The Power of LIHEAP & Weatherization

Why are LIHEAP and Weatherization critical?

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) goes beyond utility bill assistance. It creates long-term solutions by partnering with the Weatherization Assistance Program to protect families, create jobs, deliver energy efficiency, and build resilient communities.



6 Million households

LIHEAP protects families by assisting 6 million households each year



8,500 Jobs

Weatherization supports more than 8,500 jobs, developing and training skilled construction, HVAC, and energy professionals



350% Return on investment

Weatherization delivers \$1.72 in energy savings and \$2.78 in non-energy benefits for each \$1.00 spent and saves the average household \$372 annually through energy efficiency upgrades



\$3.9 Billion

LIHEAP reduces unpaid utility bills by \$3.9 billion annually, helping utilities stabilize rates and guarantee high quality service for all customers

Your support is essential

By maintaining or increasing LIHEAP funding, you can help protect the health, safety, and well-being of millions of Americans while creating skilled jobs and bolstering local economies.

Protecting Families

- Assists 6 million households annually
- Prevents or reverses 2.7 million utility disconnections annually, ensuring energy security for families
- Supports stable housing and energy access, critical for economic security and family well-being
- Keeps family members healthier with fewer missed days of work to better support their families and local economies

Creating Jobs

- Supports more than 8,500 jobs nationally and provides service in every U.S. county
- Creates jobs and provides professional training for skilled labor in construction, HVAC repair, energy efficiency retrofitting, and energy auditing
- Strengthens local economies by investing in energy efficiency and weatherization services

Delivering Efficiency

- Delivers \$1.72 in energy savings and \$2.78 in health and safety benefits for every \$1.00 spent
- Saves households an average \$372 annually through energy efficiency upgrades
- Provides weatherization to almost 70,000 homes annually, making them safer and more energy efficient

Building Resilience

- Modernizes aging housing stock and improves property values while lowering risks from unsafe conditions and reducing long-term energy costs
- Minimizes strain on gas and electric utility infrastructure by lowering energy demand through energy efficiency
- Reduces unpaid utility bills by \$3.9 billion annually, helping utilities stabilize rates for all customers

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Weatherization Assistance Program: Driving Energy Efficiency and Security

The Weatherization Assistance Program reduces energy costs for energy burdened households by improving energy efficiency and increasing energy security. For nearly 50 years, WAP has been a cornerstone of energy affordability in the U.S.



Every U.S. household spends money on energy utilities

\$1,884 per year

\$156 per month

- **\$768** per person, annually
- **\$1.04** per square foot, annually



Weatherization helps U.S. households save money on energy and health

\$372 or 20% per year on energy bills

\$514 per year on out-of-pocket medical bills



Many U.S. households are energy insecure

27%	are	energy	insecure
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- **10%** face an energy disconnect
- **10%** keep their homes at an unhealthy temperature
- **20%** went without food or medicine to pay energy bills



Weatherization supports jobs and investment

8,500 jobs are supported by Weatherization, providing service in every U.S. county **350%** return on investment for each \$1.00 spent for energy and health benefits

\$2.11 invested from outside funds for every \$1.00 of Weatherization money spent

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