

Peer Exchange Calls, Summer 2020, No. 26

The Better Buildings Residential Network hosts Peer Exchange Calls that connect energy efficiency programs and partners to share best practices and learn from one another in order to increase the number of homes that are energy efficient. Follow the links below to view full summaries of each call, and visit the Better Buildings Residential Network website at energy.gov/eere/better-buildings-residential-network to view a schedule of upcoming Peer Exchange Calls.



Deliver savings without compromising safety.

The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative's CEO Ruth Ann Norton highlighted several creative funding mechanisms for home energy retrofits – for example, making the case to healthcare partners to fund lead and asthma interventions with energy efficiency measures.

▶ [The Increased Focus on Health and Buildings](#) July 9, 2020



Take note of shifting homeowner health and safety interests.

Citing a published report, RMI's Jacob Corvidae stated that children in homes with gas stoves were 42% more likely to experience asthma symptoms if they had asthma already. Bearing facts such as these in mind can help persuade homeowners of the non-energy benefits of home performance upgrades.

▶ [Residential Energy Efficiency Programs and Homeowners Now: Six Months Later](#) August 13, 2020



Use this time to 'sharpen the saw.'

Southwestern Electric Power Company's Kent Tomlinson shared how their efficiency program redoubled efforts to improve quality during the pandemic. From bi-weekly contractor calls to a contractor scorecard (and more), Kent's insights will be of interest to any efficiency program.

▶ [REOPENING: How Is It Happening and What Does It Mean for Residential Energy Efficiency?](#) September 10, 2020



Get the information you need with minimal impact to homeowners.

Efficiency First California's Charley Cormany discussed two primary means of unobtrusively completing efficiency projects: collecting as much data as possible without entering the home and adopting new protocols when you must enter the home.

▶ [All About DATA SPIKE: Benchmarking and Reporting Energy Efficiency in a Pandemic](#) September 24, 2020

