

CASI

2019 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.

In 2019, CASI's service to our community continued to grow as we added the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to our programs. This program mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family's income. The books are hand selected by a committee of early childhood experts to be age appropriate and to align with the child's developmental needs.

2020 will be landmark year for CASI as it purchases the closing Spring Hill Elementary in Jeffersonville for its new home. This move will save CASI thousands of dollars per year and provide a more modern facility that is more strategically located in the community which we serve.

Community Action of Southern Indiana will continue 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.
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PROGRAMS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT- Lowering Utility Bills



Julia High-Robinson was the face of CASI for years as she worked at the front desk directing customers to resources to meet their needs. Although no longer directly employed with CASI, Ms. Julia continues to work with us to serve our community. It is fitting, therefore, that when

Ms. Julia was hit with several very large heating bills, CASI was able to help with several of its programs.

First, the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) was immediately able to help with payment towards her gas bill. Additionally, because the spike in her gas bill was due in part by a failing twenty-year-old furnace that wouldn't shut off properly, a new program managed by EAP, the Emergency Repair and Replace (ERR) program, was able to evaluate her furnace and replace it with a new, safer, and more energy-efficient model.

With the furnace taken care of, another CASI program, Weatherization, was able to evaluate the rest of Ms. Julia's home and install other energy saving measures. Expertly targeted air sealing cut the air leakage in the home

almost in half, and bags of insulation blown into the attic significantly reduced the amount of heat loss through the ceiling, particularly in a large area that previously had no insulation at all.

Finally, with the home now much more airtight, the existing water heater would not operate without the possibility of dangerously backdrafting carbon monoxide into the home. Consequently, the water heater was replaced with a safer and more energy-efficient tankless water heater.

Ms. Julia is excited about the work that has been performed on her home. The home is now a more comfortable, more energy-efficient, and safer place to live.

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 to 12th grade. Youth are monitored in areas of leadership, character education, 40 developmental assets, critical thinking, and college readiness. A Strengthening Families approach and Family Development tools are used to include the entire family.

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.

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

A book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family's income. The books are hand selected by a committee of early childhood experts.

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).

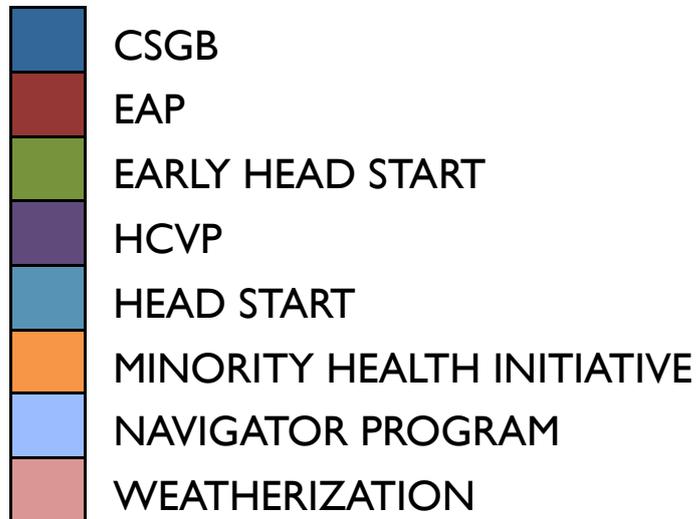
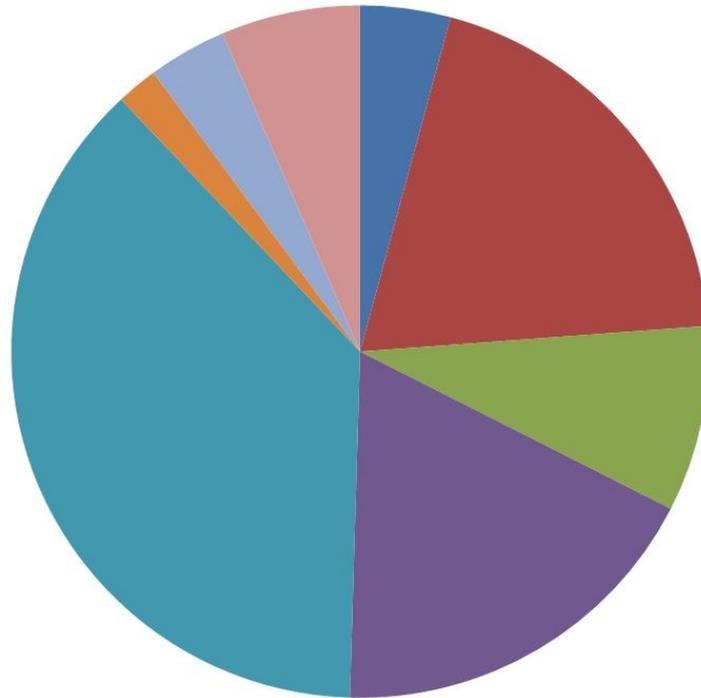
INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS (IDA)

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.

CASI FINANCIAL SUMMARY





Community Action of Southern Indiana thanks its partners and supporters:

Floyd County Head Start	Floyd County Health Dept.	Jeffersonville Housing Authority	WIC Program (Clark County)
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MCH- OB Navigation Program	Centerstone	Veteran Affairs	Disabled American Veterans
Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana	Volunteers of America - Mid States	Samtec Rock Creek Community School	

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