

# Weatherization Policy Advisory Council

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# HHS Council Weatherization Assistance Program

- The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is a low-income energy efficiency program administered by the U.S. Department of Energy.
- The purpose is to make the homes of low-income households more energy efficient, thereby reducing the households' energy bills.
- Energy efficiency measures may include:
  - sealing air leaks
  - insulating walls and attics
  - repairing or replacing heating units and water heaters

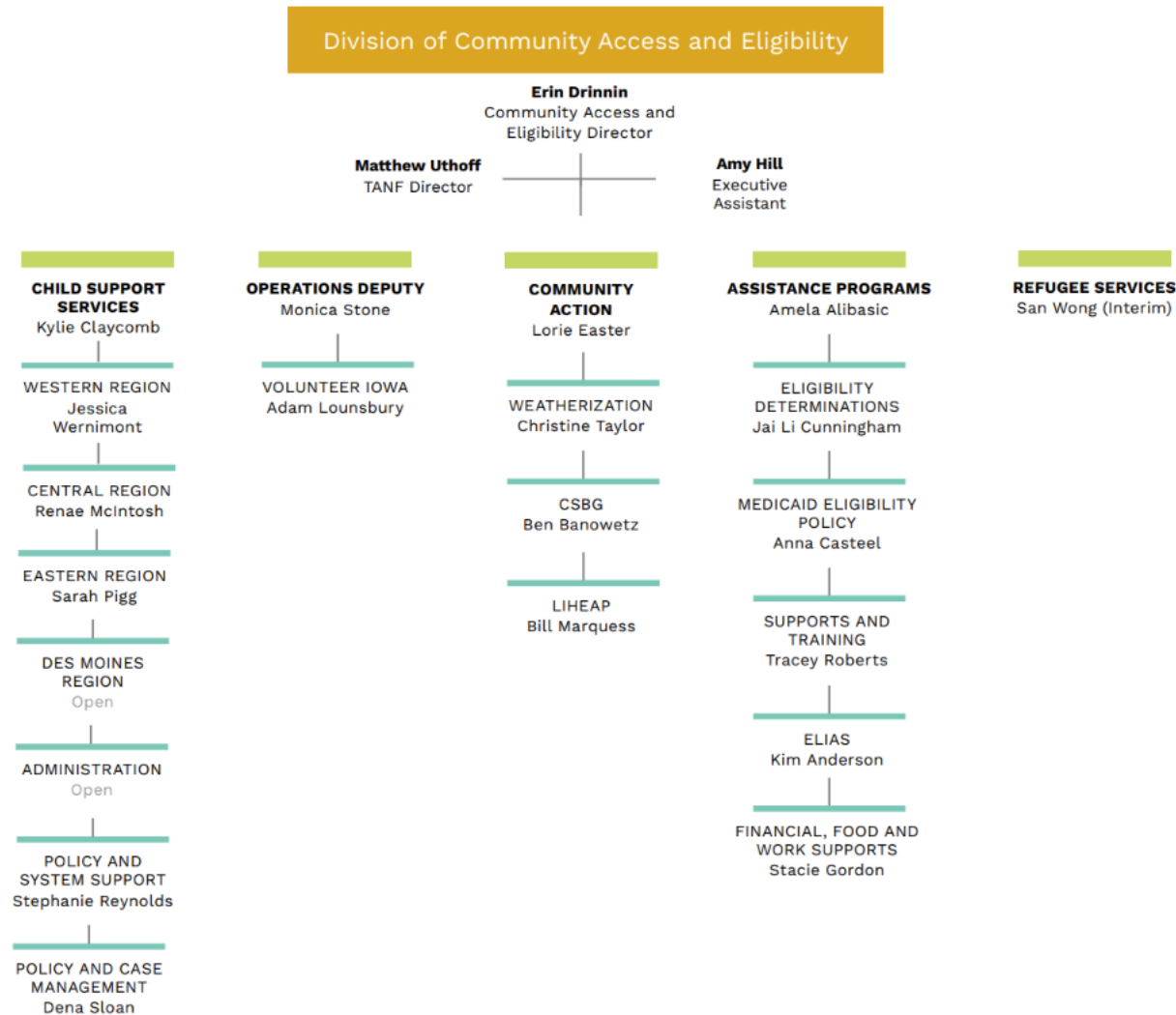


# Weatherization Assistance Program

- The program also improves the health and safety of the homes by:
  - testing for gas leaks
  - installing exhaust fans to improve indoor air quality
  - installing smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms
  - addressing mold and moisture issues
  - testing for lead-based paint
- DOE administers the program to all 50 states, tribes and territories
- Iowa's program begins July 1<sup>st</sup>



