

Join Us for Weatherization Day

10 A.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012
THE RIVER MARKET PAVILION
400 President Clinton Avenue in Little Rock
for the 13th anniversary celebration of the
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.



Weatherization Assistance Program

THE EVENT, coordinated by the Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association and the state Office of Community Services (OCS), will include a news conference; a display of mobile training labs; clients' testimony; energy conservation education; recognition of elementary school contributors to the 2013 weatherization calendar; a performance by a jazz ensemble, and refreshments.

SPEAKERS will include Jack Moffett, director of the Children's Emergency Shelter in Fort Smith, who said Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council's weatherization of the shelter, which included replacement of doors and windows and the heating and air units, insulation, and caulking and sealing, made it better and safer for the more than 20 children who stay there at one time – "the kids are safe; that's the main thing" – and that the environment is "more enjoyable" for him, the staff, and the children.

WEATHERIZATION WORKS BECAUSE. . .

... IT'S A LOCAL-STATE-FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP that uses computerized energy audits and advanced diagnostic technology to improve the homes of those of low and moderate income to make them more energy efficient, safe, and healthy. The improvements range from weather-stripping doors and windows, patching cracks and holes, and insulating walls, floors, and attics to replacing doors, windows, refrigerators and water heaters and repairing heating and cooling systems.

The program was established nationally in 1976 by the federal Department of Energy, is administered in Arkansas by state OCS, and is operated primarily by the community action agencies as part of their work to help people sustain themselves and advance economically and socially; it has injected more than \$160 million into communities to improve more than 73,900 homes, including more than 6,200 in the last three years with the help of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

Governor Mike Beebe, in his proclamation, hailed weatherization for its “proven effectiveness” and for contributing to the state’s “economic, social, and environmental progress” and urged citizens “to work together to support and strengthen” the program, “which has done so much for so many in our state, for the betterment of all.”

To get to the pavilion, coming from north or south, take the Cantrell Avenue-Clinton Avenue Exit (141A) off Interstate 30 on the Arkansas River Bridge in downtown Little Rock, take a right at the second stoplight onto President Clinton Avenue, and go one block. Turn left onto Ottenheimer Plaza to find pay parking behind the pavilion; there are other pay parking lots and a deck on the avenue. Go one block east, from Ottenheimer, take a right onto Commerce Street and then a left onto East 2nd Street to find free parking.



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