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## PROGRAM AREAS:

COMMUNITY SERVICES | WEATHERIZATION  
FOSTER GRANDPARENT | ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Aiken/Barnwell Counties Community Action Agency, Inc. (ABCCAA) is a non-profit, people-centered, community-based agency that has served people within our service areas since 1966. ABCCAA helps improve the lives of people in need, as well as address a variety of community concerns.

Services are provided without regard to sex, age, race, color, nationality, religion, physical or mental ability, or marital status. We pledge to our communities to continue to strive to develop and implement programs that meet the needs of our service areas, and to serve families in a non-threatening, compassionate and efficient manner.



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## MISSION

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*To mobilize resources and to provide opportunities, services, and advocacy that will empower people to realize and sustain self-sufficiency and self-dignity.*



## Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP)

## Weatherization

### Community Services Block Grant Programs (CSBG)

Aiken/Barnwell Counties CAA (ABCCAA) provides programmatic activities for eligible Aiken, Barnwell and Lexington county residents through funding under the Community Services Block Grant, through three projects. Funding for all programs varies annually.

**Case Management/Employment Support Project** is designed to help stabilize eligible county households and assist them in moving towards self-sufficiency through immediate financial assistance, referrals, supportive services and financial literacy counseling. The project goal is to stabilize household conditions and reduce barriers to employment and education for the family, thereby assisting them in achieving a greater level of independence for themselves and family members.

**General Emergency Assistance Program (GEAP)** is for families who are faced with a crisis or emergency that has occurred within thirty (30) days of the date of application for assistance. Eligible households may receive one-time, immediate financial assistance for emergency household situations.

**Youth Leadership Project (YLP)** provides services for youth who are wards of the State and are residing in an Aiken County shelter. The youth are provided with activities that will foster character growth, educational and social development, and contribute to the youth making positive life choices.

Under the LIHEAP programs; Aiken, Barnwell or Lexington county residents who meet income and program eligibility guidelines may receive assistance towards their heating or cooling energy bill. Funding for all programs varies annually.

**Emergency Heating Assistance** provides families who have a documented “emergency” energy need with assistance to prevent termination of electricity, purchase needed heating fuel, or a room heating device when none is available in the home.

**Emergency Cooling Assistance** helps families facing a documented “emergency” energy need (e.g. severe heat) to prevent termination of electricity or purchase a room air conditioner when air conditioning is not available in the home.

**Direct Energy Assistance** allows eligible county households to receive a one-time energy award, which is redeemed with their fuel vendor to help with the cost of home heating or cooling expenses. The minimum assistance amount is established Statewide with additional supplements based on age, disability, energy burden, and income.

Eligibility for all CSBG and LIHEAP programs is based on income, county residency, and documented need, and is generally provided one-time annually.

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**Weatherization** services are designed to address the energy conservation needs of the most vulnerable households in our communities; low-income, elderly and/or disabled persons. Many of these households spend in excess of 50% of their limited income to meet the costs of heating and/or cooling their homes. The primary goal of the Weatherization Program is the conservation of energy through such measures as weather stripping, insulation, and other low-cost measures. Counties served include Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Greenville, Lexington, Orangeburg and Richland.

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The **Foster Grandparent Program** has been sponsored by this agency since 1986. The FGP serves Aiken, Barnwell, Edgefield and Allendale counties. Foster Grandparents must be at least 55 years of age, within established income guidelines, physically and mentally able to perform assigned duties, and able to serve twenty (20) hours per week. They are assigned to children who exhibit special needs and are in school, head start centers and other community programs.

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