



Community Action Partnership
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Cold Weather Danger to Vulnerable Populations

(San Bernardino, CA) – Predictions of a severe cold front due in Central, Northern and Southern, California this week have prompted community partners to work together and provide information and assistance to the poor and other vulnerable populations.

Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) joined state and local emergency and health officials in urging low-income, vulnerable Californians to prepare for the extreme weather. “Preparation is key, but even the most prepared household may not have the resources to provide a safe and healthy environment in extreme temperatures. Safety and health are the priorities,” said Patricia L. Nickols, CAPSBC Executive Director.

In anticipation of the unusually cold temperatures, CAPSBC is providing relief assistance to those individuals who need help during this critical time. CAPSBC will provide sleeping bags and blankets to cold weather shelters to accommodate the overflow of clients. To ensure clients are not turned away, CAPSBC has made arrangements with local motels to provide temporary shelter to families and individuals without shelter. The motel vouchers will be issued by participating cold weather agencies which include include:

- Central City Lutheran Mission (909) 381-0430
1354 North G Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405
- Desert Manna Ministries (760) 256-7797
209 North First Avenue, Barstow, CA 92311
- Family Services Association of Redlands (909) 793-2673
612 Lawton Street, Redlands, CA 92374
- Frazee Community Center (909) 889-4424
7178 Palm Avenue, Highland, CA 92346

- High Desert Homeless (760) 245-5991
14049 Amargosa Road, Victorville, CA 92392
- Morongo Basin Mental Health (760) 366-9100
55475 Santa Fe Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 92284
- Salvation Army (909)888-1336/ cell number (909) 376-8085
746 W. Fifth Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410

Through these agencies, CAPSBC is also providing a limited number of portable heaters for those households with inoperable heating system; priority will be given to the elderly and the disabled. In addition, agencies throughout San Bernardino County are being provided with informational materials on health and safety tips that can be taken to help protect against severe cold and freezing temperatures, for dissemination to their clients.

CAPSBC is concerned that people who may not have asked for assistance in the past may be particularly vulnerable, given the possibility of extremely low temperatures. Families and friends are encouraged to check on those who are isolated, ill, or elderly and assist them in accessing help.

CAPSBC partners with the California State Department of Community Services to administer the Low-Income Home Energy Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Services Block Grants (CSBG) in San Bernardino County.

Formerly known as the San Bernardino Community Services Department, CAPSBC is a private non-profit benefit public corporation (501C3), and one of the 1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide dedicated to assisting low-income individuals and families become stable and self-reliant. CAPSBC is charged with serving over 800,000 low-income families and individuals, elderly, homeless and disadvantaged residents of San Bernardino County each year. CAPSBC delivers services to 78 San Bernardino County cities and communities.

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