

ITEMS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO PROCESS YOUR ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

1. How many people are in your household? _____ We must have a copy of social security cards for each member of your household. (Other possible forms are social security award letters that have your entire social security number listed and a photo id, Medicare card that includes your full social security number with a valid photo id, or W-2 tax document with your social security number listed and a photo id)

2. Is there a household member who does not have a social security card?

YES – Reasons someone does not have a social security card and acceptable documentation:

- a. If it is a child under the age of 1 whom does not have a social security card yet then we can accept verification of birth from the hospital.
- b. We can also accept proof of pregnancy as an additional household member. (for winter program born before May 2016 summer cool born before August 2016)
- c. If it is an adult whom does not have proof of social security number: they must be included on the application and provide all other documentation (income), but will not be counted in household size.

NO - disregard this question

3. How many people are <u>18 years of age and older are working</u>?_____

a. Have those individuals had the same job for the past 12 months?

YES – Then we need the most recent paystub from that employer.

NO – Then we will need the last pay stub from all jobs in the last 12 months and we will request a Wage Transcript and Voucher history from the WorkOne (make sure you sign the application giving us permission)

b. Have any of those individuals been self-employed?

YES – then we will need a copy of the most recent tax return

NO – disregard this question

c. Have any of those individuals not received any income in the last 12 months?

YES – complete the *Zero Income Form* and we will request a Wage Transcript and Voucher history from the WorkOne (make sure you sign the application giving us permission)

NO – disregard this question (throw away Zero Income Form)

d. If individual is 18 and in high school, please include most recent report card or proof of school enrollment.

- 4. **Unearned Income** If an individual receives Social Security, SSI, Disability, TANF, receives retirement/ pension benefits, unemployment, short/long term disability, foster care or adoption stipend; we must have the current award letters or benefit letters stating the amount the individual receives. (If these payments are direct deposited into your bank and a clearly labeled whom they came from then we can use a bank statement as verification)
- 5. We need your most recent utility bills such as gas, electric, wood, etc... (This bill must be in a household member's name who is 18 years of age or older or in the Landlord's name)
- 6. Do you rent your home/ apartment/ mobile home?

YES – have your landlord complete the *Landlord Affidavit*.

NO – then you own or are buying your home so we will need a copy of 1 of the following: your property tax records, mortgage statement, homeowner insurance statement, or a copy of your land contract.

 Take a look at the documents you are providing me – Do any of them have someone's name listed that does not live in your household? (Example: friend, family member, power of attorney, or deceased family member)

YES - then we will need proof of that person's physical address

NO – disregard this question

8. Has anyone's name changed from last year's application or is there a last name that differs from what is on a form that you are providing me? (Example: married, divorced, or legal name change)

YES - we need a copy of your marriage license or divorce decree.

- NO disregard this question
- 9. If someone in your home is incarcerated, we will need proof of incarceration, approximately how long they will be incarcerated, and when they became incarcerated.

10. PLEASE HAVE EVERYONE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER SIGN THE APPLICATION!

11. Complete and return the enclosed Energy Education Survey.

If you have any questions please call 812-265-5882

Mail Apps to: OVO, P.O. Box 625, Madison, In 47250 or Fax to: 812-273-2604

Locations to fax from outside of Jefferson County – (for **free**) Jennings – United Way, 707 N State Street, North Vernon IN Head Start Center, 3040 N Hwy 3, North Vernon IN Scott -United Way, 60 N Main Street, Scottsburg IN Head Start Center, 1172 Community Way, Scottsburg IN Scottsburg Utilities, 2 E McClain Ave, Scottsburg IN

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November 1, 2016 through May 12, 2017 (winter program) July 1, 2017 – August 11, 2017 (summer program)

