

PENNSYLVANIA
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FACT SHEET



Mission

Pennsylvania's Weatherization Assistance Program increases energy efficiency in homes by reducing energy costs and increasing comfort while safeguarding health and safety. Eligible applicants include low-income individuals, with priority given to higher risk residents such as the elderly, disabled individuals, families with children and high energy users.

Program Administration

Pennsylvania's Weatherization Assistance Program is administered through the Department of Community and Economic Development's Center for Community Empowerment. Services are available in all 67 counties through a variety of agencies. Since its inception, services have been provided to over 472,500 low income homes, providing assistance to more than 1,181,250 residents.

Program Services

On-site energy audits are conducted to assess conditions in homes and to identify the most cost-effective energy saving measures to be installed. Weatherization services include but are not limited to:

- Blower door guided air sealing to effectively locate and reduce air-leakage throughout the home.
- Installation of attic, wall, basement and crawlspace insulation and ventilation to reduce energy loss.
- Heating system modification or replacement to increase the efficiency and/or safety of the heating system.
- Minor repairs, and/or health and safety measures are provided (when necessary) to allow the safe and effective installation of the weatherization measures.
- Client education on the proper use and maintenance of the installed weatherization measures and ways to reduce energy waste everyday.

Crisis Activities

Emergency heating services are provided as part of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and are designed to provide emergency heating system repairs or replacements. The Weatherization network provides Crisis services to eligible households who otherwise would have no safe means of heat throughout the winter.

A number of agencies also take part in programs funded by regulated gas and electric utilities. Eligibility for services under these programs is determined by the utility itself. When possible, local agencies coordinate services between state and utility-funded programs, which can result in a greater client benefit.

Eligibility

The following factors are considered when determining eligibility for the Weatherization Assistance Program:

- Households at or below 150% of the federal poverty level.
- Households with members who receive certain cash assistance payments under the Social Security Act.
- Applicants who have been certified eligible for assistance under LIHEAP.

Federal Poverty Level at 150%

	Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<u>Income</u>	\$15,600	\$21,000	\$26,400	\$31,800	\$37,200	\$42,600	\$48,000	\$53,400

For each additional family member add \$5,400

Contact

For additional information regarding Pennsylvania’s Weatherization Assistance Program, please contact your local weatherization provider.