

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana

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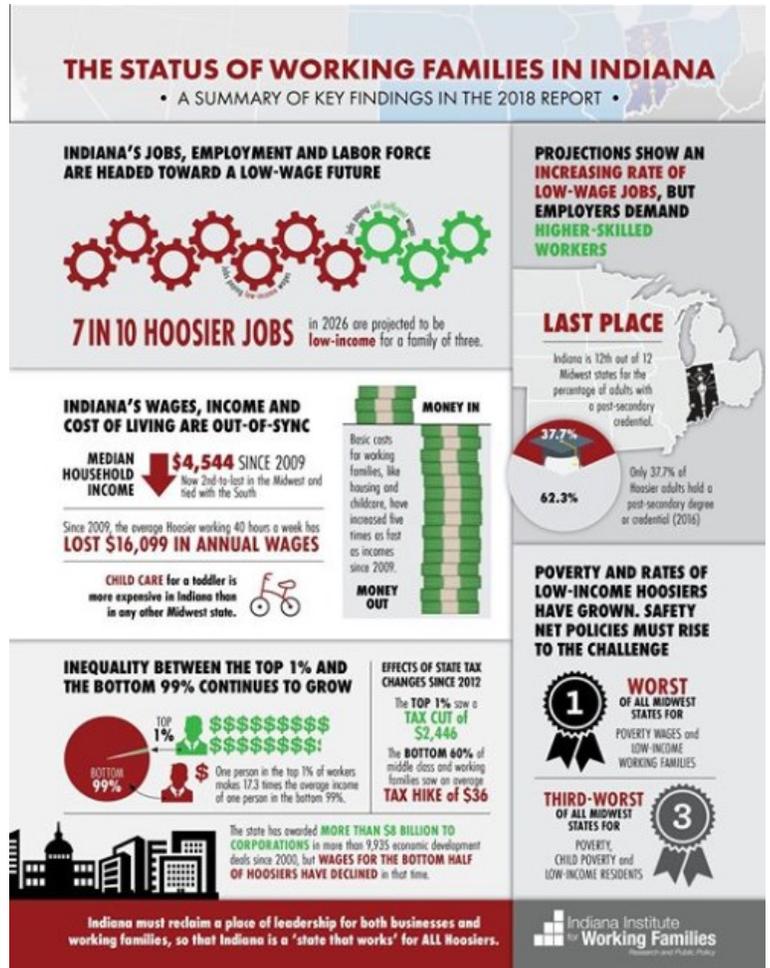
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Quarterly Newsletter

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Status of Working Families in Indiana

In celebration of Labor Day and the working Hoosier families responsible for raising productivity and profits in Indiana, the Indiana Institute for Working Families is pleased to release 'The Status of Working Families in Indiana, 2018: How to return Indiana to its place as a leader in jobs, wages, and the economy in the Midwest and the U.S.' The report finds that despite Hoosiers' hard work, state policy choices are preventing them from being properly rewarded, with key indicators including incomes and rates of working poor families near the bottom of the Midwest, and with trends moving towards the South. "The data in this report should be a wake-up call to all Hoosiers that Indiana is now a fundamentally different state for working families in 2018 than it was at the beginning of the 21st century," said Senior Policy Analyst and report author Andrew Bradley. "The average Hoosier now makes less per hour than the average Southerner, with per capita incomes next-to-last in the Midwest even adjusting for cost of living, plus state forecasts that 7 in 10 jobs will be in low-wage occupations by 2026. These aren't accidents or bad luck, but the results of policy choices that have kept job quality standards low, weakened the safety net, widened income inequality, and put an increasing state tax burden on middle class and working families. But the good news is that Hoosiers will find a way to get the job done if they're given the right tools. It's time for Indiana to implement an Agenda for Working Hoosier Families and reclaim its spot as a leader in the Midwest and the U.S.," Bradley said. Source: Indiana Institute for Working Families



Read the full report: <http://www.incap.org/iwfw/2018status.html>

Lead Remediation Grant

Community Action Program is offering assistance to eligible households to reduce exposure to lead-based paint hazards. We are committed to locating eligible individuals and families to reduce exposure to lead-based paint hazards in target housing, (pre-1978) units and homes with children under the age of six. The program will:

- Perform lead inspections and risk assessments for owner occupied units
- Conduct lead hazard control activities (interim controls and/or abatement) activities
- Complete Hazard Control work by December 31, 2018 at no cost to applicant

Target Population to be Served (Eligible Households) are:

- Households with incomes at or below 80% of Area Medium Income (AMI)
- Owner-occupied units that were constructed on or before January 1, 1978
- Households that include children under the age of six or have a frequently visiting child under the age of six.
- Households where a child under the age of 6 has a confirmed elevated blood lead level (ten 10) or higher that has been verified by a confirmed blood lead test

For more information, contact Terri Poynter at 765-793-4881 or by email at: tpoynter@capwi.org

Energy Assistance Program

Our Energy Assistance Program helps in lowering utility bills with a one-time benefit during the winter heating season. We will start scheduling appointments for November 2018 starting in October. The Energy Assistance Program has new income guidelines as follows:

Income Maximum 76% to 100% of 60% of SMI			
Persons in family/household	12 months 76% to 100% of 60% of SMI	1 Month 76% to 100% of 60% of SMI	3 months 76% to 100% of 60% of SMI
1	\$23,732	\$1,978	\$5,933
2	\$31,034	\$2,586	\$7,759
3	\$38,336	\$3,195	\$9,584
4	\$45,638	\$3,803	\$11,410
5	\$52,940	\$4,412	\$13,235
6	\$60,242	\$5,020	\$15,061
7	\$61,611	\$5,134	\$15,403
101% to 150% FPL			
8	\$63,570	\$5,298	\$15,893
9	\$70,050	\$5,838	\$17,513

For more information, requirements and household eligibility, contact the Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana office nearest you or visit: <https://www.capwi.org/services/housing/energy-assistance/>

Benton County	765-385-0623
Fountain/Warren County	765-793-4881
Montgomery County	765-362-4096
Parke County	765-569-4008
Vermillion County	765-832-7771

Weatherization Assistance Program

If you are looking for a permeant solution to end high energy bills The Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana has the program for you. The Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana provides weatherization services in Fountain, Warren, Benton, Parke, Montgomery, and Vermillion counties. Eligibility for the program is based on annual household income and the condition of the home. Family incomes must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Weatherization Assistance Program provides the following services:

- Furnace replacement because of energy efficiency or health and safety issues
- Water heater replacement because of health and safety issues
- Addressing indoor air quality
- Addressing some moisture issues
- Addressing some moisture issues
- Thermostat upgrades
- Addressing combustion appliance issues (furnace repair, cook stove repair, etc.)
- Smoke and CO detector installation
- Major air sealing (duct work, attic/basement bypasses, foundation, etc.)
- Water heating system treatment (low flow shower heads, low flow faucet aerators, pipe insulation, water heater insulation jackets, etc.)
- Attic insulation
- High density wall insulation
- Foundation insulation



Each home is different and may not require all of the mentioned services listed above. An energy audit will be performed to determine which measures are necessary. The auditor will explain these measures before the work begins. Please contact your local Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana office to sign up:

- Fountain/Warren Co.—765-793-4881
- Benton Co.— 765-385-0623
- Montgomery Co.—765-362-4096
- Parke/Vermillion Co.—765-832-7771

Mortgage Reinstatement Assistance—Hardest Hit Fund

The purpose of the Hardest Hit Fund (HHF) program is to prevent avoidable foreclosure and help stabilize the housing market. Indiana's HHF may provide up to \$30,000 in reinstatement-only assistance for approved Indiana homeowners who have fallen behind on their mortgage payments due to an involuntary loss of employment or reduction in employment income. This brings delinquent loans current in one payment via the HHF. The Hardest Hit Fund program (HHF) may cover one-time reinstatement-only assistance for eligible Indiana homeowners for up to \$30,000. This program helps qualified homeowners catch up on their payments if they have fallen behind due to an involuntary loss of employment or reduction in employment income. Indiana's HHF requires that homeowners meet the following criteria:

- Be an Indiana homeowner
- Own only one home, and currently reside in that home
- Have past-due mortgage payments because of an involuntary employment-related financial hardship such as a previous job layoff that occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2015
- Be able to make current mortgage payments, but unable to pay the past-due balance
- Meet additional eligibility requirements based on income

Call 1-877-GET-HOPE (1-877-438-4673) or contact Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana at 765-793-4881 and ask for Alice Young.

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NEW CAPWI Mission Statement

To empower communities, families and individuals toward self-sufficiency by removing the causes and conditions of poverty through services, support, and education

Head Start and Early Head Start

Head Start and Early Head Start are accepting applications for the 2018-2019 program year. Head Start is a child and family development program for



income eligible preschoolers (ages 3-5) and their families. Children receive a high quality early education opportunity through participation in either our center-based preschool or our home-based option. All children receive a physical, dental, and numerous other health and developmental screenings to assure that the child is healthy and ready to learn. Transportation is provided to and from the child's home for children enrolled in our center-based program, with the exception of Montgomery County. Home-based children receive 1 1/2 hour home visits in their home each week. Early Head Start offers a home-based option for infants, toddlers, pregnant women and their families. Families are visited each week for 1 1/2 hours. These visits focus on working with the parent to help the child to explore, learn, and grow. Home visitors work with the parents to assure that all well-baby checks and immunizations are on track. These families come together two times each month for play groups. In Montgomery County, Early Head Start has a toddler classroom as part of their CAP Kids Child Care. This program offers full-day/full-year child care services for toddlers from 18-36 months. All families are assisted in setting goals and referrals to needed social services to assist them in becoming more self-sufficient. Parent groups and family fun nights are provided to allow for time to spend together as a family and discuss issues and topics that affect parenting and family life. Family incomes must be at or below 100% of the federal poverty level, and children must be three prior to August 1, 2017 to be eligible for Head Start. The program accepts children with disabilities. Head Start and Early Head Start programs are offered through CAPWI in the following Indiana counties: Benton, Boone, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Vermillion, and Warren. For more information, please call (765) 793-4881 or text (765) 585-1234. Online referrals are also available on our website at: <http://www.capwi.org/services/family-life/head-start/>

All services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.