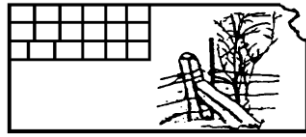


NorthWest Kansas Area



Agency on Aging

Date: For Immediate Release
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Subject: Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) has begun accepting applications for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).

LIEAP provides an annual benefit to help qualifying households pay winter heating bills. Persons with disabilities, older adults and families with children are the primary groups assisted. In 2018, more than 36,000 households received an average benefit of \$498.

To qualify, applicants must be responsible for direct payment of their heating bills. Income eligibility requirements are set at 130 percent of the federal poverty level. The level of benefit varies according to household income, number of people living in the home, type of resident, type of heating fuel and utility rates.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have made payments on their heating bills two out of the last three months.

Applications will be accepted until March 29.

If you are needing assistance filling out or submitting an application, the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging can help. Call the office at 1-800-432-7422 or 785-628-8204 for an appointment.