

## NEWS RELEASE

For release: October 24, 2014

Expires: December 1, 2014

Media Contact: Jennifer Renner, Development Manager  
[jenniferrenner@canihelp.org](mailto:jenniferrenner@canihelp.org) or 399-4103

### CANI ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO RESUME

CANI (Community Action of Northeast Indiana) began accepting calls on Oct. 20 to schedule appointments for energy assistance for all of its offices in Allen, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley counties. Appointments are available for households that have received a disconnect notice or whose utilities are already disconnected. Those who are not currently up for disconnect, may complete the paper application and submit it for processing. Applications can be found on CANI's web site [www.canihelp.org](http://www.canihelp.org).

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay a portion of a household's heating bills during the winter months. Last year, CANI helped close to 9,600 families with their utility bills. Help is available for both renters and homeowners. Eligible households receive the benefit one time per heating season.

The program runs November 3, 2014 through May 15, 2015. Applicants must meet income levels:

- One-person household – No more than \$17,505 annually.
- Two-person household – No more than \$23,595 annually.
- Three-person household – No more than \$29,685 annually
- Four-person household – No more than \$35,775 annually
- Add \$6,090 for each additional family member.

At all locations, the following must be brought to the appointment and is mandatory to complete an application:

- Documentation of all household gross income (payroll check stubs, letter from employer, award letters, unemployment income, veterans benefits; TANF; Social Security; pensions, etc.) for the past 12 months for everyone in the household 18 years of age and older.
- Current heating and light bills at current residence.

- A Social Security Number is required for all persons in the household over the age of 1. It can be in the form of the social security card, pay stub containing name and full social security number, social security award letter with full social security number, or a federal form with full social security number on it.
- Rental Lease or a completed Landlord Affidavit for all renters.
- Anyone 18 or over must submit a Wage History Statement from WorkOne and a completed Zero-Income Verification Form. A current school schedule must be provided for full-time students.

Those who need to make an appointment can do so by calling CANI's dedicated appointment line 24 hours a day at 1-800-589-2264 or going to the online scheduler on the web site, [www.canihelp.org](http://www.canihelp.org).

CANI helps communities, families, and individuals remove the causes and conditions of poverty. For more information about CANI and the services provided, see [www.canihelp.org](http://www.canihelp.org).

-30-

**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM**

HEAD START · EARLY HEAD START · CHILD CARE VOUCHERS  
YOUTH · FAMILY DEVELOPMENT · EDUCATION WORKSHOPS  
HOUSING TRANSITIONS · EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE  
WEATHERIZATION · UTILITY ASSISTANCE · COMMUNITY  
-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT · COVERING KIDS & FAMILIES

