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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Community Action Agencies Accepting
Energy Assistance Applications**

(Middletown) – Beginning today, the Connecticut Community Action Agency (CAA) Network is accepting energy assistance applications for the 2020-2021 heating season.

Connecticut residents who need assistance paying their utility bills and primary heating costs can apply for energy assistance at their local CAA. Community Action Agencies are the only nonprofit agencies administering the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which provides home heating assistance to the state's most vulnerable residents. In Connecticut this program is called the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and is housed under the Department of Social Services (DSS). DSS receives federal funding from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and allocates the funds to the state's Community Action Agencies, which administer the program locally in all 169 cities and towns.

Due to COVID-19, applications for energy assistance are being completed by phone. However, CAAs may begin taking in-person applications during the season. Each agency has application intake sites throughout their service regions, and some sites may include local town halls. Customers should contact their local CAA directly for application instructions and required documentation. Homeowners and/or renters may apply, and program eligibility is determined by total household gross income. Energy assistance funds can be used to pay for whatever primary source of heating residents have in their homes. This includes oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, wood, and wood pellets.

For more information on Connecticut's Energy Assistance Program and how to find your local CAA to apply, visit www.cafca.org or call the Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA) at (860) 832-9438. Each CAA's energy department below contact number is below.

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**Connecticut Community Action Agency Energy Assistance
Contact Information**

Agency	Area Covered	Energy Assistance #
Alliance for Community Empowerment (formerly ABCD)	Greater Bridgeport & Norwalk	(203) 384-6904
Access	Willimantic	(860) 450-7423
	Danielson	(860) 412-1568
CAANH	Greater New Haven	(203) 285-8018
CAAWC	Greater Danbury & Stamford	(203) 357-0720
CRT	Greater Hartford & Middlesex Counties	(860) 560-5800
HRA	Greater New Britain/Bristol	(860) 356-2000
NOI	Greater Waterbury	(203) 756-8151
	Greater Meriden	(203) 235-0278
TEAM	Lower Naugatuck Valley	(203) 736-5420
TVCCA	Southeastern CT	(860) 425-6681