

NEWS RELEASE

Community Action Partnership to provide Winter Crisis, PIPP Plus programs starting Nov. 1

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The Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area will again provide emergency energy payment assistance this winter for eligible households. The Winter Crisis Program begins Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011 and continues through Friday, March 30, 2012, or until funds are depleted.

Under the Winter Crisis Program, eligible households may receive up to \$175 for a utility emergency and \$750 for bulk fuel. The Winter Crisis funds can pay a customer's initial payment for the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP Plus), a PIPP Plus default, a reconnection fee or a deposit. Users of bulk fuel, propane or bottled gas or solid fuels may also be eligible for assistance. A customer may receive a delivery of fuel if their tank contains 25 percent or less of its capacity.

Income eligibility for the Winter Crisis Program is 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For a family of four, household income cannot exceed \$44,700 a year. They must be on PIPP Plus or sign up for PIPP Plus or another payment plan.

Proof of income must be provided. This can include payroll stubs, statements from employers, public assistance payment histories, tax forms, or benefit letters from Social Security, Workers' Compensation or Unemployment Compensation.

Customers seeking assistance may be seen at 719 S. Main St. in Dayton, at the Dayton Job Center and at the agency's satellite office at 1912 Needmore Rd.

There are some changes to the PIPP Plus program this year. To re-enroll in the PIPP Plus program, customers will be required to pay up to \$50 to their electric and/or gas utility after receiving the Winter Crisis assistance. This payment must be made within five days of re-enrolling in the PIPP Plus program. Customers should make sure they can make the \$50 co-payment before they try to re-enroll in PIPP Plus.

To be eligible for PIPP Plus, customers must have a household income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For a family of four, that equals an annual income of \$33,525.

Customers may call 1-866-504-7379 to make an appointment at the Dayton Job Center or the Needmore Road location. The CAP office at 719 S. Main St. will accept a limited number of walk-in customers.

Walk-in customers may line up outside the CAP office beginning at 5 a.m. At 5:30 a.m., numbers will be passed out to those in line. At 6 a.m., those with numbers will be allowed inside the building and can fill out application forms if necessary. CAP Intake Specialists will begin seeing customers at 7 a.m.

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