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New Grant from Duke Energy Foundation to Support Education and Outreach Focusing on Economic Self-Sufficiency for Low-income Families

Indianapolis, IN – The Indiana Institute for Working Families (Institute), a program of the Indiana Community Action Association (IN-CAA), is pleased to announce that it has received a \$14,726 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation. This grant will support six forums designed to provide information and education to Indiana's social service providers and community organizations serving Indiana's low-income working families.

The forums are intended to increase awareness of Indiana's low-income working families, to provide training and resources to be used to assist low-income families in achieving economic self-sufficiency, and to promote policies that create a pathway to economic self-sufficiency for Indiana's low-income families. In particular, these forums will focus on the findings and recommendations of three Institute reports including: *Investing In Indiana's Adult Workers: Increasing Financial Aid Opportunities*; *2009 Indiana Self-Sufficiency Standard*; and *the Status of Working Families in Indiana 2009*. More information about the forums will be posted on the Indiana Institute for Working Families section of IN-CAA's web site at www.incap.org.

The Duke Energy Foundation values its commitment to serve the communities in which it operates. Through The Duke Energy Foundation, the company is able to exemplify this value by providing funding to eligible organizations with programs that support educational attainment, community vitality and a competitive workforce.

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Indiana Community Action Association (IN-CAA)

The Indiana Community Action Association, Inc. (IN-CAA) is a statewide not-for-profit membership corporation, incorporated in the State of Indiana in 1970. IN-CAA's members or Network is comprised of Indiana's 24 Community Action Agencies (CAAs), which serve all of Indiana's 92 counties. IN-CAA envisions a state with limited or no poverty, where its residents have decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions, and where resources are available to help low income individuals attain self sufficiency.

The Indiana Institute for Working Families, a program of the Indiana Community Action Association (IN-CAA), was founded in 2004 with generous support from The Joyce Foundation. The goal of the Institute is to help Hoosier families achieve and maintain economic self-sufficiency. The Institute is the only statewide program in Indiana that combines research and policy analysis on federal and state legislation, public policies and programs impacting low-income working families with education and outreach. The Institute achieves its work by focusing its activities in the following areas: public policy research and analysis; advocacy, education, and information; and national, statewide, and community partnerships.