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SUMMER COOLING PROGRAM OFFERS UTILITY ASSISTANCE

June 30, 2010 - Rockford - The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), administered by the City of Rockford Human Services Department, will again be offering a summer cooling program to assist qualified Winnebago and Boone County households with their electric bill.

The program will target at-risk households, defined as seniors age 60 or older, or persons with disabilities (SSI or pending case with the Social Security Administration), or households that contain children less than 36 months of age, or those with medical conditions that would be aggravated by extreme heat. To qualify, these at-risk households must have incomes equal to or less than 150 percent of the poverty level as defined in the 2009 HHS Poverty Guidelines.

The Summer Energy Assistance payments will be \$150.00 paid directly to the resident's electric provider.

The program will begin July 19, 2010 and will end on July 30, 2010 or earlier if funds are exhausted.

Attached is a list of sites where the program will be offered. Please call the sites for appointment information.

For general questions regarding the program, please call 815-987-5711.

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2011 Intake Sites for Summer Cooling

For seniors living in Winnebago County

Lifescape Community Services
705 Kilburn Ave.
Rockford
815-963-1609

Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging (NIAAA)
2576 Charles St.
Rockford
815-226-4901

Rep. Chuck Jefferson's Office
State of Illinois Building
200 S. Wyman St.
Rockford
815-987-7433

For seniors living in Boone County:

Keen Age Center
2141 Henry Luckow Lane
Belvidere
815-544-9893

For residents of Rockton, Roscoe, and South Beloit

Rockton Township
1315 N. Blackhawk Blvd.
Rockton
815-624-7788

For residents of Boone and Winnebago County with disabled households, those with children under 36 months, and those with qualifying medical need:

City of Rockford Human Services Dept.
Community Services Division
555 N. Court St.
Rockford
815-987-5711

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