

Resources for Seniors

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP is designed to provide food assistance to eligible households to cover a portion of their food expense. SNAP benefits are authorized through an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. The EBT card may be used in a grocery store or other outlet where EBT cards are accepted. SNAP benefits may help qualified older Americans on fixed incomes stretch their food purchasing power.

For more information, visit: <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dco/Pages/SupportServices.aspx>

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) – Regular & Crisis Intervention

This is a one-time assistance toward heating cost annually for the month of January. HEAP Crisis Intervention is one-time assistance for heating costs in an emergency situation.

For more information, visit: <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dco/Pages/SupportServices.aspx>

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

The Weatherization Assistance Program provides funds to conserve energy in the homes of low-income people with an emphasis to assist the elderly population, handicapped, and families with children. An automated energy audit by the National Energy Audit (NEAT) is used to determine the most cost effective measures on single framed homes. The Mobile Home energy Audit (MHEA) is used to determine the most effective measures to be installed on mobile homes.

For more information, visit: <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dco/Pages/SupportServices.aspx>

Commodity Distribution Program

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is designed to improve the health of low-income persons by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA commodity foods. It is administered through the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Commodities donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are distributed to schools and other eligible recipient agencies in Arkansas that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and Summer Food Service Program. The TEFAP program is further administered through local community Assistance Program (CAP) agencies and food Banks using mass distribution, food pantries, and soup kitchens to reach citizens throughout the state. Apply at the local Community Action Agency in your county or check with your local food pantry.

For more information, visit: <https://dhs.arkansas.gov/dco/tefap/default.aspx>

Electricity Sales Tax Exemption

Low-income electric utility customers may be eligible for a state sales tax exemption on the first 500 kilowatt-hours of use each month. This savings reduces monthly electric bills.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/exciseTax/salesanduse/Documents/e416.pdf> or

http://www.entergy-arkansas.com/your_home/help.aspx