

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency

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ENERGY SERVICES

Energy Services, located at the Agency's Site V, offers a wide range of services using highly skilled staff and a well-developed network of providers that offer complementary programs. Many of the customers of Energy Services' largest program, the Weatherization Assistance Program, fall well below the level of 65% of the state median income set as a requirement for the Weatherization, Home Energy Assistance, and EmPower NY Programs. Many of these customers also pay over 50% of their monthly take-home pay for housing costs. Energy Services provides critical support that allows families and individuals to use what precious resources they have towards other basic necessities such as healthy food, medical care, and transportation.

After families, individuals, and rental property owners have been approved as customers for weatherization services, their names are placed on the waiting list for services. During this waiting period, Energy Services staff develop a relationship with the customers and provide them with access to other programs and services that may help them reach and maintain self-sufficiency.

Program details are as follows:

- **Weatherization Assistance Program**

The Weatherization Assistance Program is funded by the United States Department of Energy and the Department of Health and Human Services and is administered by New York State Home and Community Renewal. A trained auditor will conduct a comprehensive energy audit of the home. Based on the audit and funds available, weatherization measures, which have been determined to be the most cost effective in reducing energy consumption and increasing comfort, will be performed. Activities may include insulation, caulking and weather-stripping, furnace repair or replacement, window and door repair or replacement, and refrigerator replacement. Eligibility for program participation is based on income and previous weatherization services received. Rental units and owner-occupied dwellings are eligible for the program.

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- **EmPower NY**

EmPower New York (EmPower NY) is an energy efficiency program for tenants and homeowners, funded by the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) and implemented by Honeywell International, Inc. The goal of this program is to help low-income households reduce energy use and costs using cost-effective Electric Reduction (ER) measures such as lighting and refrigerator replacements and Home Performance (HP) strategies such as insulation and air sealing. Health and safety measures are also addressed as appropriate. On-site energy education provides households with further strategies for managing their energy costs and energy education workshops are available in locations across the state.

For more information please call 315-282-0531.