# Table of Organization





# Funding

Annual Budget (estimated)	
\$6.7 million	U.S. Dept of Energy (DOE)
\$44.9 million	U.S. Dept of Energy Bilateral Infrastructure Law (BIL) over 7-year period, ending 2029
\$8.6 million	LIHEAP (funds transferred to WAP)
\$2 million	Alliant Energy
\$320,000	Black Hills Energy
\$2 million	MidAmerican Energy
<b>\$64.5 million</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

*NOTE: The State Plan only addresses DOE funds*

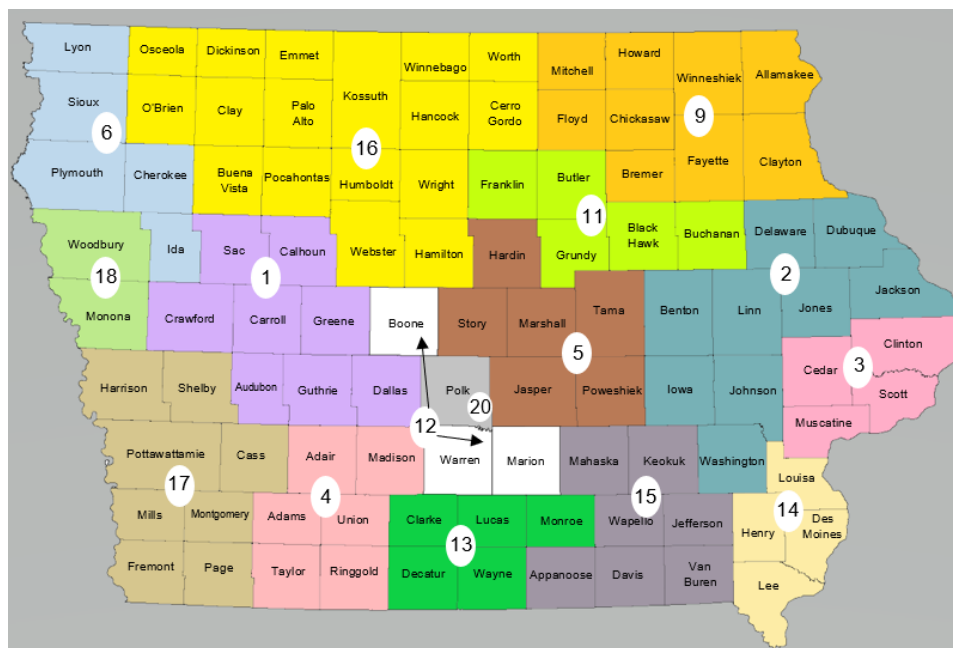


# Iowa Weatherization

- Agencies providing weatherization services are 15 community action agencies and one local government (Polk County)
- Energy Auditor visits the home, collects data, enters data into a modeling software, cost-effective measures are determined, work is completed and inspected by a Quality Control Inspector
- Agencies submit monthly reports to WAP office



# Service Territories



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Statewide program  
serving families and  
individuals in all 99  
counties

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15 local agencies

1 local government



# State Plan

- Each year a state plan that explains how the funds will be administered is submitted to DOE for approval
- Prior to submission, the draft plan is posted for public review and comment
- A public hearing is held to receive verbal comments, written comments may be sent in as well
- Comments are reviewed by the WAP office and the plan is revised as appropriate
- Comments and changes are reviewed and approved by the PAC
- The final plan is submitted by the WAP office to DOE for approval



# Policy Advisory Council (PAC) Duties

1. SF 2385 (90<sup>th</sup> Gen. Assembly) eliminated the Commission on Community Action Agencies (formerly part of Human Rights)
2. Federal law 10 CFR § 440.17 requires states to have a PAC to approve the annual State Plan prior to submitting to US Dept. of Energy
3. Ad-hoc PAC has already been established
  - Low-income member of community (Stephanie Stebens/Davenport, Iowa)
  - Division Director of Aging and Disability Services or their designee (Kyra Hawley/designee)
  - Executive Director of Iowa Community Action Association (Katherine Harrington)
  - Ex-Officio\* (Wendy Mueller, Director of West Central Community Action)
  - Ex-Officio\* (Sheri Wilson, Director of Community Action of Southeast Iowa)



# PAC Duties Cont.

## 1. New duties include:

- Advise the department with respect to the development and implementation of a weatherization assistance program.
- Recommend policies and measures with sensitivity towards solving the problems of low-income persons, including the weatherization and energy conservation problems of these persons.
- Serve as an effective and visible advocate by recommending policies which affect low-income persons, particularly elderly and handicapped low-income persons and low-income Native Americans.