

CASI

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friends of Community Action of Southern Indiana,

Community Action of Southern Indiana (CASI) supports and empowers families and communities striving to reach self-sufficiency. CASI works to provide life enhancing opportunities for every individual and family desiring to experience extraordinary change in their lives. It is important work and it is work that can only be accomplished with strong community partners.

Many Southern Hoosiers, like many other Americans, face an array of enormous challenges ranging from poverty, to disability, to lack of decent and affordable housing, to lack of adequate employment. With the help of our community partners, Community Action of Southern Indiana's programs provide critical support in areas such as financial literacy, education, housing, literacy, energy assistance, and more.

2018 was an exciting year at CASI. Our programs grew and we were able to help more people. From Head Start and Early Head Start, to helping people and families find affordable health insurance, to helping people save for their first house, to helping close the gaps on health disparities, to helping people deal with high utility bills or unexpected expenses, and a lot more, Community Action of Southern Indiana is where people were able to turn for help.

2019 holds many new challenges and opportunities as we continue to grow and make plans for the future. For instance, our Life Literacy Academy, which teaches development assets and character traits to middle and high schoolers, is now active in six Southern Indiana school districts and is using AmeriCorps members to help facilitate the program. Our Weatherization Program is expanding. In addition to helping renters and home owners keep utility bills low, we will now be able to help residents make their living environments healthier. And thanks to some recent increased funding, Head Start will now be able to offer 119 children a longer school year as they prepare to enter kindergarten.

Community Action of Southern Indiana seeks to involve the entire community in assessing local needs and attacking the causes and conditions of poverty so that together we can overcome them. Our community partners are critical to our Mission's success. By working together, we can help individuals and families acquire useful skills and knowledge and gain access to new opportunities in order to achieve self-sufficiency.

Together we are making a difference for individuals and families.

Sincerely,



Phil Ellis
Executive Director



Larry Jordan Jr.
Board President

Community Action of Southern Indiana
PROGRAMS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT- A Good Start



Breanna started out as a Head Start parent 13 years ago. All three of her children were Head Start students and they have all gone on to be good students in the public schools. Breanna's oldest is in the seventh grade and has a 3.9 GPA in addition to being involved track, cheerleading,

and cross country. Breanna's 12-year old is a good student, too, and is involved in wrestling, track, and football. Her third-grader is a good student and really likes school.

Breanna credits Head Start in preparing her children for school. "My oldest child was reading at a fourth-grade level in the first grade," she says. "Head Start gave all of my kids a good start and they are building on that foundation as they progress through school."

Head Start also really helped Breanna. As a Head Start parent, Breanna volunteered in the classroom. In 2010, she was hired as a classroom assistant. From there she has gone on to receive her Child Development As-

sociate (CDA) credentials and is only four classes away from her Associates Degree through Ivy Tech. Recently, she was promoted to Head Start Education Assistant.

"CASI has been supportive and helpful all the way," Breanna points out. "They have encouraged me and helped me in practical ways, such as with tuition assistance."

Breanna encourages other mothers of young children to invest in their kids. "What we put into our kids when they are little really shows as they grow," she says. "They don't stay young forever and it is encouraging to see the things we worked on in the early days coming out as they grow."

ENERGY ASSISTANCE (EAP)

The Low-Income home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assists low-income families with the high cost of home energy to maintain utility services during the winter and summer seasons.

WEATHERIZATION

This program permanently lowers utility bills by providing energy saving home improvements to such as air sealing, insulation, and furnace tune-ups.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

The Crisis Assistance Program is designed to help persons experiencing a financial shortfall caused by external factors. A qualified Indiana Family Development Specialist assists with the case management.

LIFE LITERACY

A Youth program designed to follow a select group of students from 8th through 12th grade. Youth are monitored in areas of character education, leadership, 40 developmental assets, critical thinking, and college readiness. A Strengthening Families approach and

**HEAD START/
EARLY HEAD START**

CASI's Head Start and Early Head Start provides programming services to over 300 children (birth - 5). Families and children receive education, case management and health/nutrition services from our Education and Family services Department.

**HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER
SECTION 8**

CASI's Housing Choice Voucher Program is committed to the idea that every family has the right to safe, decent and affordable housing. Low-income families select housing based on individual needs and are provided housing vouchers that allow them to utilize housing from approved landlords.

2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

MINORITY HEALTH INITIATIVE

The mission of this program is to eliminate health disparities through research, training, education, advocacy, and access to health care services for minority populations with a focus on obesity, diabetes and cancer.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

VITA provides free tax preparation assistance for persons making \$58,000 or less in annual income. Our volunteers are trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service.

