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ANNUAL REPORT

Indiana County Community Action Program, Inc.

July 1 , 2006 to June 30, 2007

Helping People ... Changing Lives



Mission of a Community Action Agency

To serve as the community agency to mobilize services and resources
to empower families and individuals
to progress towards self-sufficiency.

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Indiana County Community Action Program, Inc.
Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Revenue

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

• Community Service Block Grant (8 contracts)	\$ 319,089
• Supported Work Program	125,443
• Weatherization	273,700

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

• HSDF—Homeless Case Management	61,920
• Bridge Housing Program	67,864
• Housing Assistance Program	156,169
• Housing Counseling	32,386

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

• TEFAP Commodities	156,907
• State Food Purchase Program	162,885

Other

• Emergency Food and Shelter Program	30,000
• Welfare to Work	120,000
• Department of Energy	169,631
• Emergency Shelter Grant Program	110,000
• GPU and Dominion Gas Weatherization	124,155
• Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program	18,652
• HUD & Agency Donated Goods	167,931
• Other	591,155

Total Revenue **\$ 2,687,887**

Revenue Summary

• Federal, and State, Grants	\$ 2,333,694
• Local	152,318
• Miscellaneous/Other	201,875

Total Revenue **\$ 2,687,887**

Expenses

Salaries/Wages	\$ 725,347
Fringe Benefits/Taxes	207,574
Contracted Services	121,106
Repairs and Maintenance	65,986
Direct Client Assistance	730,419
Food/Health & Nutrition Services	430,870
Other	366,280

Total Expenditures **\$ 2,647,582**

Total Revenue over Expenditures: **\$ 40,305**

Weatherization / Usage Reduction

- Weatherized 155 low-income homes using more than \$216,080 of locally purchased materials.
- Provided energy conservation education to 209 people.
- Reduced electric consumption in 113 homes for 340 individuals through the FirstEnergy Low-Income Usage Reduction Program.
- Weatherized seven houses (25 individuals) through the Dominion Peoples Natural Gas Be-Weatherwise Weatherization Program.
- Replaced 70 furnaces in Indiana County low-income homes through local contractors.
- Served 1,318 individuals through the Penelec (GPU) Customer Assistance Program (PenCAP).

Outreach / Case Management

- Distributed 92,980 pieces of educational information and referral services to individuals through distribution of agency and program specific brochures, CANDIDS newsletter and telephone contacts.
- Completed 616 needs assessment surveys ascertaining life challenges and problems faced by the low-income population.
- Identified 3,570 individuals in need of ICCAP and/or other Indiana County Human Service Agency services through an agency-wide intake process.
- Provided comprehensive case management to 169 individuals, decreasing barriers to self-sufficiency.

Representative Payeeship Program

- Provided supportive services to 100 Indiana County mental health consumers.
- Provided supportive services to 34 Armstrong County mental health consumers.

Volunteer / Donations Program

- Provided school supplies and clothing to 449 children through the 2006 Back-to-School Project.
- Received non-cash donations valued at \$81,368 through the Donated Goods and Services Program.
- Provided 247 homeless individuals with household furnishings and other needed items.
- Provided 428 income-eligible individuals with household furnishings and other needed items.
- Trained 76 individuals through a supported work program for warehouse employment.

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PHFA/HOI Housing Counseling Network

- Conducted 9 seminars for first-time homebuyers under the PHFA low-income loan program.

PATHWAY Homeless Shelter

- Provided 2,403 nights of shelter to 106 people, including 80 adults and 26 children.
- Received weekly donations from BiLo in Blairsville, Giant Eagle in Indiana and Long John Silvers of Indiana and Blairsville.
- A number of businesses, organizations, churches, schools, and individuals throughout Indiana County and surrounding areas gave contributions of cash, linens, clothes, food, personal care items, furniture, and cleaning supplies to PATHWAY—donations received were valued at \$24,596.

Project LIGHT (Life Improvement through Goals, Housing and Transportation)

- Provided 29 individuals (11 adults and 18 children) with supportive and permanent housing and case management services.
- Assisted nine of the adults in obtaining employment.

Rental Properties

- ICCAP continues the management of Parkhill Apartments, a 12-unit complex located in Josephine, Pennsylvania, and management of seven apartments located in Blairsville, Pennsylvania, serving 38 individuals.

USDA Rural Development 502, 504 Programs

- Served 15 consumers by counseling and/or packaging loan or grant applications to secure or improve housing.

Welfare-to-Work Transportation Project

- Provided 162 individuals with transportation options in order to maintain their employment.

