

2012  
SULLIVAN COUNTY  
BUDGET NARRATIVE

CACHE, INC.

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1) PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Community Action Commission to Help the Economy, Inc. (CACHE) is a private, nonprofit corporation. CACHE's mission is to address emergency needs of households/individuals and promote self-sufficiency among these households/individuals by utilizing a strength-based concept which focuses on empowerment through accessing resources within the family structure and the community. In addition, to establish and operate residential and non-residential programs for victims of domestic violence in Sullivan County. CACHE operates the following programs: A) **Weatherization , \*\*ARRA Weatherization, and Empower**; B) **Family Development**: Parent Aide Program (Sullivan County Division of Health & Family Services), Parent Education & Support Group, Outreach & Referral, and Center for Workforce Development resource room; C) **Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance (HPNAP)** ; D) **Safe Passage**: Residential (safe dwelling) /Non Residential (24 hour hotline & counseling), Legal Advocacy, Residential Youth Program, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Legal Advocacy; E) **Thrift Shop**; F) **Coach USA** bus ticket sales; and G) **Emergency Food & Shelter Program**. \*\* The Weatherization ARRA contract will end 3/31/12 and production ends 12/1/11. The regular Weatherization program will continue.

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FUNCTIONS PERFORMED

A) The **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)** exist to assist households to save energy dollars, increase the comfort in their homes, reduce dependence on foreign oil, preserve the current housing stock, and to revitalize neighborhoods. Priority WAP applicants are senior citizens, households with children 18 years of age and under, and disabled person(s). The WAP contract provides funds to include but not be limited to air sealing buildings; clean and repair heating systems; replace broken windows/external doors; insulate outer walls, attics, and floors; install bathroom fans; and as necessary install energy efficient refrigerators. The following health and safety test are conducted: check for the presence of carbon monoxide; ensure the heating plant is properly vented to the outside; check chimneys; check for gas leaks, and check water heaters. The program receives referrals from human service agencies throughout the county. The grant is \$ 375,000.

**New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) / Empower:** Provides energy reduction audits. Program provides refrigerators, light bulbs, electric hot water heaters, shower heads, and other assorted energy efficiency assistance. **Fee for Service:** Perform assorted energy saving and other structural renovations. Fees are utilized to continue to meet WAP operating costs.

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B) **Family Development Program:**

Parent Aide Program: All cases are managed by the Sullivan County Division of Family Services, Preventive Services. The program targets youth who are at risk of out of home placement. The objective is to prevent out of home placement by strengthening the ability of the family to function and remain in tact. Parent Education: Parents gain an understanding of how to identify their children's needs and the ability to provide for those needs on their own (i.e., parents understand and are able to provide appropriate supervision for children/youth. CACHE operates a parent education and support group. Local Initiative Programs: This program assist households to address emergency problems by connecting families to various programs (including CACHE programs) in the county. Family Development clients are encouraged to participate in the Family Development strength-based program which focuses on self-reliance. Clients are assisted to develop goals and to utilize resources within their family and community. This department also partners with NYSEG to provide assistance to disabled or elderly consumers who experience shut-off notices in a program called Project Share. Project Share provides up to \$ 300 in assistance. Center for Workforce Development Partnership: As a Community Services Block Grant recipient the agency is a mandated partner and participates in the operation of the One Stop system.

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**FUNCTIONS PERFORMED**

Parent Aide Program: An advocate is assigned to work with the parents and the children. Parents are assisted to learn parenting skills and children are encouraged to behave appropriately. Appropriate behavior includes attending school, reasonable curfews, appropriate communication between parents and children, and appropriate family activities.

Parent Education: Provide parent education sessions (i.e., Parents as Teachers, Effective Praise, and Preventive Teaching etc.) and provide expert speaker(s). Child care will be provided in an adjacent room during each session. A Parents Anonymous group has been organized and is led by a CACHE parent advocate.

Local Initiative Programs: This program services hundreds of participants yearly who experience assorted problems. Total participants is the total persons living in the households of all persons serviced. Clients/participants are directly assisted with information necessary to resolve assorted problems; and are referred to other human resource programs, including the Center for Workforce Development. Clients are advised of upcoming civil service exams and available free or reduced cost health test. Strength based plans are developed by the client with the assistance of a Family Development worker. This plan includes the assessment of available resources and clearly focuses on the role of each family member as well as the role of the Family Development worker.

Center for Workforce Development (CWD) Partnership: Agency staff operate the CWD resource room located at the CACHE office. Clients develop their resumes, look at job listings, and apply for jobs.

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**C) Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)**

The objective of this program is to reduce the risk of nutritional deficiency and to eliminate hunger among the economically disadvantaged, homeless, and destitute in Sullivan County.

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The **HPNAP Program** provides supplemental nutritional assistance for 700 families per month. At least 9 meals each month are distributed to each person in each family. CACHE transports food to 31 sites throughout the county. Monthly food packages are distributed which contain the following: frozen meat, frozen fruit, fresh & frozen vegetables, and staples such as spaghetti, cereal, soup, canned tuna, peanut butter, raisins, and fluid 1% milk. This program distributes information regarding human services available by placing leaflets in food packages. As always, CACHE continues to work closely with human services agencies through out the county to help consumers address nutritional and health needs. Assorted free health screens are available on-site to HPNAP participants.

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D) **Safe Passage:** Residential (Safe Dwelling & counseling), Non-Residential (24 hour hotline & counseling), legal advocacy, and residential youth program.

The primary objective of the Safe Passage Program is to ensure women and their children are safe from abuse. The secondary goal is to help women break the cycle of violence in their life.

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FUNCTIONS PERFORMED

**Safe dwelling:** A safe and comfortable place for battered women and their children. Supportive counseling and advocacy are provided. The location of the safe dwelling is confidential.

**Hotline:** 24 hour telephone service to provide crisis intervention, support, information, and referrals.

**Legal Advocacy:** Assistance & accompaniment to police, courts, hospitals, social services, employment, housing, and other agencies. One program is funded by NYS Division of Criminal Justice and the other (referred to as TANF) through the Sullivan County Division of Health & Family Services. The TANF program assist TANF eligible women and their children.

**Supportive Counseling:** Explore legal, housing, and economic options. Helping victims to identify their needs and pursue choices. Appropriate referrals are made.

**Residential Children's Program:** While the women and children are in the safe dwelling, focus on the children's safety and coping skills. The children are helped to understand that they are not to blame for the violence in their homes. Children are taught positive communication skills.

**Community Education/Outreach:** Speakers and programs on domestic violence and teen dating violence are available to any agency or organization.

**Support Groups:** Helping women break the cycle of violence in their lives. Victims often bring their children to support group meetings. Services are provided for the children.

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**E) Thrift Shop:**

Sell low cost (free in emergency situations) clothing, shoes, household items, and furniture.

**F) Coach USA Ticket Sales:**

Sell tickets and receive a percentage of sales. Provide free tickets to persons who need emergency transportation.

**G) Emergency Food & Shelter Program:** Provide emergency assistance to individuals/households. These Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) funds are received through United Way of Sullivan County.

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**Thrift Shop:** Accept donated used clothes, shoes, furniture etc. Match outfits and make available to persons going to work and/or who are referred by other agencies in the county.

**Coach USA Ticket Sales:**

Sell tickets from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. In emergency situations, CACHE absorbs the cost of tickets in order to provide emergency transportation to clients.

**Emergency Food & Shelter Program:** The following assistance is provided: lodging, food vouchers (no cooking facilities), cooking gas, heating gas, oil, or one month's rent or mortgage. This program is funded through Sullivan County United Way. The funding is provided by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).