



## **FACTS ABOUT THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The WAP (Weatherization Assistance Program) dates back to 1976 in effort to assist low income families who lack the resources to invest in energy efficiency. The WAP is funded by the (USDOE) United States Department of Energy and the (USDHH) United States Department of Health & Human Services. The WAP is governed by the federal regulations which are designated to manage and account for services that are provided by DOE.

In the Weatherization Assistance Program, weatherization services are cost-effective energy efficient measures for existing residential dwellings. The services are at no cost to the qualified residents. The constant demand for energy savings as it relates to heating and cooling the envelope of homes has become a trademark of weatherization services. Post Weatherization services have been known to reduce the heating and cooling cost in some homes by as much as 35%.

Weatherization currently is comprised of a comprehensive series of energy efficient measures that are based upon an analysis of individual dwellings whether site built or mobile home. The measures that are provided are determined based upon an energy audit being performed and following the standard work specifications for each state.

The programs mission is to reduce the utility cost for low income families particularly for the elderly, disabled, households with children and high energy users by seeking to improve the energy efficiency of their homes; while ensuring their health and safety. Weatherization involves cost effective measures such as



weather stripping, insulation of attic & crawl space, hot water heater wrap, mobile home floor insulation, air sealing, mastic f existing duct work, compact florescent light bulbs and perhaps repair or replacement of existing heat systems if the prescribed audit recommends such.

Much of the service that is provided is not readily seen on the surface but the results have proven to be quite significant. After following the recommended audit measures, there is a reduction in the utility usage: which provides energy savings to the homeowner resulting in more disposable income.

Each dwelling varies as to the recommended needs that are to be addressed. (No two dwellings are alike) Each dwelling that is accepted under the current program guidelines must be inspected for health, safety and structural requirements. The weatherization Assistance Program does not operate with personal requests of potential clients that desire specific things to be done to the dwelling. Oversight of this program's operation is monitored by federal and states agencies.

It is estimated that for every household that is served under the program and the services that are provided will touch the lives of 3 people who live within that same household. According to DOE, the Weatherization Assistance Program is one of the greatest untold stories; as it relates to functional services that continue to return energy savings to qualified clients. Weatherization services are provided to those who meet the program requirements.



## **Weatherization Assistance Program Serving Horry, Georgetown, and Williamsburg Counties**

The goal of the Weatherization Assistance Program is to reduce energy cost for low income family homes, particularly those homes with elderly people, home with people with disabilities and homes with children. We strive to improve the energy efficiency of the home while maintaining the health and Safety of its occupants.

### **WHAT THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL DO**

- Educate clients on energy efficient measures for the home and protocols concerning the health and safety of the occupants of the home
- Evaluate the site built and mobile home dwelling for energy saving measurements to be performed such as:
- Perform and energy audit to determine the most effective methods to reduce client's energy usage
- Installing LED light bulbs
- Installing carbon monoxide and smoke alarms
- Make minor repairs
- Test and check for gas leaks on all combustible appliances (stove, heating furnace, water heater)
- Insulate the attic, crawlspace and mobile home bellies  
Check heating and air conditioning units, tune or replace defective units if audit calls for it and if funding is available
- Perform air sealing measure (caulking around windows, weather-stripping around doors, caulking heating and plumbing penetrations)
- Repair mobile home bellies Add fresh air ventilation to the dwelling if home requires it



### **WHAT THE WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE WILL NOT DO**

- Rehabilitate homes
- Finish rehab work or construction work that has been initiated by the client
- Replace Doors
- Replace Windows
- Only install central heating and cooling units
- Perform major home repairs ( roof, floors, sewers, plumbing and electrical work)
- Build additions, build handicap ramps or modify bathrooms
- Install mobile home underpinning
- Install porches or decks
- Install vinyl siding
- Provide weatherization services for any dwelling that does not have lights running water and a proper sewage system
- Mold remediation or lead base pint abatement
- Connect heating and air conditioning unit that client has acquired
- Perform work base upon client's desires and request

Please note; The Weatherization Assistance Program is not a rehab program. It is an Energy Conservation Program with an emphasis on the health and safety concerns of the client.

To apply for the Weatherization Program, contact Weatherization Department at (843)234-4140, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am until 5:00 pm



## **The Required Documentation to Apply**

- SC Picture Identification the person that is applying
- Social Security Cards for all household occupants
- Power of Attorney if you are acting on the behalf of another
- Most recent utility bill
- If you are renting you must have the consent of the landlord
- Proof of income for anyone over 18 in the home for (30 days)

Example: (pay stub, social security or disability award letter) If unemployed you need a printout from the unemployment office.

Please note: that child support and food stamps are acceptable means of income.

All clients that are served under the weatherization program must be living in the dwelling meaning, site built house or mobile home that is structurally sound and safe to work on.

All qualified dwellings must have standard utility services: water, proper plumbing and septic.



### **Suggested Referrals**

WEOC does not guarantee service will be provided from any of the community based organizations or agencies listed below; they are agencies and other entities we collaborate with in order to provide opportunities for assistance.

- Horry County CDC

**Phone: (843) 915-7033**

Priorities for assistance under this program: 1. Horry County Only. 2. Funding availability. 3. Must sign a restrictive covenant (i.e. dwelling must have owner's insurance, taxes must be paid in the owner's name and there must be an owner's absolutely no heirs property – NO MOBILE HOMES ACCEPTED.

- SC Disaster Recovery

**Phone: (844) 410-8560 or (844) 3301199**

- Habitat for Humanity of Horry County

**Phone: (843) 650-8815 ext. 8003**

Michelle Morgan (Family Services Director)

- Habitat for Humanity of Georgetown County

**Phone: (843) 546-5685**



- Williamsburg Enterprise Community Commission  
Housing & Trust Funded  
**Phone: (843) 355-9070**  
Yvonne Nelson (Housing Coordinator)  
Address: 39 Gates Street Kingstree, SC 29556
  
- For assistance under this program:
  1. Must be a house or mobile home
  2. Architectural clause (no mobile home can be received assistance that is older than 1937)
  3. Expect a waiting list prior to making an application first come first serve priority
  4. Fund availability per county
  
- His Hands of Horry County (Horry County Only)  
Director Mr. Sam Johnson  
**Phone: (843) 365-8821**