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Understanding where you can turn for help in this difficult economy

CAA hosts public hearing on the Home Energy Assistance Program

What: CAA's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) will be holding a public hearing to hear personal testimonies about the program and to hear a representative from the Ohio Department of Development speak about the program budget and important changes in HEAP's Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP). For the 5,000 Hamilton County families who rely on the PIPP program, understanding programmatic changes is crucial. In addition, HEAP programs will be of great interest to the thousands of other families who are struggling to make ends meet and who are unsure where to turn for help.

When: Wednesday, August 26, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Where: CAA Gwen L. Robinson Conference Hall
1740 Langdon Farm Road
Cincinnati, OH 45237

Who: All are invited to attend, including individuals currently receiving the HEAP benefit and individuals who would like more information on the types of available assistance.

HEAP provides financial assistance to eligible families so they can keep the power on. The HEAP Summer Program provides assistance to the elderly and to individuals for whom it is medically necessary to keep the power on. The PIPP program and the HEAP Winter Crisis Program provide assistance to all families who are income eligible per the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

HEAP is a federally funded program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development.

Why: Keeping the power on is a necessity. However, many families simply cannot afford to do so and must turn to the Community Action Agency for help. Many people are turning to CAA who have never asked for this type of assistance before.

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