Weatherization & Home Energy Efficiency

Federal and state Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) help income-eligible families and individuals by reducing their heating/cooling costs and improving the safety of their homes through energy efficiency measures. NCLC works for adequate funding and policies to keep properties affordable for residents after improvements are made.

Policy Analysis

Policy Briefs, Reports & Press Releases

- Report: Smart Thermostats: Assessing Their Value in Low-Income Weatherization Programs, Jan. 2020; Press Release
- Low Income Weatherization: Stimulus-Funded Programs Shines but Storm Clouds are on the Horizon, Nov. 29, 2012
- Up the Chimney: How HUD’s Inaction Costs Taxpayers Millions and Drives Up Utility Bills for Low-Income Families Report, August 2010
- Statement of NCLC and Texas Legal Services Center for the June 18, 2009 Department of Energy Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes to the Weatherization Program, June 2009

Testimony and Comments

- Reply Testimony of NCLC attorney Charles Harak before the CA Public Utilities Commission re: energy efficiency programs for multifamily housing, Dec. 9, 2011
- NCLC And TLSC Comments to the Department of Energy on Proposed Rule Changes to the Weatherization Program, June 2009

Letters

- Sign-on letter urging Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to support greater energy efficiency investments in multifamily affordable housing, April 17, 2012

Additional Resources

- Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Progress Report and Energy Action Plan –
Report to Congress, December 2012.
• U.S. Sets First Regional Energy-Saving Standards for ACs and Furnaces, June 2011
• Bright Idea: New Energy-Efficient Lighting Standards
• NCLC has conducted a review of State Landlord-Tenant Weatherization Agreements for specific provisions that help protect low-income tenants from these unintended consequences of weatherization.
• NCLC’s Energy and Utility Publications and Resources