

Georgia Department of Human Services Energy Program Helps Georgians with Their Home Heating Bills



As the colder winter months approach, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will once again help Georgians struggling to keep up with the cost of heating their homes. DHS's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding is being awarded to Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. (Coastal Plain) located in Valdosta, Georgia.

Beginning January 4th, 2016 at 7:00 AM, Coastal Plain will be offering heating assistance to the all eligible clients, with the exception of Echols County which will begin January 6th at 7:00AM. Coastal Plain will take the name and two contact phone numbers of those interested in receiving assistance. In most cases, payments are made directly to the home energy supplier for gas, electricity, propane gas, wood, coal, or kerosene.

To participate in the program, the family must meet a yearly income equal to, or less than 60% of the State median income. For a one-person household, that would be \$21,356; for two people, \$27,927, for three people \$34,498; for four people, \$41,069; for five people, \$47,640; for six people; \$54,211, for seven people, \$55,443; for eight people, \$56,675 (for each additional person, add \$1,232 to annual income.)