

Legislator Hardwick announces HEAP Outreach will be held Feb. 2 at Grand Island Senior Center

(Grand Island, NY) – Erie County Legislator Kevin R. Hardwick announces that a Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Outreach will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Grand Island Senior Center, 3278 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island. 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 Erie County residents with their heating bills. 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.

“Due to the reduction of funding for the HEAP program, many residents are concerned that they won’t receive benefits this year. I encourage all eligible residents to submit their applications as soon as possible. If anyone needs assistance, they should attend this outreach event and work with a HEAP expert to complete the application process,” said Legislator Hardwick.

Applicants are requested to bring the following documentation to the outreach:

- one (1) form of identification for all household members (birth certificates, license, Social Security Card)
- Proof of income received within the last 30 days for all household members (pay stubs, SS or pension award letters, proof of child support, rental income, unemployment benefits, worker’s comp., etc)
- Current heat and electric bills

If an applicant is missing information, they may be allowed to mail the information and complete the application process.

For additional information, please call the HEAP Hotline, (716) 858-7644.

HEAP 2012 income guidelines are as follows:

| Household Size | Gross Monthly Income (Cannot exceed) |
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| 1 | \$2,146 |
| 2 | \$2,806 |
| 3 | \$3,466 |
| 4 | \$4,127 |
| 5 | \$4,787 |
| 6 | \$5,447 |
| 7 | \$5,571 |
| 8 | \$5,695 |

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| 9 | \$5,818 |
| 10 | \$5,942 |

For additional information or assistance, please contact Legislator Hardwick's Legislative Office at (716) 858-8672 or email kevin.hardwick@erie.gov.