

West Virginia Weatherization Assistance Program

The **West Virginia Office of Economic Opportunity** (OEO) manages the state's Weatherization Assistance Program for Low Income Persons, using the U.S. Department of Energy federal program funds. OEO enters into grant agreements with 12 statewide community action agencies that employ trained weatherization crews to install residential energy efficiency and conservation measures prescribed by energy audits and diagnostic testing in all 55 counties.

What is Weatherization?

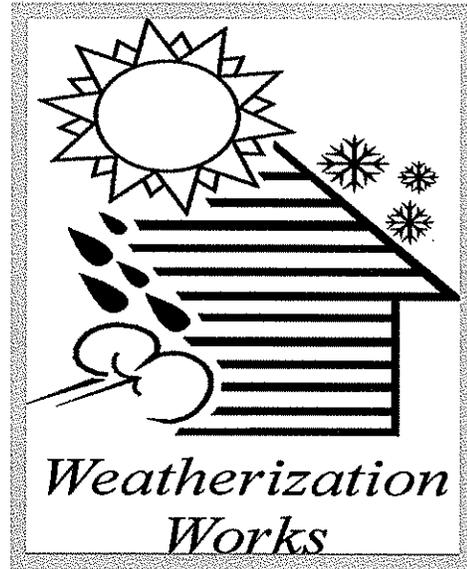
The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) was created in 1976 to assist low-income families who lacked resources to invest in energy efficiency.

Funds are used to improve the energy efficiency of low-income homes using the most advanced technologies and testing protocols available in the housing industry. The energy conservation resulting from the efforts of state and local agencies helps our country reduce its dependence on foreign oil and decrease the cost of energy for families in need while improving the health and safety of their homes.

Purpose:

To increase the energy efficiency of homes, mobile homes, and apartments occupied by low-income persons, targeting the elderly, individuals with disabilities and families with children, while ensuring their health and safety.

Nationally, an average household spends 3.3% of its annual income on energy costs. In West Virginia (2000 Census), more than 56,000 households live with incomes at or below 50% of the Federal Poverty Level and face a home energy burden of 81.5%. More than 36,000 households live with incomes between 50% and 74% of poverty levels and thus face a home energy burden of 32.5%. More than 39,000 West Virginia households live with incomes between 75% and 99% of poverty levels with home energy burdens of 23.3%.



Am I Eligible?

APPLICANT CATEGORY	INCOME
1. Elderly	150%
2. Disabled	150%
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How Do I Apply?

- 1. Contact your local community action agency or weatherization crew for more information.
- 2. Apply in person at the community action agency and fill out an application form.
- 3. Provide all required documentation and proof of all qualifications for the weatherization assistance.
- 4. Expect to wait for your weatherization crew to be scheduled to work on the home. There may be a waiting period for weatherization assistance.
- 5. Weatherization assistance will be provided.

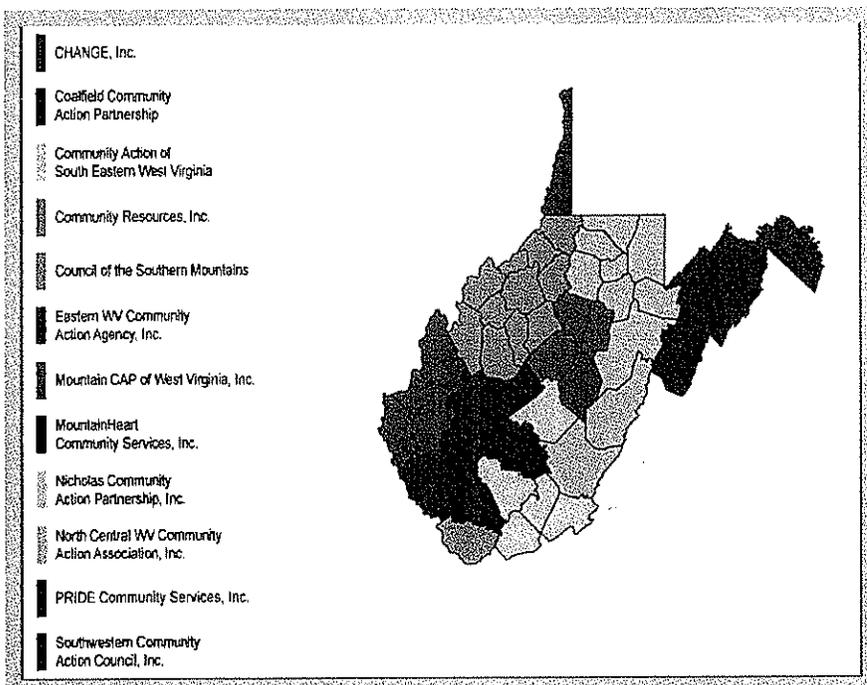
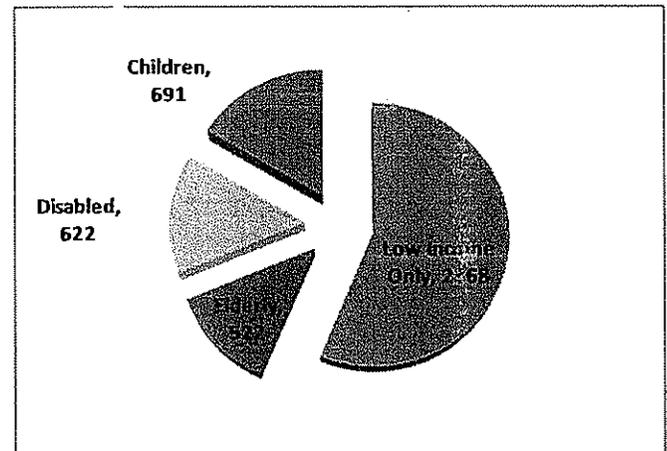
US Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program