					APP	LICANT RESIDEN	ICE						
Street Address:						City	•			 _ Zip C	ode: _		
	failing Address (if different than listed above):												
County of Residence:	County of Residence: Jefferson Jennings Scott Phone Number: Message Number:												
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Marital Status: A. Single B. Married C. Separated D. Divorced E. Widowed	Ethnicity Codes: A. Hispanic or Latino Race Codes: A. Black or African American E. Native American Health Insurance Codes: B. Not Hispanic or Latino B. White C. Other (Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders and all others) Health Insurance Codes: A. Medicaid F. None D. Multi-Race D. Multi-Race Medicaid Select F. None												
Household Members First, Middle Initial, Last NameDate of Birth xx/xx/xxxxRelationship to you (I.E. son, daughter, wife, etc.			to you	**L:	l Security Number ast 4 digits only**	Marital Status Code	Gender Male / Female	Ethnic Cod		Veteran Y/N	Last Grade Completed In School	Health Insurance Code	
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3.					XXX-X	XX-							
4.					XXX-X	XX-							
5.					XXX-X	XX-							
6.					XXX-X	XX-							
Please list additional house	old members	on a separate	sheet or	another applica	ntion form	n							
						HOLD INCOME C	ODES						
 A. Employment F. Veteran's Benefits K. Worker's Compen 	Veteran's Benefits G. Pension/Retirement H. Child Support I. Interest/Dividends J. Self-Employment												
	AILY INCOME: Complete section below for <u>ALL</u> household members 18 years of age and older. Income codes are listed above. Name of Borcon with Income Income #2 Income #2							e listed ab	ove.				

Name of Person with Income	Income #1	Income #2	Income #3	Income #4
Sample: Household members name	Income Code: choose from above Monthly Amount: \$ write amount	Income Code: choose from above Monthly Amount: \$ Write amount		
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HOUSING DEMOGRAPHICS AND OTHER INFORMATION					
1. What type of housing do you live in? House Mobile Home (Trailer) Apartment Duplex RV					
(Check One)					
2. Ownership: Own Buying Rent Family Owned (pay no rent) Other (please specify):					
(Check One)					
3. Is your rent based on income? Yes No If Yes, Check One: OVO Section 8 Assistance is through Apartment Complex					
(Check One)					
4. What type of furnace do you have? 🛛 Electric 🗋 Natural Gas 🖓 LP 🖓 Oil 🔤 🖓 No furnace (Have baseboard heat) 👘 No furnace (Have ceiling heat)					
(Check One) 🛛 No furnace or furnace not working (Use space heaters) 🖓 No furnace (Heat with wood)					
5. Has your home been weatherized by OVO? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No If No, would you like to apply for Weatherization? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No					
(Check One)					
6. Have you received Food Stamps in the past 12 months? Yes No Have you received TANF in the past 12 months? Yes No (Check One)					
7. Are you an employee of OVO?					
8. Are you related to any OVO staff or Board of Directors members? Yes No If yes, who and what is your relationship?					
Y or N or N/A: Household does not have service because they are disconnected					
Y or N or N/A: Household does not have service because they are out of fuel					
Y or N or N/A: Household does not have service because they have inoperable equipment					
E-mail address:					
APPLICATION CERTIFICATION/AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION					

ALL household members 18 years of age and older must sign.

"I/we certify that the above information provided is correct and true to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we understand that I/we may be required to verify these statements and give my/our consent to the agency from which I/we are requesting assistance to make any necessary contacts to verify these statements. I/we have read (or have had read to me/us) our rights and obligations and understand them. I/we are resident of Indiana and I/we agree to have the services specified herein provided. I/we further acknowledge that services and materials are being provided to my/our household without consideration or payment by me as a gift. I hereby release the State of Indiana, the Community Action Agency or other entity from any liability whatsoever resulting from the provision of services. I/we have received no expressed or implied warranties concerning my/our receipt of services from these entities." **Appeal Information:** If you are denied and do not agree with the reasons stated, or if your application for services is not processed in a timely manner, you may appeal the decision to the Community Action Agency for review. If you are not satisfied with the CAA determination, you may request further review from the State of Indiana by submitting an Applicant Notification form to the Indiana Housing Community Development Association. **Social Security Disclosure Statement:** This Agency is requesting disclosure of personal information that is necessary to accomplish statutory purpose. IC 4-1-6-2(a)

