

What is Weatherization?

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) reduces energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, while ensuring health and safety. It is the nation’s single largest residential whole-house energy efficiency program. WAP has created an industry, producing new jobs and technologies, all while helping the most vulnerable families across the country.



Target Population

- Low-income households typically spend 13.9% of their total annual income on energy costs, compared to 3.0% for other households

How Weatherization Works?

- Weatherization has operated for more than 40 years and is the nation's largest single "whole-house" energy efficiency program. The Program’s primary purpose, established by law, is "*…to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, reduce their total residential energy expenditures, and improve their health and safety, especially low-income persons who are particularly vulnerable, such as the elderly, the disabled, and children.*”





Why Weatherization Matters?

- In addition to helping households, WAP also helps revitalize communities by spurring economic growth and reducing environmental impact. Weatherization returns **$2.78** in non-energy benefits for every **$1.00** invested in the Program (National Evaluation). Non-energy benefits represent tremendous benefits for families whose homes receive weatherization services.