

Providing Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program (HARRP) services to Low-Income Families

Proudly Serving Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Stanly, and Union Counties

Weatherization A Program With Many Names

Most Commonly Used Names

- 1. Whatchamacallit Program
- 2. Winterization
- 3. That Free Heat Program
- 4. Insulation Program
- 5. Doors & Windows Program

So What IS Weatherization?

Weatherization is ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!

-ALL services rendered as part of Weatherization are at NO COST to the client. However, rentals require the landlord's permission and in some instances may require a monetary contribution for services. <u>-There is no lien, loan, or other financial obligations attached to this program.</u>

- The Weatherization Assistance Program helps low-income families save energy and reduce utility bills by improving energy efficiency, improving household safety, and educating the public about maintaining energy efficiency.
- Weatherization involves comprehensive testing of the home to determine what energy efficiency measures need to be installed. Once identified measures are installed by Stateapproved contractors.
- The program's focus is on the elderly, the disabled, families with children, high energy users and the energy burdened.

-The goal of the NC Weatherization Assistance Program is to keep North Carolina citizens warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and safe all year long.

 Households that receive weatherization assistance may also get help through the Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program (HARRP). -This program offers replacement of inefficient heating and air systems.

What the Weatherization Program does:

- Educates clients in safety and energy efficiency
- Professionally evaluates single family dwellings, multi family dwellings, and mobile homes for safety and energy efficiency
- Tunes, repairs, or replaces heating and air systems as needed
- Insulates attics, floors, and walls as needed
- Makes minor repairs to homes for health and safety reasons
- Installs smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Performs baseload and general heat waste measures
- Installs vapor barriers as needed
- General air sealing
- Installs an Ashrae fan (*Required in order to receive services*)

What type of Structures can be Weatherized.

Weatherization assistance is available for the following types of properties:

NOTE: Property <u>cannot</u> be for sale. Foreclosures or properties included in a bankruptcy can NOT be weatherized.

- Single-family homes (Rentals are eligible with landlord permission and in some cases a landlord contribution towards services.)
- Multifamily homes Cannot exceed 4 connected units and/or 5 buildings total on property

• Apartments

Cannot exceed 4 connected units and/or 5 buildings total on property

Condominiums

Cannot exceed 4 connected units and/or 5 buildings total on property. Must be individually metered.

- Mobile homes (NOT campers)
- Duplex/Triplex

Who is Eligible?

- Families with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for services.
- Families are categorically eligible for NC WAP assistance if, in the prior 12 months, any member of that household has received the following benefits:

-Supplemental Security Income -Temporary Assistance for Needy Families -Low Income Energy Assistance Program -Crisis Intervention Program

- However, the HARRP (Heating) program does not recognize categorically eligibility. You must not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.
- <u>ALL occupants</u> must provide a Social Security number in order to receive services. Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN) numbers are not accepted.

Documents needed to complete the application:

- Proof of ownership (Landlord tenant agreement, permission for services)
- Photo ID for <u>all</u> persons over 18 years of age
- Social Security cards for everyone living in the home
- 12 months of electric and gas usage (if applicable)
- Last 12 months of income for any person living in the home that is working or receiving any type of financial assistance (i.e. SSA,SSDI,SSI, etc.). This also includes income earned by minors that live in the home.
- Food Stamps, Crisis, TANF, SSI, are categorically eligible.

Income Levels for Weatherization Based on Family Size

Weatherization & HARRP 200% Poverty Guidelines

Family Size	Annual
1	\$27,180
2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$64,940
6	\$74,380
7	\$83,820
8	\$93,260
+8	Add \$9,440

There are 2 Ways to Apply

Complete application online by visiting:

www.brcainc.org/weatherization

OR

Call to speak with an Intake Specialist who can assist you with your application over the phone.

Alexander, Burke Caldwell, Catawba, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Stanly, Union Counties call: 828-438-6255 ext. 1531



Taking applications at the following locations:

Tara Vannoy Weatherization Case Manager Email: <u>Tvannoy@brcainc.org</u> Direct #: 828-438-6255 ext. 1531

Available for Group Presentations by Request

Application Event (Appointment Only) January 10-14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Children and Family Service Building 601 East 5th St. Charlotte, NC 28202

Schedule an appointment by visiting <u>www.brcainc.org</u> or by calling 828-438-6255