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## Home Energy Solutions-Income Eligible

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#### Highlights

- Energize CT's Background
- Statewide Programmatic Alignment
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### **Energize Connecticut Background**

- Energize Connecticut is a statewide initiative which helps consumers reduce their energy bills, save money, and reduce their carbon footprint.
- A partnership of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") and local electric and gas utilities.



#### Energize CT Program Delivery

- Statewide residential, commercial, community and energy education programs and incentives
- Programs are developed and delivered by the electric/gas utilities
- Funded by charge on electric and gas bills
- Regulated by DEEP





# **Statewide Program Alignment**

#### Home Energy Solutions-Income Eligible

- Direct install weatherization program, free for income eligible customers
- Available for single family, 2-4 units and multi family properties
- Services include
  - Safety testing on heating, cooling, and water heater systems
  - Blower door guided air sealing
  - HVAC flow tests and duct sealing
  - LED lighting upgrades
  - Water saving measures aerators, showerheads and pipe wrap
  - Premise may receive service once every 18 months
  - \*\* Services valued at \$1,000

#### INCOME GUIDELINES 2016-2017 Fuel Season Yearly Income Limits (All Household Members)

Family Size	Maximum Annual Income		
1	\$33,880.70		
2	\$44,305.40		
3	\$54,730.37		
4	\$65,155.00		
5	\$75,580.03		
6	\$86,004.60		
7	\$87,959.52		
8	\$89,914.18		



#### Go Deeper with Additional Improvements

- Rebates/Incentives
  - Insulation
  - Central AC
  - Air source heat pumps
  - Ductless heat pumps
  - Wi-Fi Thermostats
  - Windows
  - Appliances

- Furnaces
- Natural gas boilers
- ECM boiler circulator pumps
- Natural gas tankless water heaters
- Heat pump water heaters



### 2016 Program Performance

Company	Budget (\$)	Savings Achieved	Customers Served
Eversource	\$6,242,644	6,156,299 kWh	4,970
Eversource Gas	\$1,578,701	94,578 ccf	649
UI	\$3,950,460	4,450,323 kWh	2,475
SCG	\$2,510,927	205,046 ccf	1,310
CNG	\$4,240,580	594,367 ccf	4,135



# Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program

- Whole House Approach to energy assessment
- Helps customers identify how their home's systems can work together
- Promotes comprehensive energy assessments
- Helps ensure no savings are left on the table
- Joined HPwES in 2016
- Reported over 3,000 projects



#### Statewide Vendor Management

- Statewide vendor base selected through joint utility procurement process
  - 4 Community Action Agencies (CAAs)
  - 15 Private vendors
- Statewide vendor meetings
  - Yearly roll-out meetings
  - Quarterly principal meetings
- Monthly program staff meetings



### Delivering High Quality Services

- Safety first
- Focus on customer service
- Kitchen table wrap-up effort (customer education)
- Drive customers towards achieving deeper savings by proposing additional energy saving measures
- Quality Assurance standardized project inspections conducted by 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspector
- Minimum 5% inspection rate



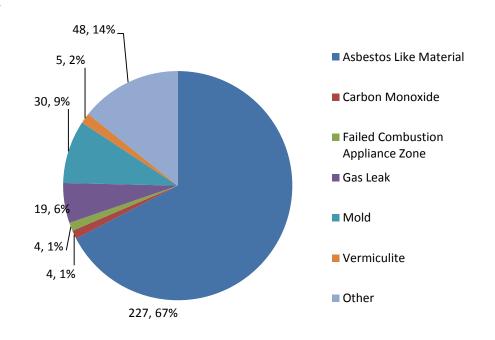


# Health & Safety Approach

# Health and Safety Program Challenges and Opportunities

#### **HES-IE 2016**

- H&S is a barrier to Wx
- Unsafe conditions
- Costly repairs
- Less costly issues may be addressed via HES-IE





#### Barriers Currently Addressed in Program

- Certain barriers are addressed in program based on cost effectiveness
  - Clean, Tune and Test
  - Heating system Repairs
  - Water Heater Tune Up





#### Heath and Safety Funding Sources

- Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Grant
  - No heat
  - Heating repairs
  - 10% ancillary cost for H&S
  - Owner occupied
- Clean Energy and Healthy Homes Initiative
  - ALM, Mold, and Pests
  - Soft cap of \$10,000
  - SF/MF 2-4 units
  - Owner occupied







## Partnership Value

# HES-IE/Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Coordination

- WAP is administered by DEEP, delivered by CAAs
- HES IE and WAP weatherization services are similar, except
  - Separate funding sources

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- WAP may address more health and safety barriers
- CAAs offer both WAP and HES IE services, along with other social services
  - Determine most suitable program based on customer need
- Certain weatherization services may be cost shared with the HES IE program



#### Other Partners

- Local towns and municipalities
- Health departments
- Social service agencies
- Building code enforcement
- Hospitals, etc.







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