- Americans spent \$231 billion on residential energy in 2010
- Energy savings average 35% of consumption for the typical low-income home
- In 2010, weatherized homes nationally will save \$2.1 billion for low-income families.
- For every \$1 invested in the Program, Weatherization returns \$2.51 to the household and society
- Occupants of weatherized homes experience in the range of \$400 in annual savings on their energy bills, at current energy prices

West Virginia Weatherization Assistance Program

- 1,149 dwellings were weatherized by the WV WAP in 2012
- \$8,776,110 of federal funds was spent to weatherize homes in 2012
- The WV WAP has approximately 5,300 applications on hand

Clients Served - 2012



West Virginia Community Action Weatherization Programs

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**THE WEST VIRGINIA
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM OF TODAY**

Presentation By: WV OEO and WVCAP

Select Committee on Children and Other Issues
August 19, 2013

TODAY'S PRESENTATION

- o The Organizations
 - WVCAP
 - WV Office of Economic Opportunity
- o Programs and Functions
- o The Weatherization Assistance Program
 - Overview
 - Function and Capability
 - Partnerships
 - New Initiatives and the Future



WV COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP



o Who Are We?

- WVCAP is an alliance of Community Action Agencies that supports and strengthens our members, advocates for low-income individuals and families, and promotes partnerships
- 16 CAAs in WV
- Established in 1964 under the Economic Opportunity Act
- Currently funded by the Community Service Block Grant

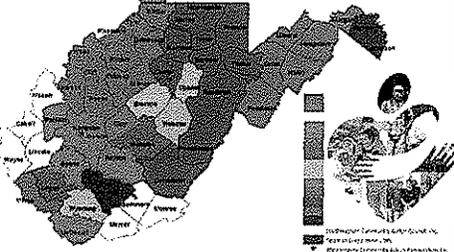
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o WVCAP Statewide Needs Assessment – Top 3 Identified Needs:

- Employment
- Housing
- Healthcare



o 9 CAAs currently provide Housing Services

o 12 operate the Weatherization Assistance Program



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o Who Are We?

- State Agency under the WV Department of Commerce

o What Do We Do?

- Administer federal grants to Sub-grantees throughout WV for programs that assist low-income individuals and families

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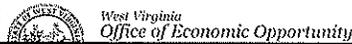


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PROGRAMS

o **Community Service Block Grant**

- Federal, anti-poverty block grant which funds the operations of a state-administered network of local agencies
- Funds 16 local Community Action Agencies to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities and to empower low-income families to become self-sufficient
- Assists in funding central management and core activities of the agencies

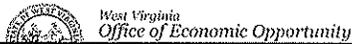


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PROGRAMS

o **Homeless/Housing Programs:**

• **Emergency Solutions Grants Program**

- Provides homeless persons with basic shelter and essential supportive services as well as homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing
- Can cover operational costs of the shelter facility, rental assistance for those facing imminent homelessness, re-housing those who are already experiencing homelessness, and the administration of the grant.



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PROGRAMS

o **Homeless/Housing Programs:**

• **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)**

- HUD funding as part of the Community Development Block Grant
- Established to help low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families establish or maintain stable housing, reduce the risk of homelessness, and improve access to health care and other needed support services



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PROGRAMS

o **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

- Assists low income households, (particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy) primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs.
- OEO collaborates with the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources to offer the Community Action Agencies the opportunity to expand the LIHEAP Program access to the most vulnerable populations in the State.

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WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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- o Funds are used to improve the energy efficiency of low-income homes using the most advanced technologies and testing protocols available in the housing industry

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o **Mission Statement**

"To reduce energy costs for low-income families, particularly for the elderly, people with disabilities, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety."

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WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM QUICK FACTS:



- o Since the inception of the WAP, over 7 million homes have been weatherized with DOE funds
- o Energy savings average 35% of consumption for the typical low-income home
- o Occupants of weatherized homes experience in the range of \$400 in annual savings on their energy bills, at current energy prices
- o For every \$1 invested in the Program, Weatherization returns \$2.51 to the household and society

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- CHAYNE, Inc.
- Shelby County Area Partners
- Community Action of Taylor & Boone Counties, Inc.
- Community Resources, Inc.
- Mountain State Government
- Eastern WV Community Action Agency, Inc.
- Mountain State of West Virginia, Inc.
- Mountain West Community Services, Inc.
- Mountain Community Action Agency, Inc.
- North Central WV Community Action Association, Inc.
- ERIDE Community Services, Inc.
- Northwestern Community Action, Inc.



