

\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS\*\*\*\*\*

**WINTER LIHEAP PROGRAM**

The Family Services Department will take priority applications from tribal member households for the **WINTER** Low Income Heat and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) on the following days: **January 18 – 20, 2010**. Applications will be accepted at the Family Services Department located at 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, Alabama for payment of your current unpaid energy bill. The maximum amount payable will be \$300.00. Please refer to the priority application schedule below.

If you cannot apply during the dates provided, follow-up applications will be accepted Monday through Thursday of each week during office hours until March 15, 2010. After March 15, 2010, the Winter LIHEAP Program will end and all funds will be transferred into the **SUMMER and CRISIS** LIHEAP Program. The Summer LIHEAP Program will be announced at a later date, depending upon availability of funds.

NOTE: Priority assistance for the Winter LIHEAP Program will be given, as always, to the following applicants. Also, these priority applicants will be provided opportunity to be served first. i.e. **Seniors Citizens (Age 55 or older); Families with legal custody of children 5 and under; and Households currently receiving food stamps or TANF benefits.**

**Please adhere to the following schedule to make your LIHEAP application.** All applications will be accepted on a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE** basis according to the following priority schedule (no appointment required). If eligible, you will be given time to bring in your **January** or **February** bill. NOTE: LIHEAP funds do not cover late charges on energy bills or outside lights.

**WINTER LIHEAP APPLICATION WEEK**  
**(JANUARY 2010 ENERGY BILLS)**

DAY	DATE	HOURS	PRIORITY CATEGORY
Monday	January 18, 2010	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Tribal Seniors Citizens (Age 55 or older)
Tuesday	January 19, 2010	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Tribal families with legal custody of children under 5 and families currently receiving food stamps or TANF benefits.
Wednesday	January 20, 2010	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Tribal households who wish to apply without an appointment.
Thursday	January 21, 2010	None	No applications taken.
Friday	January 22, 2010	None	No applications taken.

**FOLLOW-UP WINTER LIHEAP APPLICATIONS**

January 25, 2010 through March 15, 2010 After LIHEAP Application Week, Winter LIHEAP applications will be accepted by appointment only Monday through Thursday of each week. Please call the Family Services Department for an appointment.

To receive assistance from the Tribal LIHEAP Program:

- you must be a tribal member household,
- meet the income guideline of 60% of the State Median Income,
- and be responsible for payment of some type of heating or cooling bill.

Eligibility for the LIHEAP Program is based on the criteria of tribal membership, income, and need for heating services. All applicants should bring to the interview: 1) *verification of identity*; 2) *verification of tribal membership*; 3) *verification of monthly income and non-income for adults 18 years of age or older [Verification of non-income should be in the form of a statement signed by three people with telephone numbers who can are not living the household and who can verify the situation];* and 4) *the current unpaid electricity or heating bill*. If the utility bill is not listed in the name of the applicant, a signed statement from the person listed on the bill is necessary to establish resident's responsibility for paying the monthly utility expense.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the priority schedule or LIHEAP program requirements, please contact the Family Services Department (251) 368-9136 Extension 2600.

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