HEALTHCARE NAVIGATION/SHIP

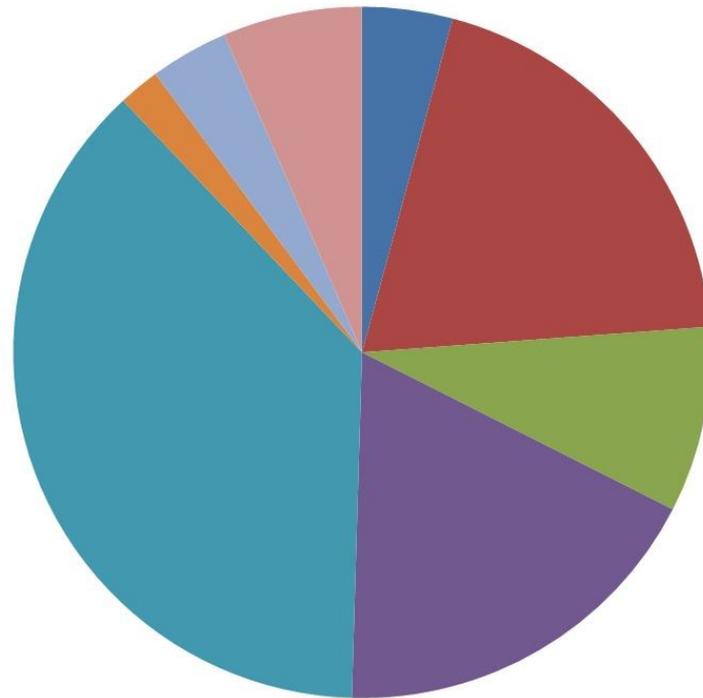
This program provides outreach, education, and enrollment for persons needing quality health plans (QHP) or additional funds to pay for healthcare costs as required under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS (IDA)

The IDA program helps qualified individuals in saving for education, housing, or to start a business. IDA accounts are matched three-to-one by the State of Indiana through local lending institutions.

MICROENTERPRISE

The Microenterprise Program assists low-income, under-employed, and unemployed persons to establish their own business. The program offers business development planning, training, counseling, and technical assistance so they may gain the opportunity to participate in the economic mainstream.



	2018 Revenue	
CSGB	\$336,213	4.18%
EAP	\$1,578,657	19.63%
EARLY HEAD START	\$698,268	8.68%
HCVP	\$1,444,585	17.97%
HEAD START	\$3,016,428	37.52%
MINORITY HEALTH INITIATIVE	\$154,582	1.92%
NAVIGATOR PROGRAM	\$292,757	3.64%
WEATHERIZATION	\$518,754	6.45%

Total 2018 Revenue: \$8,040,245

Community Action of Southern Indiana is a typical Community Action Agency in this era of changing client populations and political headwinds. This graph is a representation of the Agency's total revenues in calendar year 2018. Head Start and Early Head Start represent 46.2% of total revenue for 2018. The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) and the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) provides a further 19.63% and 19.97% respectively of our revenues.

The challenges of budget battles in the Federal, State, and Local programs will produce changes from contract to contract and will produce both financial opportunities as well as problems in the next few years. CASI has been creating new programs for housing and Americorps. Expanding the Life Literacy program and the Minority Health Initiative will be featured in 2018 and beyond.



Community Action of Southern Indiana thanks its partners and supporters:

Floyd County Head Start	Floyd County Health Dept.	Jeffersonville Housing Authority	Clark Co. Special ED. Coop
Salvation Army	Baptist Health Floyd	Jersey Mike's Subs	Republic Bank
BB&T	Jimmy's Music	CEASe of Scott County	Clark County REMC
Regions Bank	IAEYC	Local Barber Shops	Anthem Blue Cross
Harrison Co. Community Services	Indiana Community Action Association	Local Churches - Floyd & Clark County	West Clark Community Schools
Clark memorial Hospital	Indiana Cancer Consortium	Lochmueller Group, INC	Clarksville Community Schools
Clark Co. Tobacco Prev.	Greater Clark Co. Schools	Indiana State Dept. of Health	CFSI Youth Philanthropy Co.
Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd Co.	KY African-Americans Against Cancer	New Albany- Floyd County School Corp	Indiana University SE School of Nursing
Main Source Bank	Scottsburg Kiwanis	Makowsky Oil	Lifespring
Tobacco Coalition - Floyd & Clark Co.	Indiana Minority Health Coalition	CASI Service Area Township Trustees	Indiana Community Health Workers
Covering Kids & Families	Maria Waters	Scott County School Dist. #2	Scott County School Dist. #1
Duke Energy	Irving Materials, Inc.	Wellness Coalition	WesBanco
Explorer Magazine	ISBD	PNC Bank	Vectren
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Family Health Center of Southern Indiana	Jefferson Community & Technical College	Scout Co. Community Foundation	Physical and Nutrition Coalition
Joseph Fleck, DDS	5/3 Bank	Region 10 Adult Ed.	New Albany Housing Authority
Jeffersonville High School Practicum Students	Purdue Ext. - Clark, Floyd, & Harrison Counties	Community Foundation of Southern Indiana	Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority
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