

Thank You to the Hudson Valley Regional Meeting Leaders

The LIFE Steering Committee would like to recognize our Regional Meeting leaders for their time and expertise in the development of the agenda for this meeting. Their commitment to the LIFE mission and the support from the organizations that they represent on the LIFE Steering Committee is greatly appreciated. Thank you to:

- Pat Fayo Orange County United Way
- Kyro Ojulo Central Hudson Gas & Electric

Since the NYS Public Service Commission initiated LIFE in 1998, the LIFE Steering Committee has been an integral part of the growth and development of the program. The Steering Committee is comprised of the following organizations:

The Association for Energy Affordability, Inc.
Cattaraugus County Community Action, Inc.
Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation
Community Power Network of NYS, Inc.
Consolidated Edison of NY, Inc.
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National Grid
New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA)
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New York State Housing and Community Renewal (HCR)
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)
New York State Office for the Aging (NYS OFA)
New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)
New York State Weatherization Director's Association (NYSWDA)
New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG)
Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R)
Orange County United Way
The Public Utility Law Project (PULP)
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Mark your calendar for the 2012 LIFE Statewide Conference!

When: May 2012

Where: Albany Marriott Wolf Road, Albany NY

Details including dates and agenda will be forthcoming.

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Welcome

On behalf of the LIFE Steering Committee, welcome to today's LIFE Regional Meeting, one of six taking place around the State. This year's theme, This is your LIFE, reflects our goal of providing community leaders and service providers with useful, timely information to assist the growing number of low income consumers struggling to make ends meet in these economically challenging times. Today's program will supply valuable resources on energy efficiency assistance programs, energy affordability, and highlight some regional best practices. We have also set aside time for networking and to learn from each other. By the end of the day, we hope you'll leave feeling more knowledgeable, connected and energized.

Len Silverstein
LIFE Chairman

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Registration, Networking

9:30 – 9:45 AM

Welcome & Introductions

Welcome: Len Silverstein, NYS Dept. of Public Service & LIFE Chairman

Opening Remarks: Michael Corso, Managing Director, New York State Dept. of Public Service

9:45 – 10:15 AM

Session 1: Energy Affordability in the Hudson Valley

This presentation will explore the various demographic and economic factors that impact energy affordability within the Hudson Valley.

Speaker: Christopher Coll, NYSERDA

10:15 – 10:30 AM

Organized Networking

10:30 – 11:00 AM

Session 2: What is an Energy Audit?

An energy audit is the first step in determining the energy savings potential of a house. This presentation will provide you with a hands-on look at the procedures and diagnostic tools used in an energy audit.

Speaker: Al McMahon, NYS Weatherization Directors' Association (NYSWDA)

11:00 – 12:00 PM

Session 3: Programs & Updates

Green Jobs – Green New York

The Green Jobs - Green New York (GJGNY) Program provides New Yorkers with access to free or reduced-cost energy audits, installation services, low-cost financing, and pathways to training for various green-collar careers. GJGNY financing options include the use of alternatives to credit scores to expand credit opportunities for households that do not qualify for traditional lending products, enabling more households to make energy efficiency upgrades.

Speaker: Erik Gilbert, NYSERDA

An Update on the Weatherization Assistance Program

The 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment act allocated record level of funding to the Weatherization Assistance Program. This presentation will provide you with an update on the progress that has been made in the program.

Speaker: Tom Platten, NYS Housing and Community Renewal (NYS HCR)

Energy Savers Program

The Energy Savers Program is an incentive based program designed to help low to middle income households manage their energy costs and save for energy efficiency upgrades. Learn more about this innovative program and how you or your clients may benefit from it.

Speaker: Pat Fayo, Orange County United Way

12:00 – 12:45 PM

Lunch/Networking

12:45 – 1:30 PM

Session 4: Energy Services for Renters

This presentation will offer attendees the opportunity to discuss strategies for providing energy services to renters in need.

Speakers: David Friello, NYSERDA
Kathleen Mannix, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

1:30 – 2:00 PM

Session 5: Heating with Deliverable Fuels

This session will provide you with information on how you and your clients can reduce the impact of seasonal price volatility associated with deliverable fuels.

Speaker: Nella Mahoney, Hudson Valley Oil Council

12:00 – 12:45 PM

Session 6: Utility Billing & Payment Assistance Programs

This panel of utility representatives will review the various options that consumers have to help pay their utility bill.

Moderator: Kyro Ojulo, Central Hudson

Speakers: Anita Carfora, Central Hudson
Brenda Patton, NYSEG
Holly Thompson, Orange & Rockland Utilities

2:50 – 3:00 PM

Break

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Session 7: Going Green without Spending Green

You don't have to purchase new appliances or pay for energy efficiency upgrades in your home to reduce your energy costs. This presentation will provide you with information on low cost or no cost energy savings actions that you and your clients can implement to save energy and money.

Speaker: Stephanie Hubert, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County

3:30 - 4:00 PM

Session 8: This is Your LIFE

While LIFE serves as a forum for discussing energy issues, your colleagues within your community can often provide the most valuable advice. Whether you are an experienced caseworker or a new advocate, take this opportunity to brainstorm and learn from each other.

4:00 PM

**Wrap Up & Closing Remarks
Evaluation and Raffle**

The evaluation form is the most critical tool in developing the type of event that is most beneficial to you. Please take a few minutes to complete the evaluation form at the end of the day. When you turn in your evaluation, you will be given a ticket for the raffle drawing, which will occur at the end of the day.