I hereby authorize release of information to Ohio Valley Opportunities (OVO) to enable staff to provide EAP and/or WX services. By signing this form, I am giving OVO permission to obtain/use/disclose information about by specific needs in order to provide service. Information shared may be shared by verbal, mail and fax communications. OVO may obtain/disclose the necessary documentation from the following entities to determine eligibility for EAP and/or WX:

X Current/Former Employers (Wages, Hire/Term Date)	X Utilities/ Fuel Company (Status and Bills)	<u>X</u> Assests
<u>X</u> Landlords	X Social SecurityAdministration (SS/SSI/SSDI)	<u>X</u> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
<u>X</u> County Courts (Child Support)	<u>X</u> Caseworkers	<u>X</u> Pension/Retirement Companies (Pension)
<u>X</u> Family & Social Services Admin (FSSA)	X Financial Institutions (Banks)	<u>X</u> Section 8 Housing Program
X Work One Office (Unemployment/Wage History)	<u>X</u> Worker's Compensation Companies	<u>X</u> _Other:

*BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I ALSO VERIFY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE ENERGY EDUCATION INFORMATION OFFERED BY OHIO VALLEY OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

Household Member Signature:	_Date:	Household Member Signature:	Date:
Household Member Signature:	Date:	Household Member Signature:	Date:
Household Member Signature:	_Date:	Household Member Signature:	Date:

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ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) LANDLORD/HOUSING AFFIDAVIT

Landlord: Please complete this affidavit on behalf of your resident who is applying to receive benefits to assist with their utility costs. The information provided is confidential and will not be shared with any other organization or government agency. **Complete in Ink.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name:			Date:
Address:			Phone:
City:	State: IN	Zip Code:	Renter: Life Estate:

UTILITY INFORMATION (to be completed by the Landlord; Check appropriate lines)

Heating costs are:	Electric costs are:
Responsibility of the Landlord, included in the monthly	Responsibility of the Landlord, included in the monthly
rent payment	rent payment
Responsibility of the Renter, but in the Landlords	Responsibility of the Renter, but in the Landlords
name	name
PROVIDE UTILITY STATEMENT COPY -if checked above	PROVIDE UTILITY STATEMENT COPY -if checked above
Responsibility of the Renter Responsibility of the Renter, but in a legal Power of Attorney's name: (if known)	Responsibility of the Renter Responsibility of the Renter, but in a legal Power of Attorney's name: (if known)

Primary Heat Source:

Number of Household Members:

 Electr	ic (furnace or baseboard- no space heaters)	Adul
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lts: _____ Children: _____

Natural Gas

_____ Kerosene, LP Gas, Oil, Wood, Pellets (wood or corn) or Coal

Primary Heat Source is not working (in-operable)

Dwelling Type:	Rental Assistance (from a government funded program):
Mobile home	Yes No
Single site	If yes, which program:
Multi-unit (duplex to apartment complex)	

I grant IHCDA permission to obtain utility information on account status, energy cost and consumptions data on this property for the purpose of data consumption tracking.							
Landlord Name (prin	ted)	Landlord Name(Signature)					
Address:		Date:					
City:		Phone:					
State:	Zip Code:	Email (optional):					

LSP: The information on this document must include the landlord's complete address and telephone number. A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the EAP application.

Revised 08/2016 This form is mandated by Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. Failure to sign this form may disqualify your renter from further LIHEAP (Energy) benefits.

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Energy Assistance Program Zero Income Affidavit

House	Household Member Name: SSN: XXX-XX										N: XXX-XX
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_____ Date: ____/____ Application#: ______

LSP Representative Signature

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Energy Education Pre-Survey



Please complete this page and return as part of your Energy Assistance application.

