

NY Alliance Housing Navigator Training

Housing Navigation

Part 2. Financial Capital – Economic benefits



NEW YORK
**ALLIANCE FOR
INCLUSION & INNOVATION**

Public Benefits Part 2

- **Acronym Soup**

- SNAP
- HEAP
- UI
- WAP
- RTAP



What is SNAP?

- **Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program**
- **1939 Food Stamps –**
 - reduce agricultural surpluses and feed the cities at a time of 17.2% unemployment
- **1964 Food Stamp Act**
- **Issued by the USDA**
 - Annual renewal as part of the Farm Bill
 - Based on *Thrifty Food Plan*
 - \$975 month Family of 4. 🌀

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/thriftyfoodplan>



Official USDA Thrifty Food Plan: U.S. Average, September 2023¹

Age-sex group	Weekly cost ²	Monthly cost ²
Individuals³		
Child:		
1 year	\$25.10	\$108.80
2-3 years	\$37.80	\$163.80
4-5 years	\$41.20	\$178.70
6-8 years	\$46.00	\$199.10
9-11 years	\$53.10	\$230.30
Male:		
12-13 years	\$56.90	\$246.40
14-19 years	\$71.70	\$310.90
20-50 years	\$69.90	\$302.80
51-70 years	\$61.60	\$266.80
71+ years	\$58.70	\$254.30
Female:		
12-13 years	\$49.20	\$213.00
14-19 years	\$57.00	\$247.10
20-50 years	\$55.80	\$241.90
51-70 years	\$51.80	\$224.20
71+ years	\$57.00	\$246.80
Reference Family:⁴		
Male and Female, 20-50 years and Two Children, 6-8 and 9-11 years	\$224.80	\$974.10

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cnpp/usda-food-plans-cost-food-monthly-reports>

SNAP Eligibility

- **Permanent Disability with gross income at 130% poverty rate, net income 100%FPL**
- **SSI recipients meet that definition**
 - Even with Congregate Care Supplement
- **Must be renewed Annually**
 - CCO
- **Income limits are at**
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligibility/elderly-disabled-special-rules>

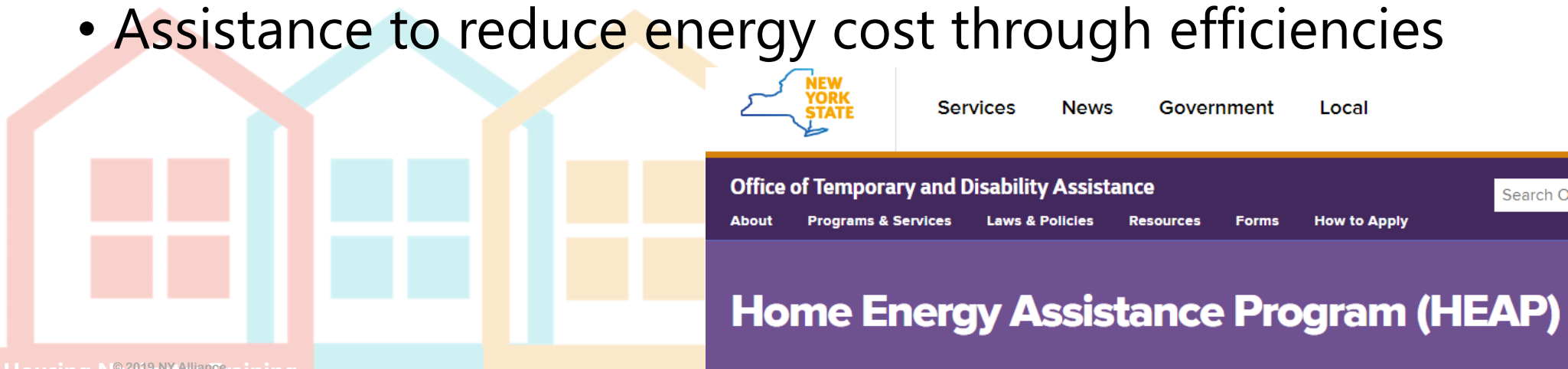
Applying

- NY State has made it straightforward
- Go To:
- <https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin?>



What are HEAP and WAP?

