

Geoff's Weatherization Journey

Geoff Wilcox stumbled into his career, almost literally. Working for the State's Weatherization Assistance Program, now as its program administrator, he began his journey with weatherization much the same way many others do, as a homeowner. Geoff was concerned about his home's energy efficiency and wanted to make sure he wasn't wasting money through poor insulation, air leaks, and other problems.

"I was working as a contractor and thought I knew the drill. I didn't realize then how much there was to learn."

He was hoping to improve the energy efficiency of his home AND save money on his energy bills. What he found was a great career — a way to make a good living and help his fellow Vermonters.

"Being in the construction field wasn't what I ultimately wanted to do. When I found a job as an energy auditor for the weatherization program, it changed my life. I had found my calling! After learning the technical end of weatherization, I realized I loved helping lower income Vermonters. And I've seen others come into the job with that same desire to help."

What underscores everything he does is the program's mission. Geoff and the statewide weatherization team help thousands of Vermonters every year – from the elderly to young families and everyone in between – save fuel and money by improving the energy efficiency of their homes.

"If you believe in the mission, this job will reward you every single day. You get to put money back into people's pockets and improve the energy efficiency, safety, and comfort of their homes. And you get to work with an incredible team of like-minded people ."

The program received extra funding this year, and new crew members are needed across the state.

"We need people who are eager and ready to train with us. The pay is good. Benefits, too. There are many opportunities to learn and grow with the job."

"I love what I do. And I can't imagine doing anything else."

Learn more at <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/weatherization-crew>

You're gonna LOVE this job!