



Success Story:

Transforming a Family's Home with Weatherization and Readiness

"The weatherization program that we participated in was truly life-changing. We have a large family with multiple medically complex children. Although we had spent our entire savings on updating our (over 100-year-old home) we were just unable to fix the many deficits that remained. Our home could not get or stay warm. Snow would blow through the old, cracked windows. Electric heating bills were in the thousands- and our home was never warm during cold weather. After the program made our much-needed repairs, our home is always warm and comfortable (even in the coldest temperatures!) We are so grateful for the opportunity to participate- not only did it give new life to an old home, it gave comfort- safety- and enjoyment, to our family."

Thank you!

The Lovewell Family



A family of eight in Caribou, Maine was facing significant challenges with high heating bills, which were exacerbated by their home's poor condition. With three children with challenging needs in the home, most of their income was dedicated to their care, so little was left for home improvements. The family reached out to ACAP for some help. The family's home, with windows dating back to the 1900s, had severe drafts, cracks, and biological materials on the inside window frames. Additionally, the basement lacked insulation entirely, and the attic had minimal insulation creating a situation where the money they were spending on heating was almost quite literally flying out the window.



After:



Thanks to the Department of Energy's (DOE) weatherization readiness funds, ACAP was able to make substantial improvements to their home. We replaced 14 outdated windows with energy-efficient ones. With the DOE Weatherization grant, we applied spray foam insulation in the basement, and installed blown-in insulation and ventilation in the attic along with health and safety measures throughout. These upgrades have transformed the home into a warm, safe, and energy-efficient space.

As a result, the family is now experiencing significant savings on their heating bills, allowing them to allocate more of their income to what truly matters—caring for their children. This project not only improved the family's quality of life but also demonstrated the profound impact of weatherization and readiness programs.