# FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY CORNER

### Quarterly Newsletter



## Concho Valley Community Action Agency

**Applications for 2025** 

Applications for services offered by the Concho Valley Community Action Agency (CVCAA) are open now!

Below are services you may apply for;

- Utility Assistance
- Weatherization
- Veterans Assistance
- Transition Out of Poverty Case Management
- Free Tax Assistance
- Hygiene Closet
- and Others



To apply, please fill out the application in-person at their office; 133 West Concho Ave, Suite 301, San Angelo, TX 76903, on their website; <u>https://www.cvcaa.org/what\_we\_do/forms.php</u>, or call them at (325) 653-2411 for more information.

> Upcoming Open Application Dates: January 13-16 February 4-6 & 18-20 March 4-6 & 18-20

### UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>This Quarter's HASA Closure Dates</u> December 23rd to January 1st - Closed to the public and or fully closed for Christmas and New Year's

January 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day February 17th - President's Day \*\*During bad weather, HASA will follow SAISD's schedule with delays and/or closures\*\*

> January 22nd (Tentative) FSS Bi-Monthly Meeting Subject: Depression Presented by: La Esperanza Location: Zoom Time: 1:30 PM

> > January 23rd

Budgeting Class & Home Ownership Class Location: Sugg Community Room, Stephens Central Library Times: 10 AM - 11:30 AM 6 PM - 8 PM <u>https://www.tgclibrary.com/Pages/Index/214756/</u> <u>all-events</u>

#### February 20th

Debt to Savings & Obtaining a Mortgage Loan Location: Sugg Community Room, Stephens Central Library Time: 10 AM - 8 PM (Tentative) <u>https://www.tgclibrary.com/Pages/Index/214756/</u> <u>all-events</u>



### **Freezing Temps Home Preparations**

Although the Texas temperatures have been pretty warm, it never hurts to be prepared for colder temps or even a freeze. Lets go over some renter friendly, cold weather preparations you can make in your home.

#### **Draft Guards**



Draft guards may be a foreign item to us West Texans. They're basically a long bean bag you put along the bottom of doors and/or windows to keep the warm air in and cold air out.

You can buy them online or make some yourself using some fabric, zip lock bags,

sand, dry beans, dry rice, and/or any other filling material that fits nicely in those gaps.

#### **Insulate Your Windows**

Windows are areas where homes lose a lot of heat. Your heater uses a lot

of energy, which is expensive these days, to heat your home. Unfortunately a lot of heat is lost out of windows. So, it's like throwing money out the window. A way to prevent this is to insulate those window. There are a couple renter friendly methods you can use. Installing curtains made of thicker material can be both decorative



and functional for all types of weather. You can even get special window insulation kits. These have special plastic wrap you can use a hair dryer to



install. You can even use bubble wrap and a spray bottle of water, in a pinch.

\*\*With all methods, please consult your lease and landlord, for permission to install.

Source: https://www.lemonade.com/renters/explained/tips-winterize-apartment/

### YOUR FSS COORDINATORS

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### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- All changes are to be reported within 10 days of the change, via Interim, Authorization forms, and verifications must be provided. Interim and Authorization forms are available at the front desk, you may contact your coordinator to have them mailed to you, or find them on our website; www.sanangelopha.com
- We send out monthly check ins to all FSS participants. Although completion of those check ins aren't mandatory, they can be taken into consideration if/when you request disbursement from your escrow account. Active participation in the FSS program is one of the main deciding factors when considering those requests. Doing the monthly check ins can act as proof of active participation.
- If you're needing assistance coming up with or achieving your goals, contact your coordinator. We may have resources that can help.



**Housing Authority Office Hours** 

Monday - Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM Friday 8 AM to 12 PM

The Housing Authority is CLOSED on Friday afternoons

