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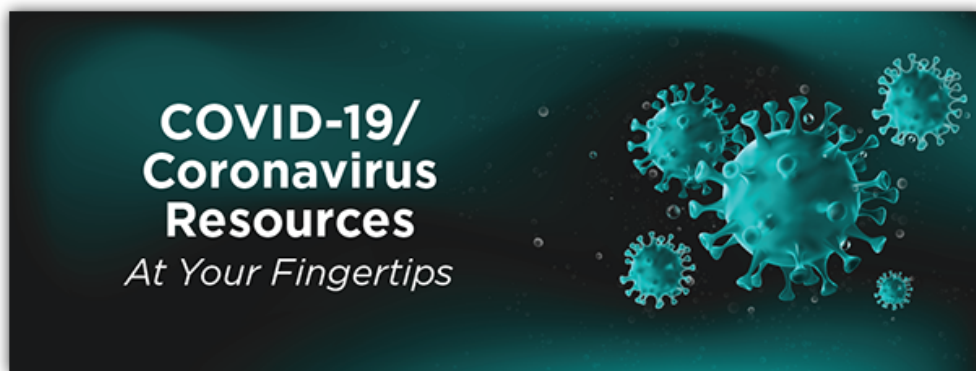
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News



COVID-19/coronavirus resources at your fingertips

First and foremost during the global health crisis that is occurring as we speak, the Indiana Community Action Association wants our network family to know that we appreciate the work you do every day — and especially during this time when the individuals and families we serve are at a particularly high risk for economic, emotional and physical hardship.

We know you are making sacrifices on a daily basis. We know your daily work looks much different today than it did a few weeks ago. And we know it's a struggle to keep up with the news, given that it changes every day.

We asked leaders statewide to share resources they are finding helpful for keeping up with the rapidly changing news. Below are several websites people are finding useful.

• Information

- From Indiana State Department of Health
 - [Coronavirus-related Announcements](#) (includes option to sign up for daily newsletter)
 - [COVID-19 resources](#) - includes flyers and visual aids, child care resources, guidance for businesses and more
- From Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
 - [Updates](#)
 - [Resources for community organizations](#)
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- From Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb
 - [Coronavirus/COVID-19 Updates](#)
 - [Executive Orders](#)
 - [Indiana Stay-at-Home Order FAQs](#)
 - [Statewide moratorium on all water and utility disconnects](#)
- Charitable Advisors' [Nonprofit Pandemic Resources Page](#)
 - Includes a list of financial resources for individuals, employees and organizations; plus, fundraising, legal, HR and other resources

• Helpful Tool

- [Zoom](#) — Host virtual meetings "face-to-face," so you can maintain a feeling of personal connection with coworkers, clients and more while maintaining social distancing.

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The Institute is working to protect Hoosier families through the pandemic

Due to shelter-in-place and social-distancing requirements imposed by the state, the [Indiana Institute for Working Families](#) staff are no longer visiting the state house, the capitol building or their offices — but they are still working hard on policy research and analysis.

“Our current priorities include keeping up-to-date on policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic — both state and federal,” says Jessica Fraser, director of the Institute. “We are also coordinating with our colleagues across the human-services sector to call for recommendations that will best serve Hoosiers in need — now and for our future. We continue to leverage relationships with policymakers and their staffs to inform policy choices in real time. In short, we are all busy trying to ensure that Hoosier families come out of this crisis whole.”

Follow the Institute’s progress on its [COVID-19 response page](#). The team will be updating the page with new COVID-related analysis and recommendations as the situation progresses. For even more up-to-the-minute information, follow the Institute team on social media:

- [Facebook](#)
- Twitter: [@INInstitute](#), [@JessicaDFraser](#), [@Erin_INWorkFams](#), [@Amy_IIFE](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Blog](#)

Photo above: From the [Indiana Coalition for Human Services policy recommendations infographic](#)

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Vectren donation will help keep Hoosiers warm

Vectren's Teresa Cullum (above, center) presented a check for \$286,000 to INCAA Board President Steve Hoffman and Assistant Business Manager Kristine South earlier this month.

The money comes from the company's Share the Warmth program, which is funded by customer donations and Vectren's corporate match. This year's donation will be distributed to 17 Community Action agencies in Indiana, which will in turn use the funds to make homes more energy-efficient for income-eligible Hoosiers.

