

Thumbs up to COAD program

I've been on the PIPP program for years. Every year, during recertification, I fill out the application and mail it in. And every year, on the back page, there is one question with a yes/no reply: Do you want to participate in the weatherization program? All these years, I checked the "no" box. I simply didn't know what it would entail, and didn't think it would be worth the hassle.

I am writing to tell you how wrong I was! This fall, by a sort of fluke (I participated in a light bulb survey, and David Evans of COAD informed me I'd qualify), I was told to contact COAD and apply for the program. Every step of the project, the teams did an awesome job.

First came the Warm Choice team, who installed a brand new hot water tank and furnace in my basement — much more energy efficient than the aging furnace I had, and I'd been renting my water heater for years. Then a local team came and blew exterior wall insulation (the process is very clean, and they do a very careful job), sealed up chinks in the basement and house, and even made me a new basement hatch and attic door. They worked for several days here, and I am a PTSD patient. I freak out at silly things. They were so patient and respectful. They even patched drywall holes in my hallway. Before they began, they hooked up a fan device to the house at the front door and took a reading of how airtight it was. They do the same after they complete the work. They were very happy with how much my "numbers" changed here. Thank you to "Salse" and his crew. The last step was to meter my refrigerator, which showed it was not very energy efficient. I received a brand new, Energy Star fridge last week.

If you are on PIPP, please, apply. Contact COAD at (740) 594-8499 or call our local Community Action office at (740) 354-7541 and ask for application.

I realize recently there has been negative press about these programs, and wanted to let people know those incidents are not the norm, this program is awesome. To all the people who helped me out, to the companies and the agencies who administer this program, I want to say a very sincere thank you!

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