1.	. What do you think uses the most energy in your home?							
	A) Hot water heater B) Furnace C) Microwave D) Clothes Dryer							
2.	Appliances turned off do not use energy while plugged in. A) True B) False							
3.	What is the ideal temperature for your hot water heater? A) 120 degrees B) 15 degrees C) 110 degrees D)100 degrees							
4.	Upgrading your lightbulbs to CFLs will save you money on your utility bill. A) True B) False							
5.	Washing clothes in cold water saves money. A) True B) False							
6.	How often should you service your furnace? A) Monthly B) Quarterly C) Yearly D) Every Five Years							
7.	Microwaves use less energy than ovens. A) True B) False							

Printed Name: ______
Signature: _____

Date: _____

After completing this Pre-Survey, please review the Energy Education Materials provided. Afterwards, please complete the Post-Survey at the back of this packet and make sure to print, sign, and date that form.



Energy Education



<u>Energy Education</u> is a component of our Energy Assistance Program. Conserving energy is not only good for the environment, but helps lower your monthly utility bill. The following pages provide information on how to lower your energy consumption and lower your monthly utility bills.

How much money do you want to save?

- Lowering your water heater by 10 degrees
- Adjust your thermostat up 5 degrees in summer and 5 degrees down in winter
- Install water aerators in kitchen and bath
- · Install an energy-efficient shower head
- Replace 10-75 watt bulbs with CFLs
- Turn off gaming units when not in use

Save \$20.00 / year Save \$240.00 / year

- Save \$30.00 / year Save \$50.00 / year
- Save \$110.00 / year

Save \$100 / year



Think about it.....

What could you do with an extra \$550.00 a year????

