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Energy assistance available to low-income seniors and the disabled

Winter heating assistance begins Oct. 5 for senior citizens and disabled

(Sept. 28, 2009—St. Joseph, Mo.) On Oct. 5, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will begin for families who have a senior or disabled head of household. This program can provide a credit toward a family’s primary heat source to help offset the cost of winter heating bills ahead, and can also provide emergency assistance to families whose heat is either in danger of disconnect or already shut off. In order to qualify for assistance in October, the head of household must be over the age of 60 or disabled. The general public can apply Nov. 1.

To be eligible, an individual must make less than \$1218 per month. For households with more members, eligibility is as follows:

Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1218
2	\$1639
3	\$2060
4	\$2481
Add \$421 for each additional person in household.	

Applicants will need to bring proof of income for their entire household, social security cards for all residents in their household, the disconnect notice from their utility company if they have one, proof of age if over 65 years old, and a marriage license or divorce decree if their name has changed. For more information, please contact Community Action Partnership at (816) 233-8281. General assistance for those who are not elderly or disabled begins Nov. 1.

Community Action Partnership has provided programs to move low-income families out of poverty since 1965, serving nearly 16,000 people in poverty in Northwest Missouri. Head Start is one of the core programs managed by the agency. Additional services provided by Community Action Partnership to low-income families include utilities assistance, affordable housing, financial literacy and home ownership classes, life skills and workforce training. For more information, visit www.endpov.com.

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