Vectren has partnered with INCAA for 13 years, providing a total of more than \$2.4 million to the Community Action Network.

INCAA thanks Vectren and its customers for the generous donation and their continued support. Thank you for sharing the warmth with Hoosiers!

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Community Impact



Pace shares Community Action career opportunities

Many of the high school juniors and seniors at Sullivan High School in Sullivan, Ind. (Sullivan County) who attended a recent career exploration fair were surprised to learn how many different career paths were represented at [Pace Community Action Agency, Inc.](#)

During the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Career Fair, Pace, along with many other local employers, shared information about the different types of jobs it has available and the various services it provides. In addition to meeting the students, staff shared information with the school staff and other employers who were also present.

"This was a great opportunity to connect with a variety of individuals in the community," says Tai Blythe, associate director of Pace.

Pace's public relations intern, Peyton Jones (above, center), helped plan and develop the booth. "Peyton interacted with the students using a Kahoot game and spinning wheel," says Tai. "Peyton is catching the love of Community Action and learning about our services by participating in events like this."

Love like that is contagious. Perhaps there were a few future Community Action employees in attendance that day.

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Spotlight on Professionals



From left: Michigan City Rotary Club President Jessica O'Brien; Cyndi Davis; Marty Corley, co-chair of the Alinsky Award Committee; and Jim Alinsky, brother of the award's late namesake.

NCCAA's Cyndi Davis named Alinsky Award Winner

Congratulations are in order for Cyndi Davis, executive director of the [North Central Community Action Agencies, Inc.](#) (NCCAA), for winning this year's Paul J. Alinsky Excellence Award. The award is presented by Michigan City Rotary Club and pays tribute to the late Alinsky, a past Rotary Club president, past chamber of commerce board chair and founder of Sentinel Alarm Company. The award is presented annually to a resident of Michigan City who is dedicated to service and excellence, and passion and innovation in his or her vocation/career.

Cyndi was nominated for the award by NCCAA board members Faye Moore and Willie Milsap. Their nomination acknowledged Cyndi's active participation on various boards, fundraising drives, conferences and workshops, saying she also "has been behind the scenes at events in the community most of her adult life."

Michigan City Rotary Club President Jessica O'Brien said Cyndi "is someone who works hard to meet the needs of this community in a variety of ways, all while showing the excellence, innovation and service above self we, as a club, have come to associate with the award."

Cyndi accepted the award and its accompanying \$500 donation to NCCAA at the club's monthly luncheon on Feb. 20.

Congratulations, Cyndi!

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Lincoln Hills celebrates retiring staff

[Lincoln Hills Development Corporation](#) (LHDC) recently celebrated four dedicated, long-tenured staff members whose combined tenure equaled 116 years.

- **GARY ZELLERS**, who served as Chief Operating Officer for the agency, retired March 6, after 41 years of service.
- **SUE DENONCOUR** also retired on March 6, after managing the Housing Counseling Program for more than 18 years.
- **JAN SPRINKLE**, who worked with a variety of programs, including Head Start and Early Head Start, retired from LHDC on December 31, 2019, after 39 years of service.
- **CHRISTAL MOSKOS, RN**, who guided LHDC's Healthy Families and Covering Kids and Families programs, retired from LHDC on December 13, 2019, after 18 years of service to LHDC.

LHDC is grateful for their many years of service and wishes them the best!

ABOVE: The LHDC board of directors unanimously adopted a Resolution of Honor and Appreciation recognizing Gary Zellers' 41 years of service to LHDC, most recently as Chief Operating Officer. The Resolution acknowledged Gary's determined efforts to end the cycle of poverty in southern

Indiana and his work to mentor countless LHDC employees. LHDC's board also renamed the agency's South Perry County Head Start Center to honor Zellers. The Center is now known as the Lincoln Hills Development Corporation—Gary V. Zellers Head Start Center.



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Briefly



Census changes due to COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused important changes to the 2020 Census:

- **The deadline for participating in the [2020 Census](#) has been extended.** Residents now have two additional weeks (new deadline: Aug. 14) to complete the census form.
- College students have largely returned home, leaving college campuses to have significantly reduced populations on the official census date of April 1. **Students should use their college addresses when responding to the Census**, even if the campus is closed.

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