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## Warming Centers Available for Prince George's County Residents in Need

Residents are Urged to Use Available Resources during Inclement Weather

**LANDOVER, MD** (January, 2019) - With <u>snow and freezing temperatures</u> in the forecast, the Prince George's County Department of Social Services (PGCDSS) wants to remind residents to review their household safety plans to ensure they are adequately prepared and to keep these important resources handy in the event they encounter someone without heat or shelter during inclement weather.

For residents experiencing a heating emergency, warming centers are available throughout the County to provide relief from the cold temperatures. For a complete list of warming center locations, days of operation and times in Prince George's County, click <u>here</u> or go to <u>www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/23919/M-NCPPC-Warming-Centers-2018-2019</u>.

For residents who are unsheltered or who experience a housing emergency, please contact the County's homeless hotline immediately at 1-888-731-0999 to make arrangements for shelter.

"As the cold winter weather approaches, I want to urge anyone who is in need of shelter or a place to get warm to take advantage of the County's resources," said Gloria Brown Burnett, PGCDSS Director. "The Homeless Hotline is available 24 hours a day and our warming centers are in effect any time temperatures fall below 32 degrees. The safety and well being of our residents is our top priority."

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