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Tri-CAP Receives Spotlight Award

On January 10th, 2007, Tri-CAP, a community action agency serving Dubois, Pike and Warrick counties, was awarded one of five Spotlight Awards from the Indiana Community Action Association (IN-CAA), the I.U. School of Social Work and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA). The Spotlight Award recognizes and honors innovative effective practices run by Indiana's Community Action Agencies. The award is designed to recognize effective, replicable, collaborative and innovative practices of agencies to respond to a need or problem within their service areas.

The Spotlight Award was presented to Tri-CAP at IN-CAA's special award luncheon at their facility in Indianapolis. Many of the state's other Community Action representatives and partners were in attendance to witness the award presentation and to listen to testimonials from program recipients of the Owner Occupied Rehab Program and Family Development Program. Special Guest, Sherry Seiwert, Executive Director of IHCDA, provided remarks reflecting on the 2006 transition of CAA programs and a look forward to 2007 goals of the agency.

Celebrate Family – a program of TRI-CAP, Inc embodies the spirit of forming partnerships for service provision to low-income people. Celebrate Family is an innovative program that connects volunteers that are predominately retired or senior citizens with persons who are planning for re-entry into their community after a period of incarceration. This program assists persons in a work-release facility with skill building, support, encouragement and nourishment for the body and the soul. The program reaches out to people who know that re-entry into society is difficult at best – they find support, courage and home through Celebrate Family. This program has the support of the many different entities in the community. A successful re-integration into a community by an inmate not only reduces recidivism, but impacts families and the communities in which they live. The efforts and success of the Celebrate Family are to be commended. Tri-CAP and the other applicants' programs are posted on the IN-CAA website in order to provide a resource for all agencies looking for effective models and innovative successes at <http://www.incap.org>