

## Topics in this issue

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**Notices:** None

## Policies & Procedures

### FFY2016 EAP funding: Weekly update until additional funds are released



HHS has not released funds remaining for FFY2016. The funding would be the remaining 10 percent of Minnesota's EAP funds for FFY2016. Commerce EAP is anticipating additional funds in the neighborhood of \$12.6M. Additional Administrative and Assurance 16 funds will be distributed from the coming award.

## Commerce EAP outreach

Commerce is working with state-level organizations to get the word out that EAP has sufficient program funds to serve households through May 31, the end of the program year. We hope our efforts complement those of Service Providers, whom we know are also actively doing outreach. We want Service Providers to be informed of these efforts if households or partners make reference to them. Following are planned outreach activities initiated at the state level:

**Early Childhood Family Education:** In mid-March, the State ECFE office will distribute EAP flyers via email to 500 ECFE coordinators throughout the state, for distribution at local ECFE classes.

**Energy vendor associations:** Communication with association leaders, notifying them that EAP funds will be available through the end of the program year and to ask their membership to encourage households to apply through customer service calls, flyers distributed as a bill insert, postcard or call campaigns, or other outreach efforts. This request was made to the following associations: Minnesota's Municipal Utilities, Petroleum Marketers, Propane Gas and Rural Electric.



**Housing & homelessness prevention organizations:** an email with EAP information was sent to 80 grantee organizations of DHS housing and homelessness prevention programs.

**Hunger solutions:** EAP information will be placed in an email newsletter going to 250 food shelf staff members throughout the state. In addition, they will share it with their helpline staff members who do referrals.

**Large connected utilities:** We are asking our large energy vendor partners to reach out to households, given the approaching CWR period ending and the ongoing availability of EAP funds.

**Native American organizations:** We provided EAP information to the American Indian Family Center, the Division of Indian Works, and the Minnesota Indian Women's' Resource Center for distribution to their constituents.

**SNAP outreach grantees:** An email with EAP information was sent to DHS SNAP outreach grantees including Catholic Charities of St. Paul/Mpls, Catholic Charities (St Cloud), Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio, Lao Assistance Center of MN, Lutheran Social Service of MN - Senior Nutrition Program, Metro Meals on Wheels, Neighborhood House, Second Harvest Heartland, Second Harvest North Central Food Bank.

**WIC Program:** In mid-March the Women, Infants & Children Program will distribute an EAP flyer in English and Spanish via *Wednesday WIC Update* to WIC staff members in 87 counties.