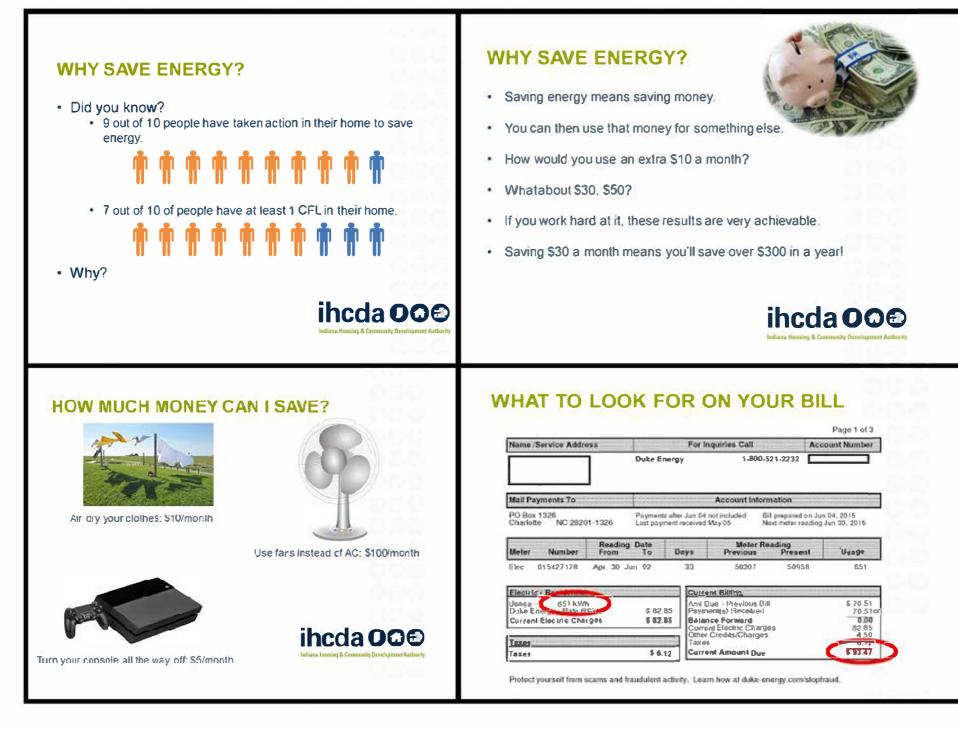


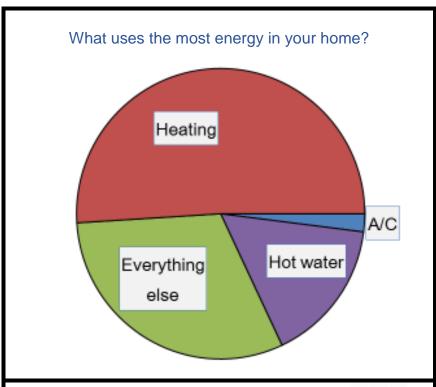
Tips for Your Furnace

- Change furnace filters monthly. Furnace works harder if filters are dirty.
- Clean the area around your furnace. Removing trash and anything that can catch fire will keep your family safe. It can also improve the air flow to your furnace.
- Clean furnace and ducts. Hire professionals to inspect and tune your furnace yearly.
- Keep air registers and vents clear to allow air flow freely throughout the room.

Tips for Cooking

- Use microwaves, toaster ovens and crock pots instead of a regular oven. Microwaves use 70-80% less electric than an oven.
- Don't preheat oven.
- Keep oven door closed. Use your oven light. Peeking can lower the temperature in the over by **25 degrees**.
- Use proper size burners. Using an 6" pot on a 8" burner wastes over 40% of burner heat.
- Keep lids on pots & pans to keep in heat. You will use 1/3 as much energy as cooking without a lid. It also reduces cooking time.





RULE 1: CONTROL YOUR THERMOSTAT

- · Heating and cooling the most energy in your home.
- To save the most energy, avoid using your furnace and AC wear sweaters or use fans instead.
- To save the most energy when you must heat and cool your home, use the following guidelines:

	Summer	Winter
At home	78°	65°
Not home/sleeping	85°	55°



RULE 2: CONSERVE HOT WATER

- · Your water heater is the second largest user of energy in your home.
- · Turn the temperature on your water heater down to 120 degrees
- · Take short showers: get a shower timer
- · Wash clothes in cold water
- · Take showers instead of baths
- · Consider the military shower: get wet, turn off the water, soap up, then rinse

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RULE 3: TURN IT ALL THE WAY OFF

- · Devices in sleep or standby mode still use energy!
- · Turn off devices at a power strip
- · Unplug charging electronics AND chargers when full
- · Turn off TVs, computers, and gaming systems
- · Don't let faucets run





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RULE 4: UPGRADE OLD ENERGY HOGS

- Replace your most used light bulbs with compact fluorescents (CFLs)
- Replace appliances with newer models that have the Energy Star label



- Though upgrades like this can come with a cost, they often pay themselves back over time
- · Consult your energy assistance agency to see if you qualify for weatherization

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RULE 5: KEEP THINGS SEALED UP

- · If your furnace or air conditioning is on, close your windows
- · Make sure doors and windows are air tight
- Seal leaky ductwork
- · Keep your oven closed
- · Open your fridge as little as possible





The "usage" on your utility bill is very important. Not only does it tell you how much electricity you used but it is directly related to how much you pay. If you are using more than 500 kWh a month chances are there are things you can do to save energy.

CONTROL YOUR THERMOSTAT.

Heating and cooling uses the most energy in your home. By controlling your thermostat you can lower your utility bills. That means setting the thermostat at 68° in the winter and 78° in the summer.

CONSERVE HOT WATER.

By lowering the temperature on your water heater to 120°F and taking short showers you can conserve water and save money.



UPGRADE YOUR LIGHTBULBS.

Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) may cost more than an old fashioned incandescent. But, over the lifetime of the bulb using a CFL will save you money. Check with your utility company to see if they will provide CFLs for free.



incda. For more information and ways to control your energy costs visit: www.in.gov/ihcda.

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Energy Education Post-Survey



How well did you do on the Pre-Survey? Check your answers below.

- 1. Answer: B) Furnace. Your furnace and heating uses the most energy in your home.
- 2. **Answer: B) False.** Even though an appliance is turned off, it is still using energy. Unplug to save be sure to unplug all appliances and surge protectors, when not in use!
- 3. Answer: A) 120 degrees. You should set your water heater to 120 degrees to save energy.
- 4. Answer: A) True. Upgrading your lightbulbs to CFLs can save you up to \$110 per year!
- 5. **Answer: A) True.** Washing your clothes in cold water instead of hot water is a way to cut cost. Remember, it's the detergent that cleans your clothes, not the water temperature!
- 6. Answer: C) Yearly. Have a professional service your furnace once a year to save energy.
- 7. Answer: A) True. Microwaves use up to 80% less energy than cooking with an oven.

- 1. How many questions did you answer correctly?
- 2. Have you tried using any of these energy savings tips in your home? Yes No
- 3. How much did you learn about energy savings? Not at all A little A lot

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MAKE SURE TO PRINT, SIGN AND DATE ON THE BOTTOM OF THIS SHEET.

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OVO WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Weatherization Assistance Program: Increases the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons. Reduces total residential expenditures & improves health & safety.

What can the Weatherization Assistance Program do?

- Add Insulation
- Clean & Tune Heating Systems & possibly replace
- Blower Door Testing
- Air Sealing
- Services are at no cost
- Note: All dwellings eligible will be audited but not guaranteed weatherization benefits. (Unfortunately, apartment complexes are ineligible.)
- Note: Weatherization can only be provided by OVO to the same dwelling once every **15 years**

To be referred to the Weatherization Assistance Program, simply check the box on the enclosed Energy Assistance Application.

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Do not return this form – It is yours to keep!! ihcda OOO

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

Things for YOU to Remember!

- EAP benefits are paid directly to the utility vendor. Checks are not provided directly to you.
- Your utility vendor will be asked to provide us information regarding your account status and your energy cost and consumption data; if your bill is in another person's name you will need to make sure that the other person is aware that this information will be shared for the purposes stated above.
- Your award letter will explain the amount of EAP benefits that you are eligible to receive. Benefit amounts are subject to change pending review by the local service provider.
- If you receive an award letter the EAP benefit will be applied to your utility account. The actual payment may not be applied to your account until up to 120 days after the date your application was submitted. Please do not call the service provider or IHCDA regarding the status of your application.
- Even though you are receiving assistance from EAP to pay utility costs, this assistance will not likely cover the entire amount owed to your utility provider. Therefore, **YOU** must keep paying on your bills throughout the year.
- Once you are approved to receive EAP assistance there is an Indiana law that states you can't be disconnected from residential electric or gas services between December 1st through March 15th. However, you *may* be disconnected before December 1st or after March 15th if your financial obligation with utility vendor exceeds the amount of your EAP benefit. This law applies to utility companies that are considered "regulated utilities".
- Remember that EAP is only helping you with your heating or cooling bills. YOU still need to keep your water, sewage, rent, and phone and other accounts current. If you are having trouble keeping your bills current, *talk to a case manager* at the local service provider and ask about other community resources that may assist you.
- If your utilities are currently past due, *talk with your utility company* to see if you qualify for a payment plan that will bring the bill current over time.
- Ask what you can do to conserve energy. If you are a homeowner ask how the Weatherization Program might help you reduce your energy consumption.
- You have the right to appeal the EAP process or the decision made regarding the amount of EAP Benefit that you are found eligible to receive.
- If you receive a disconnect notice after you submit an application but before you are awarded EAP benefits, contact the local service provider immediately.