

Marketing Toolkit



# LIHE EAP

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

# About LIHEAP

The federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) describes the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) as a program that "helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs." LIHEAP provides federally funded assistance in managing costs associated with:

- Home energy bills
- Energy crises
- Weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs

LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer through programs that reduce the risk of health and safety problems that arise from unsafe heating and cooling practices.

This toolkit contains resources intended to help community-based organization (CBO) grant recipients and other stakeholders ensure that available funding reaches households that need assistance with their heating and cooling costs this year.

You will find a variety of outreach materials with social media graphics, outreach fliers, and fact sheets designed to help keep families safe during the winter and summer months.

### Social Media

A social media toolkit collects key messages, hashtags, and images to help spread the word about a particular topic on social media. You can use this toolkit to raise awareness of LIHEAP and connect people to services in their area.

Together, we can reach more people who could benefit from LIHEAP's life-saving assistance. Thank you for helping us spread the word about LIHEAP in your communities!

Copy and paste the suggested social media posts or develop your own customized posts to share about LIHEAP benefits. Add the #LIHEAP hashtag to your social media posts and engage with E&E via your personal or organizational accounts.

#### SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

#### X (Twitter):

- If you or someone you know needs help paying home heating or cooling bills, visit our office in (CITY NAME) or call us at (OFFICE PHONE NUMBER).
- More than 1 in 4 U.S. households struggle with their home energy bills, but the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help keep the air on! To see if you qualify, visit our office in (CITY NAME) or call us at (OFFICE PHONE NUMBER).
- In 2023, the Arkansas Energy Office issued more than 100,000 energy bill
  payments to help those in need. If you or someone you know needs help,
  contact us at (OFFICE PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL).



#### Facebook:

- If you or someone you know needs help paying home heating or cooling bills, visit our office in (CITY NAME) or call us at (OFFICE PHONE NUMBER).
- Winter can mean dangerously cold temperatures for many people. It can
  also mean households have to face the difficult choice between paying
  for home heating or paying for family essentials, such as food or medical
  care. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help
  keep the heat on! Contact us today at (OFFICE PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL)!
- Summer can mean extremely high temperatures. It can also mean households have to face the difficult choice between paying for air conditioning or paying for family essentials, such as food or medical care. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help keep the air on! Contact us today at (OFFICE PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL)!
- The Arkansas Energy Office helped prevent almost 17,000 service disconnections in 2023. If you or someone you know is in need, contact us at (OFFICE PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL).



## **Email**

The following images should be inserted into an email for a quick way to send information to potential and past applicants.

#### **SUGGESTED EMAIL COPY**

**Subject line:** Get Help Paying Utility Bills

**Body copy:** The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) lowers the energy burden for households by helping with heating costs during the winter and cooling costs during the summer for those who qualify.

**Step 1:** Check your eligibility using our income chart. (Note: link "income chart" to the following URL: https://www.adeq.state. ar.us/energy/assistance/pdfs/liheap\_eligibility-chart\_2026.pdf)

**Step 2:** Contact the community-based organization in the Arkansas county where you live. Find your county contact using our interactive map (Note: link "interactive map" to the following URL: https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/energy/assistance/caad.aspx)

**Step 3:** Apply for LIHEAP benefits. Your community-based organization that serves the county in which you live will help guide you through the process.

Learn more online at our LIHEAP program web page. (Note: link "LIHEAP program web page" to the following URL: https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/energy/assistance/liheap.aspx)





# **Brochure**

The brochure below should be printed in full color on 8.5 x 11 paper and folded in tri-fold style.



# Poster

The poster below should be printed in full color on 11 x 17 paper and placed in an easy-to-spot area such as a bulletin board.



The Arkansas Energy Office at the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment wants to help you reach Arkansans who are in need of help. We hope you find these resources helpful and will contact us if you know of other materials or outreach tools you need.



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- $^{\star\star}$  Applies to ALL household members age 18 and up.
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Counties Served: Conway, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Perry, Polk, Pope,

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Pike, Pulaski, Saline, Sevier, Union

#### **CAPCA** | Community Action Program For Central

#### **Arkansas**

707 Robins Street, Suite 700, Conway, AR 72034 P: (501) 329-0977 • https://www.capcainc.org/

Counties Served: Cleburne, Faulkner, White

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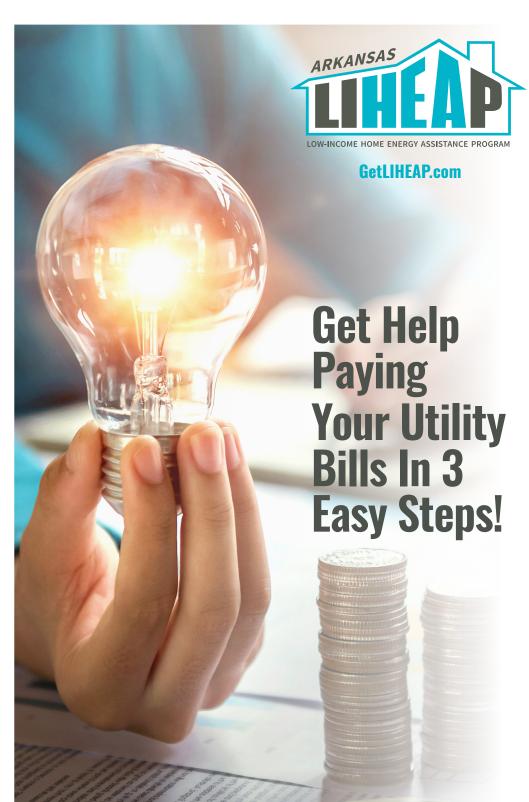
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