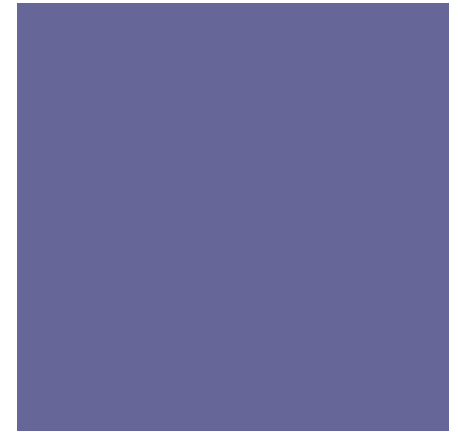




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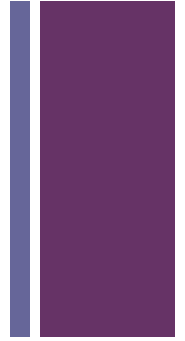
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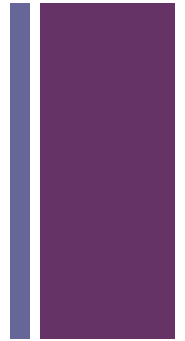
+ Two Energy Strategies



- Use it less
- Use it better

For low-income households, both are essential and both are very difficult to achieve. LIHEAP and Weatherization are key.

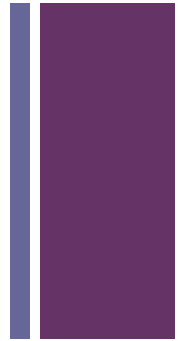
+ LIHEAP Helps to Pay the Bills



- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides energy assistance to low-income families (since 1982).
- Reaches households of 150% of federal poverty level or up to 75% of state median income.
- Can be used for heating or cooling (depends on state plan)
- Can pay for electric, natural gas, propane, wood, coal, kerosene and home heating oil.
- Can provide furnace repair or replacement assistance in emergency situations.

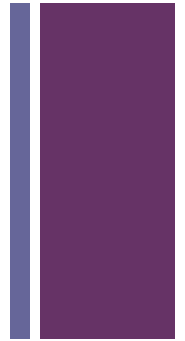
+ Making LIHEAP Available

- LIHEAP provides a portion of the cost of a household's energy.
- LIHEAP has typically served less than half of those eligible.
- Energy Policy Act of 2005 raised the authorized funding level from \$2 billion to \$5.1 billion per year.
- In 2009, LIHEAP hit its \$5.1 billion authorized level and will serve an additional 2 million households this year.
- LIHEAP will serve 7.3 million households this year- 800,000 more than the record set in 1985 and 25% more than last year.

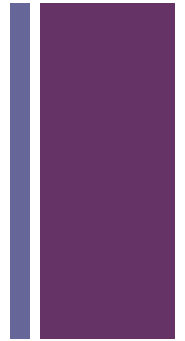


+ Weatherization Reduces Use

- The Weatherization Assistance Program provides state of the art energy efficiency services to low-income households.
- Weatherization uses 150% of poverty level or 60% of state median income for eligibility.
- Weatherization can work on owned or rented homes, single or multi-family (4 units or more)
- Weatherization staff audits the home and determines cost efficient measures and installs them.
- Weatherization can reduce energy use by 10-30% depending on the type and condition of the unit.
- Weatherization addresses health and safety issues.



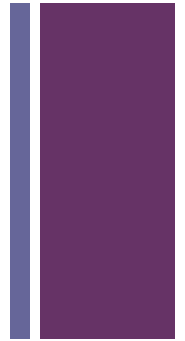
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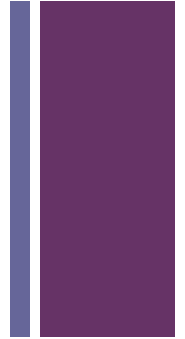
- More than 100,000 households receive weatherization services annually-saving \$413 or more on their energy costs.
- 2008 funding for Weatherization was \$227.2 million with 2009 funding at \$477.2 million.
- Focus on green jobs and energy efficiency is drawing new attention to the Weatherization Program.
- Weatherization is expanding-President Obama has set a goal of 1,000,000 homes per year.

+ The Stimulus and Low-Income Energy Programs

- No additional resources included for LIHEAP.
- Weatherization will receive \$5 billion.
- Income eligibility will increase from 150% of poverty level to 200%.
- Assistance per dwelling increases from \$2,500 to \$6,000.
- Increases training and technical assistance from 10% to 20% of funding.
- Changed the restriction on installing energy efficiency measures on previously weatherized homes from “September 30, 1979” to “September 30, 1994”.



+ For More Information...



- On LIHEAP: National Fuel Funds Network, www.nationalfuelfunds.org
- On LIHEAP: National Energy Directors Association, www.neada.org
- On Weatherization: National Community Action Foundation, www.ncaf.org
- The Campaign for Home Energy Assistance, www.liheap.org
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