

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Announces the
2018 LIHEAP, PIPP, and Weatherization Assistance Programs

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), and Weatherization Programs.

LIHEAP clients with ComEd and /or Nicor Gas as utility providers may have the option of choosing between the traditional DVP one-time payment or PIPP. The choices will be explained to clients during their application visit. .PIPP applications will be taken until December 31, 2017 or until funding is exhausted. LIHEAP applications will be taken until May 31, 2018 or until funding is exhausted

Beginning Monday, October 2, 2017 , income eligible seniors (age 60 and older) and people receiving disability benefits may call to schedule an appointment to apply for assistance.

Starting November 1, 2017, income eligible households without home energy service (**are disconnected or have a disconnect notice from their primary and /or secondary heating utility**) and families with children age 5 and under may also call to schedule an appointment to apply.

Starting December 1, 2017 all other low- income eligible households may apply.

Eligible households may call 800-883-1111 or 815-232-3141 from 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. to schedule an appointment to apply for assistance at one of the following locations.

NICAA Main Office- Freeport	Stockton Banking Center	Warren Township Library
Hanover Village Hall	Citizens State Bank of Lena	East Dubuque Library
Illinois Bank & Trust- Galena Downtown	German-American State Bank – German Valley	

Income Guidelines To qualify, a household must have income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level shown on the chart for 30 days prior to and including the application date.

	# of people in <u>Household</u>	30 day <u>Gross Income</u>
	1	\$1,508
	2	\$2,030
	3	\$2,553
Add \$522.50 for each additional person.	4	\$3,075

**** The following documents will be required to apply for assistance. ****

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income
- Current heat and electric bills issued.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt
- Proof of homeownership, tax bill or title (for mobile home), is required for weatherization assistance