

CONTACT PERSON: Shirley Mason

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The Department of Human Services, Division of County Operations, intends to adopt a State Plan for distribution of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Block Grant funds and administration of the Home Energy Assistance Program, for Federal Fiscal Year 2017, covering the period from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Arkansas administers the LIHEAP Block Grant under Public Law 97-35, as amended. Funding is expected to be approximately \$27,000,000.00.

The draft State Plan for LIHEAP is available for review at the Home Energy Assistance Program office on the 3rd floor of Donaghey Plaza South, Seventh and Main Streets, in Little Rock, during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or copies may be obtained by contacting the Office of Community Services at (501) 682-8715. You may also access it on the DHS website <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/Pages/LegalNotices.aspx>. All comments must be submitted in writing to the address indicated above no later than July 30, 2016

Those who wish to comment on the proposed plan may attend the public hearing closest to you or you may comment in writing to the state agency listed below. All comments must be submitted no later than 30 days from the date of this newspaper notice to:

**Division of County Operations
ATTN: Office of Community Services/HEAP Unit
Post Office Box 1437, S330
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203**

Mary Franklin
Mary Franklin
Interim Director, Division of County Operations

Date: 5/19/16

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016 - SPRINGDALE, AR @ 11:30 A.M.
Economic Opportunity Agency of Washington Co., Inc.
614 East Emma Avenue, Suite M401
Springdale, Arkansas 72764
Telephone: (479) 872-7479

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016 - BATESVILLE, AR @ 11:30 A.M.
Northcentral Arkansas Development Council, Inc.
Post Office Box 3349
550 9th Street
Batesville, Arkansas 72503
Telephone: (870) 793-5765

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016 - PRESCOTT, AR @ 11:30 A.M.
Hamilton Blakely Senior Center
419 East Main
Prescott AR 71857
Telephone: (870) 887-5151

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016 - WARREN, AR @ 11:30 A.M.
Southeast Arkansas Community Action Corporation
Post Office Box 312
1208 North Myrtle Street
Warren, Arkansas 71671
Telephone: (870) 226-2668