

## Weatherization Works: Leveraging the Expertise and Resources of Community Action Agencies (CAA's)

- Since its formation in 1976, the Weatherization Assistance Program has served over 7 million households.
- **With the use of DBA FACSPRO, we are able to assess client's self-sufficiency over time.** 48% of clients' whose homes were weatherized moved in a positive direction towards self-sufficiency.
- Additionally, **CAA's play an integral role in matching weatherization clients with additional services** through a network of dozens of programs as well as external referrals to other non-profit agencies.
- **All of the weatherization clients who are served by OLHSA receive additional services** including but not limited to: food assistance, energy education, housing counseling, tax preparation, financial case management, transportation, chore services, home injury control devices, and comprehensive needs assessments through our highly trained Welcome Center staff.
- Weatherization continues to offer life-changing savings to our most vulnerable citizens. **Weatherization saves approximately \$437 in heating and cooling costs**, which allows low-income families to have more money for basic necessities, such as medicine or groceries.
- Energy savings average 35% of consumption for the typical low-income home.
- Through the Michigan vendor list, **the Weatherization Assistance Program encourages contractors to use local vendors**, helping promote Michigan products and local businesses.
- It is estimated that **38.6 million households** are eligible for weatherization.
- Funds have been **instrumental in creating partnerships** with DTE Energy and Consumers Energy in administering the Energy Optimization Programs. They have also enabled OLHSA to allocate funding from the Community Development Block Grant, **further leveraging the reach of weatherization funds** for clients who would otherwise be denied services due to health or safety issues in their homes.
- For every \$1 invested in the program, weatherization returns \$2.51 to the household and society, through employment, utility bills, housing quality and improved health and safety.
- **Communities benefit** from energy efficient housing stock and increased economic activity.
- Weatherization **reduces residential and power plant emissions of carbon dioxide** by 2.65 metric tons per year per home. This is beneficial in creating a healthy environment for adults and children.
- Weatherization decreases national energy consumption by the equivalent of **24.1 million barrels of oil annually.**
- 1,392 disabled clients, 1,314 elderly clients, and 3,315 children under the age of 18 have benefitted from the Weatherization Assistance Program in Oakland and Livingston Counties.

Please help us continue our passion of helping people live more energy efficient lifestyles.