- **Home Energy Assistance Program=**
 - Help for people with low incomes to pay for heating
- **Annual federal Reauthorization**
- <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>
- **Weatherization Assistance program, WAP=**
 - Assistance to reduce energy cost through efficiencies



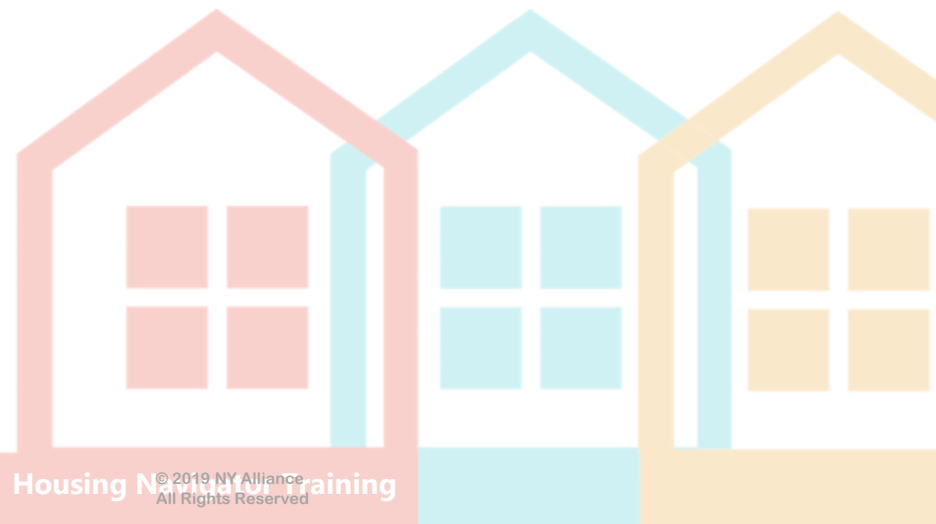
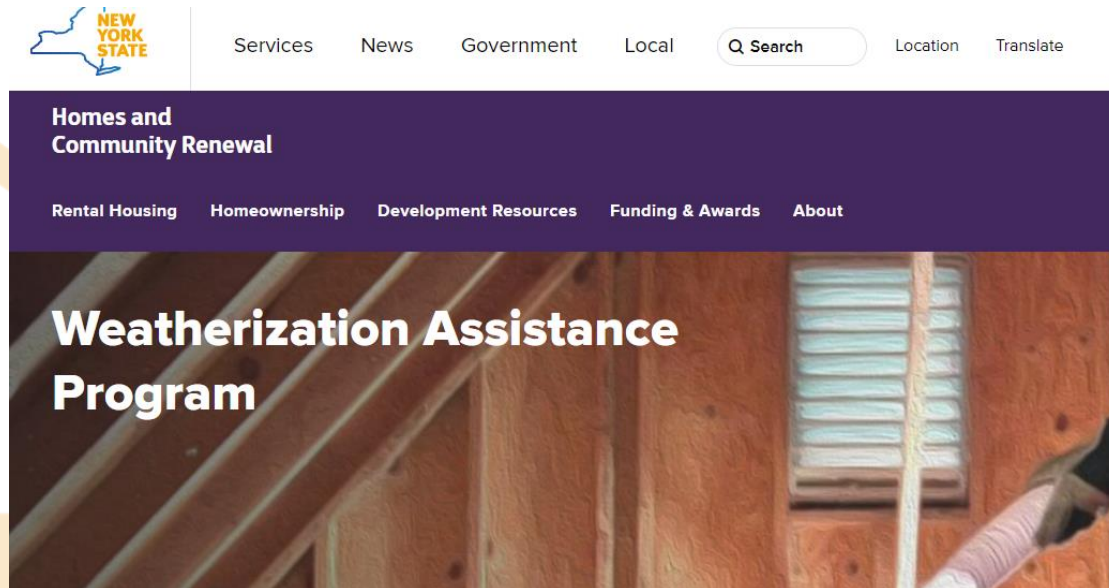
Eligibility

- **HEAP determined by the Office of Temporary Disability and Assistance**
- **If you receive SSI or SNAP you are eligible for HEAP**
- <https://www.ny.gov/services/apply-heating-and-cooling-assistance-heap> ❄️



WAP

- **WAP comes through Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)**
- **<https://hcr.ny.gov/weatherization-assistance-program-0>**



There's a theme here!

- **Social Security, entitlements & eligibilities**
- **OTDA**
- **HCR**
- **USDA**