Supported Work Program (SWP)/Supported Engagement Program (SE)

- Provided intensive case management to affect a positive and gradual introduction to work to one individual in the Supported Engagement component. The individual retained employment through the 2006-2007 year.
- Provided intensive case management to thirty-six (36) individuals in the Supported Work Component. Twenty-Four (24) participants in the program were employed.
- Provided counseling to each participant with a focus on job retention.
- Met with employers to explain the benefits of hiring Supported Work Program/Supported Engagement participants, including federal and state tax incentives available to employers.
- Job coaching and case management services were provided to Supported Work Program/Supported Engagement participants while employed at no cost to the employer.
- Developed partnership with employers in recruiting and hiring qualified Supported Work Program/Supported Engagement participants.

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ICCAP'S 827 Water Street Office in Indiana has extended office hours until 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday evening for people who cannot schedule appointments between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

ICCAP PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS—2006 to 2007

Asset Building Program

- The Asset Building Program began in November 2006
- We recruited an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer to support Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and promote Earned Income Tax Credit to the consumers
- Developed two Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites (VITA) in Indiana County to provide low-income families with free income tax service
- Provided free tax service to 206 individuals and/or families generating refunds totaling \$353,627.00
- 109 individuals qualified for Earned Income Tax Credit totaling a refund amount of \$156,067.00
- Partnered with S & T Bank to offer VITA participants a new account called Smart Start Checking. The account was available to individuals who were denied banking services due to past mismanagement of their accounts and needed a second chance to have a checking account.
- Initiated a prescription assistance program for Indiana County residents ages 19-64 who did not have prescription coverage
- We received \$1000.00 from the Kiwanis of Indiana County to start a diaper program. Diapers were made available to families at \$3.00 per pack, up to four packs per month, per child.

Energy Assistance Programs

- Provided information and/or financial assistance with utility services to 1,074 individuals through \$1 Energy, Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), Dominion Peoples' Customer Assistance Program (CAP), Columbia Gas Customer Assistance Program (CAP) and Church Crisis Program.

Family Savings Account

- Had 29 active individuals in the Family Savings Account Asset Building Program.
- Participants saved a total of \$10,021.
- Graduated three individuals; one who used the money for education and the other two used it to complete much needed home repairs.

Food Program

- Received non-cash donations valued at \$164,535 for the Food Program.
- Food program volunteers donated over 10,135 hours to the food pantries in their local communities.
- Distributed food totaling 500,953 pounds.
- Distributed 102,789 pounds of Commodity Supplemental Food Program food to 366 income and program-eligible, Indiana County individuals.

Food Program continued

- Distributed 81,798 pieces of information such as flyers and brochures to promote the Food Stamp Outreach Program in Indiana and Cambria Counties.
- 13th Annual "Souper" Bowl Sunday, with 40 participating churches, netted \$6,686.
- 15th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers' Food Drive collected over 4.5 tons of food from 21 participating county post offices.
- 19th Annual Care and Share Day, co-sponsored with The Indiana Gazette, raised \$4,692 and collected 9.6 tons of non-perishable food.
- 13th Annual IUP Food and Nutrition Class food drive collected 3,145 pounds of food and raised \$3,074.
- Received 2,755 pounds of venison through "Hunters Sharing the Harvest."
- Distributed 1,500 KDKA Turkey Certificates.
- 1st Annual Score for Food, sponsored by Luther Ford Lincoln Mercury, donated \$50 for every touchdown scored by the IUP football team during the 2006 football season for a total of \$1,600.

Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM)

- Counseled fifteen (15) older homeowners concerning reverse mortgages.

Bridge Housing (SteppingStone)

- Provided 3,386 nights of shelter to nine single-parent families, including 17 children.
- Increased the ability of these families to reach self-sufficiency by providing comprehensive goal planning, case management and supportive services.

Homeless Case Management

- Provided Homeless Case Management to 94 individuals, including intervention and referrals which promoted an independent, self-reliant lifestyle for homeless individuals and families.

Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP)

- Counseled and processed emergency mortgage applications for 377 individuals affected by unemployment or other circumstances beyond their control.

Housing Counseling / Housing Assistance Program

- Provided \$120,822 in rent and security deposits to Indiana County landlords on behalf of homeless individuals and secured homes for 613 homeless persons.
- Provided tenant-landlord negotiations to help 106 individuals resolve problems.
- Provided life skills education to 99 individuals.
- Provided help to 360 adults seeking safe, affordable housing.
- Assisted 42 households in obtaining transportation to social service agencies through the administration of the Social Service Transportation Program.