the understanding, knowledge and skills necessary for the safe performance of duties in limited, difficult spaces.

Vocational Counseling:

Qualified vocational counselors recruit & screen prospective students & assist them in eliminating barriers to a successful training experience. The Green Team places graduates after training, and assists them for six months after employment.