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- o **Eligibility:** Annual gross income from all income sources at 200% (or below) of the OMB Poverty guidelines for specific family size
- o **Priority:** Elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, households with high energy burden
- o **Additional Factor:** Time on wait list
- o **Future Factor:** High residential energy user

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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
STRUCTURES




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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
DEFERRALS

- o **Obstacle:** Dwellings beyond the scope of the program or where weatherization cannot be performed
- o It is a requirement by DOE to have a clear and concise "Deferral" Policy/Process for clients who may meet eligibility guidelines, but weatherization cannot be performed due to the dwelling or the client
- o There are many potential reasons for a deferral
- o A deferral does **not** mean weatherization services will never be performed

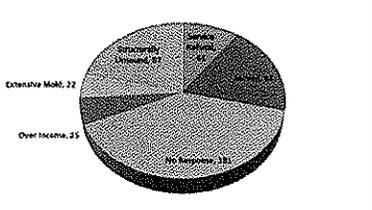


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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
DEFERRALS

- o Total Deferrals in 2012: 558

Top 6 Reasons for Deferral in 2012:



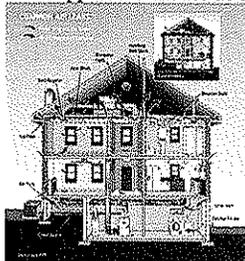
Reason	Count
No Response	28
Over Income	25
Detachable Mobile	22
Unusually Occupied	17
Other	16
Certain Features	14



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ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES

o Weatherization Approach: "House as a system..."



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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES

o Weatherization measures broken down into a few main categories:

- Air Sealing
- Insulation
- HVAC
- Health and Safety
- Base-load Reduction
- Client Education



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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES

o **Weatherization Measure Determination:**
Energy Audit

o **WV WAP Audit Tool:**
Weatherization Assistant

- NEAT
- MHEA
- Savings-to-Investment Ratio (SIR)



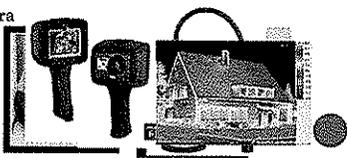
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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
ENERGY AUDIT TOOLS

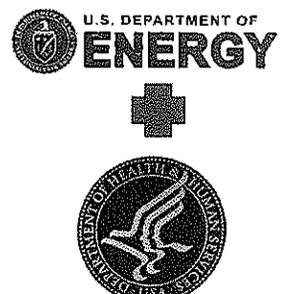
o Diagnostic Tools:

- Blower Door
- Duct Leakage Diagnostic Tools
- Electricity Consumption Meter
- Combustion Analyzer
- Gas Leak Detector/"Gas Sniffer"
- Thermal Camera



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WEST VIRGINIA WAP - CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS - FEDERAL



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
U.S. MEDICINE

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WEST VIRGINIA WAP - CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS - STATE



WEST VIRGINIA
Department of
Health & Human Resources

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY

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WEST VIRGINIA WAP - CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS - UTILITY PARTNERS

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WEST VIRGINIA WAP - CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS - COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

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WEST VIRGINIA WAP - CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS - NATIONAL PARTNERS

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WEST VIRGINIA WAP - CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS - INDUSTRY PARTNERS



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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
NEW INITIATIVES

"Fee - For - Service"

- o Energy Audits
- o Energy Efficiency Measures
- o General Contracting Services



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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
NEW INITIATIVES

Healthy Homes / Weatherization Plus Health



- o National effort to enable the comprehensive, strategic coordination of resources for energy, health, and safety in low-income homes



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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
NEW INITIATIVES

Healthy Homes / Weatherization Plus Health

o Healthy Homes - 8 Principles:

- Keep It Contaminant-Free
- Keep It Pest Free
- Keep It Clean
- Keep It Dry
- Keep It Well-Ventilated
- Keep It Safe
- Keep It Well-Maintained
- Thermally Controlled (Energy Efficient)



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NEW INITIATIVES

Healthy Homes / Weatherization Plus Health

o Major Issues Addressed:

- Lead-Based Paint Issues
- Radon
- Asbestos
- Mold/Moisture Issues
- Volatile organic compounds (emitted as gases from certain solids or liquids)
- Pests
- Ventilation Issues
- Asthma Triggers
- Structural Issues & Electrical Issues



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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
NEW INITIATIVES

Healthy Homes / Weatherization Plus Health

o Federal Partners:



o National Partners:



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WEST VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
THE FUTURE

- o Continue / expand current partnerships
- o Seek additional opportunities, partners, and funding to enhance the current program
- o Continue to expand Weatherization moving into the future



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