

# MI Weatherization Outcomes

Homes that are weatherized by have documented:



ENERGY SAVING

19% savings on GAS/SF  
(209 Therms)

8% savings Electric  
(666 kWh)



## Outcomes for Families

26% Reduction in disconnect notices

50% Reductions in termination of natural gas or electricity

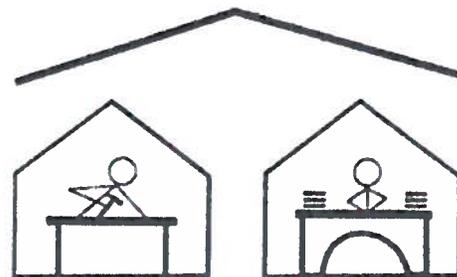
33% Reductions in going without food to pay energy bills

40% Reduction in the use of high interest loans to pay energy bills

30% Reduction in families returning for bill payment assistance



“The cheapest energy dollar is the one that you never have to spend.”



Children who were too cold to study reduced by 55%

People who missed more than one week of work reduced by 8%

Individuals who missed more than one week of school reduced by 10%



Weatherization decreased the incidence of **medical attention** because a home was too cold or too hot by 57%



It also reduced the reports of going without food in the last 4 weeks by 33%



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Honorable Joe Haveman, Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Michigan House of Representatives  
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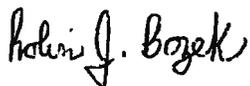
Dear Chairman Haveman and Members of the Committee:

Please join with the Michigan Head Start Association in supporting House Bill 4544 sponsored by Representative Dale Zorn. Low income children struggle to do well in pre-school when their homes are cold and drafty. There are hundreds of low income parents on waiting lists to make their homes warm and safe for their children. I have learned that when families have the basics of shelter and food covered, they have the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty. Weatherization is a great opportunity to make homes energy efficient, reduce the cost of utilities, and ensure that families have more resources for food, education and transportation.

Please join us in supporting HB 4544! Learning starts at home. When children have a safe home with reasonable temperatures they are better able to learn and thrive in early childhood education. Let's give our children the best possible start and the opportunity to succeed in pre-school!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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