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SAVE THE DATE
May 22-23, 2012



[Register online now!](#)

[Information on the 2012 LIFE Statewide Conference is available on the LIFE webpage](#)

A Note from the LIFE Chairman

Registration has officially opened for the May 2012 Statewide LIFE conference. The [draft agenda](#) is online and it includes a poverty simulation exercise, over 30 workshops, and five separate tracks, including a new one designed for weatherization contractors. The conference will provide you with new ideas on emerging energy issues, affordability and give you a chance to connect with your colleagues from throughout the state. There are scholarships available, group discounts, and an early bird registration discount. For more information on the conference, please visit the [conference webpage](#). You can [register for the conference](#) online now. I hope you can join us in May for this exciting and worthwhile conference.

In other news, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) recently announced that the final federal budget provided about a 50% increase in New York State LIHEAP funding for a total of about \$375.5 million. As a result, OTDA was able to increase emergency benefits, extend the time period for applications and issue a \$150 supplemental benefit, among other things.

The LIFE Webinar Series is continuing its popularity, with about 100 participants attending the last webinar. Our next Webinar, scheduled for March 22, will discuss reducing energy costs in public housing. If you haven't already registered, [you can register online](#). Our schedule is filling up fast for 2012, but if you have any ideas for future Webinars, please contact us.

Thank you for your support of the LIFE program.

Len Silverstein
LIFE Chairman



March 22

10:30am – 11:30am EST

Reducing Utility Costs in Public Housing: Putting HUD's Energy Use and Cost Reduction Incentives to Work at the Chicago Housing Authority

[Register Online](#)

April 26

10:00am – 11:00am EST

Socioeconomic Impacts of Loss of Utilities

[Register Online](#)

All webinars are offered at no cost to participants.

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We hope you have been enjoying the LIFE Newsletter. Please take a moment to complete a short survey to help us improve the format and the content of the newsletter. Upon completing the survey, your name will be entered into a drawing for a FREE 2012 LIFE Statewide Conference registration. Survey responses received prior to March 31 will be eligible for the complimentary registration. The recipient of the free registration will be notified via email on April 2, 2012.

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Suggested Reading

[Warmer Winter Keeps Heating Costs Down, Except Oil](#)

[Lowering Energy Costs](#)

[Campaign Rejects the President's FY2013 LIHEAP Budget – Supports \\$5.1 Billion in Funding](#)

[Power for the People: Overcoming Barriers to Energy Efficiency for Low-Income Families](#)

Low-Income Energy in the Press

[Energy Takes Twice as Much Income for Half of US Households](#)
BusinessWeek

The estimate excluded payments from the federal and state energy assistance programs, such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Households are eligible if their annual income doesn't exceed 150 percent of the poverty level or 60 percent of ...

[In Fuel Oil Country, Cold that Cuts to the Heart](#)

New York Times

With the darkening approach of another ice-hard Saturday night in western Maine, the man on the telephone was pleading for help, again. His tank was nearly dry, and he and his disabled wife needed precious ...

[US Seniors Missing out on \\$20 Billion of Benefits](#)

Reuters

Millions of seniors in the United States are missing out on more than \$20 billion in aid that could help pay for food, medicine and heating, simply because they don't know it's there, according to a report ...

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[Legislation Makes Carbon Monoxide Detectors Mandatory](#)

Daily Mail - Charleston

Following the death of a man at a South Charleston hotel, West Virginia lawmakers are advancing legislation to make sure hotels and other commercial locations where people sleep are equipped with carbon monoxide detectors ...

[Obama Rapped for Cutting Home Heating Aid](#)

WatertownDailyTimes.com

An annual fight over home energy assistance is beginning to heat up again. Two days after the Obama administration proposed cutting funding for a program that helps the poor heat their homes, the program's supporters vowed to fight the measure and called for an increase instead ...

[Obama 2013 Budget would Reduce LIHEAP Funding](#)

Seacoastonline.com

President Barack Obama's budget proposal for fiscal year 2013, unveiled Monday, would reduce the current level of funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps to heat the homes of thousands of ...

[Mild Winter, Unexpected Federal Funds Help Keep LIHEAP Afloat, For Now](#)

The CT Mirror

The unusually mild winter might have flummoxed forecasters, frustrated ski buffs and worried those concerned about climate change, but so far, it's been a critical break for poor families relying on a reduced pot of government ...

[Advocates for Home Heating Assistance Lobby on Capital Hill](#)

PatriotLedger.com

Two days after the Obama administration's new budget proposed cutting home heating assistance for low-income Americans in the next fiscal year, representatives of a group advocating such ...

[More Funding for Nassau Job Training Program](#)

Long Island Business News

New York state will be providing \$291,858 in grants to the county's Department of Social Services for education, training and subsidized job placements for eligible residents within the industries of health care, green jobs and customer service ...

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