

# Comfortable, Healthy, and Cost Effective: The Power of Home Energy Upgrades

## Tuesday, October 29, 2024

6:00 - 7:30 p.m

Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center, 45 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI

#### Priscilla De La Cruz

Director of Sustainability | City of Providence, RI

Priscilla De La Cruz is a life-long Providence, serving as the City of Providence's Director of Sustainability and co-chair of Climate Jobs Rhode Island. She also serves as an appointed member of the state's Energy Efficiency Council and Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council's Advisory Board. Priscilla earned a Master of Liberal Arts (ALM) with concentrations in Management, Sustainability and Innovation from Harvard University, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing from Rhode Island College.

### Jon Erickson

Senior Project Manager | CLEAResult

Are you curious about what aspects of your home can be adapted and improved for comfort and cost savings? Jon Erickson is a Certified Passive House Consultant, Certified Passive House Builder and Verifier, Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Rater, and is Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) Residential Design certified. Jon delivers training on many topics related to energy efficiency, building science and zero energy construction to help builders comply with the RI Energy Codes Program, and also teaches the Certified Passive House Builder course for PHIUS.

#### **Brian Ceballos**

Energy Auditor | Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP)

Have you heard about weatherization but feel unsure about what it entails? Brian Ceballos is not only an auditor with CCAP in Cranston, he also personally went through the income eligible weatherization program prior to becoming a weatherization auditor. Brian will share his direct experience with the energy assessment and weatherization process as both a client and a member of the team who brings clients through the process himself at CCAP. Brian's perspective will serve to dispel myths and misconceptions about what the weatherization experience is (and isn't) for homeowners and renters.

### **Carinel LeGrand**

Income Eligible Energy Efficiency Program Manager | RI Energy

RI Energy (formerly National Grid) offers energy savings programs that help families benefit from a healthier, more comfortable and affordable home. Carinel LeGrand currently serves as the Residential Income Eligible Energy Efficiency Program Manager at Rhode Island Energy, where she manages the weatherization program and works to expand access to affordable and sustainable heating and cooling options for underserved communities in RI. Carinel will share information about how income-eligible customers can take advantage of no to low-cost energy incentives through RI Energy.







