



## ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

### LEGISLATOR KEVIN HARDWICK

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# Legislator Hardwick announces HEAP Outreach will be held Dec. 4 at United Way of the Tonawandas

**(TONAWANDA, NY)** – Erie County Legislator Kevin Hardwick announces that a Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Outreach will be held Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the United Way of the Tonawandas, 34 Seymour Street, Tonawanda, 14150. Interviews will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Doors open at 8:30am. All applicants will be interviewed.

HEAP is a federally funded program to assist income eligible Erie County residents with the costs of home heating, electricity, and energy conservation. The HEAP outreach will be administered by the Erie County Departments of Social Services and Senior Services and is open to all income eligible households.

“As winter approaches it is extremely important that anyone who needs help heating their home take the proper steps to apply for HEAP to ensure they receive assistance. These outreach events help eligible residents with the applications process, which can be overwhelming. Anyone who needs an application or has questions is encouraged to contact my office,” said Legislator Hardwick.

Applicants must bring the following documentation to the outreach:

- 1) Proof of gross income received within the last 30 days for all household members
  - a) Wages: If paid weekly, last four (4) paystubs
  - b) Wages: If paid bi-weekly, last two (2) paystubs
  - c) Award letters, if applicable (Social Security, Pension, Unemployment, Workers Comp, Disability, etc.)
  - d) Yearly statement of interest received (savings, checking, CDs, money market account, etc.)
  - e) Dividend proof (stocks, bonds securities, etc.)
- 2) Social Security numbers for all household members
- 3) One (1) form of ID for all household members (birth certificate or Social Security card or driver’s license or school ID, etc.)
- 4) Proof of residency (Rent receipt, mortgage statement, utility bill)
- 5) Current heat and/or electric bill.

For questions or additional information, please call the HEAP Hotline at (716) 858-7644 or HEAP Application Request Line at (716) 858-1969

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The HEAP 2012-2013 income guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$ 0 - 2,138
2	\$ 0 - 2,796
3	\$ 0 - 3,453
4	\$ 0 - 4,111
5	\$ 0 - 4,769
6	\$ 0 - 5,427
7	\$ 0 - 5,550
8	\$ 0 - 5,673
9	\$ 0 - 5,797
10	\$ 0 - 5,920
11	\$ 0 - 6,346
11 +	+ \$495 per each household member

An additional HEAP Outreach has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Grand Island Golden Age Center, 3278 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as HEAP benefits are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible households can receive one regular HEAP benefit per season, but may also be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if they are in danger of running out of fuel or having their utility service shut off. Applications for emergency HEAP benefits will be accepted beginning January 2, 2013.

To request a HEAP application, please contact Legislator Hardwick at (716) 858-8672 or email [kevin.hardwick@erie.gov](mailto:kevin.hardwick@erie.gov) or visit [www.erie.gov/socialservices](http://www.erie.gov/socialservices).

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