

MACON COUNTY LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIEAP) REFERENCE SHEET

Macon County Department of Social Services will begin taking applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP) on **December 1, 2011 for the target population of households where all individuals are age 60 and older or determined disabled by Social Security Administration guidelines.** If any LIEAP funding remains on January 31, 2012, applications will begin **February 1, 2012 for households with children in the home age 5 and under.** Applications taken are for individuals needing assistance for their **immediate heating needs.**

Changes for 2011 – 2012 LIEAP are:

- ☐ Households will **no** longer receive a Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) check in February.
- ☐ Energy assistance payments will be **paid directly** to the heating provider such as Power, Gas, or Fuel Oil Company.
- ☐ LIEAP Heating Assistance now requires an application be made at your local Social Services. **(Food and Nutrition recipients are no longer automatically qualified to receive LIEAP, everyone must apply in person)**

LIEAP provides a **one time, annual payment to vendors for eligible households.**

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR LIEAP?

If you answer yes to one of these questions you **may** qualify.

- ☐ All members in the home are age 60 years or older,
- ☐ All members in the home have been determined disabled by the Social Security Administration guidelines and are receiving disability benefits.

If you have not answered yes to either question, you will not be eligible.

If it is after January 31st and LIEAP funds are still available, an additional question that may make you eligible is:

- ☐ Is there someone in my household who is age 5 or under?

There may be other programs and/or resources to assist you with your heating needs.

The Department of Social Services is located at 1832 Lakeside Drive in Franklin.

No appointments will be made for LIEAP applications.

Application hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

For Information: 828-349-2124