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Chances are you know someone who has been helped by CANI at some point in their lives. Maybe it's the single mom next door who needed help with childcare expenses, or possibly the elderly couple across the street on a fixed income who faced high heating bills.



If you look around, it's easy to see how CANI is an active force in your community. CANI helped 30,533 people in northeast Indiana in 2010. While this number may seem overwhelming, we never lose sight of the successes and dreams of the individuals we work alongside to move out of poverty. Here are a few stories of individuals and families CANI touched in the past year.

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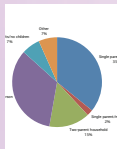
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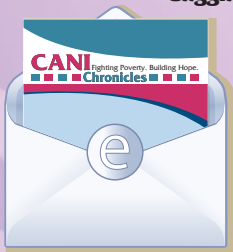
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A Year in Review at CANI

2010 was a significant year for CANI and the individuals, families, and communities that we serve. CANI was able to translate many concepts to reality in 2010. *(Please note this article is not intended to be exhaustive. Each of our programs serves hundreds and sometimes thousands of clients each year, and their individual successes are truly accomplishments in themselves. The purpose of this article is to highlight initiatives and developments for the organization in 2010).*

Microlending: As part of the Community Economic Development department's microfinance initiative, CANI made small business loans (microloans) available for aspiring individuals seeking to rebuild their credit and start a business. As required, these individuals participated in business training and credit education offered through CANI.

Hopewell Pointe: CANI and Keller Development teamed up to develop a 35-home lease-to purchase community called Hopewell Pointe to be located in the 1900 block of Reservation Drive in Waynedale. The Hopewell Pointe neighborhood will have 3 and 4-bedroom homes, a community building, pavilion, gazebo, walking paths and other amenities. Homes will be offered to individuals and families with a lease-to-purchase option after 15 years. Potential homeowners will be approved based on their incomes which can range from just under \$20,000 to around \$43,000 for a family of four.

Quality of Life: Planning is one of the most important steps a neighborhood can take to become healthier, safer and economically stronger. A Quality-of-Life Plan is designed to capture the vision of residents and turn goals into achievable projects and programs. To that end, in 2010 CANI initiated a Quality-of-Life Plan with Waynedale residents to reinforce its strengths and assets. The Waynedale Community Improvement Team was formed for that purpose. The team is devel-

oping a plan to address civic, social, physical and economic growth.

Purchase, Rehabilitate and Resell

program: Fall 2010 brought the completion of two renovated homes in New Haven: 211 Sara Drive and 331 Tanglewood Drive. This program allows CANI to purchase, rehabilitate and resell homes to qualifying families. The goal is to make attractive homes available to families and support the stability of neighborhoods. CANI hired local contractors to remodel the homes prior to putting them on the market.



Photo by Jennifer Renner

Keller Development broke ground in April 2011 on Hopewell Pointe which will provide affordable housing for families in Waynedale.

Family Development: The Family Development program expanded its staff in 2010, with a focus on case management to prevent homelessness. This in turn allowed us to serve more individuals. The department grew from 7 to 12 staff allowing the agency to help 287 households.

CKF: CANI's Covering Kids and Families program is now able to serve more clients. The agency added one staff person and focused on pregnancy coverage in 2010 with a new partnership. CANI teamed up with Parkview and Northeast OB-GYN to enroll pregnant women in the Presumptive Eligibility and Hoosier Healthwise programs for pregnancy. Coalition-wide, they completed 1,162 presumptive eligibility applica-

tions. The coalition also completed 1,516 Hoosier Healthwise and HIP applications. This is a 7 percent increase from 2009.

Head Start: Ensuring the quality of our programs is something we take seriously at CANI and CANI Head Start is no exception. The CANI Head Start Triennial On-Site Monitoring Review was conducted in April, 2010, with a return review at the end of November 2010. A Federal Review Team visited the program for one week in April and sought answers to over 2000 questions about every aspect of Head Start's work including: financials, program written plans, the monitoring of the delegate site (East Wayne Street Head Start), communication, site facilities, enrollment, eligibility, health services, nutrition services, education services and family services. Of the five areas of non-compliance cited during the review, all were found to be corrected prior to the time of the return review in November.

The agency also paid off a 15-year mortgage on the building for the CANI Head Start site at Hanna-Creighton .

Early Head Start: In June 2010, the agency launched Early Head Start. Early Head Start reaches out to low-income expectant mothers and parents of infants and children up to age 3. Locally, CANI is the service provider, for Allen, Noble and Whitley counties, serving 72 adults and children. Home visitors come into the home weekly at the family's convenience

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MATTERS OF THE HEART

Sometimes timing is everything.

It was December 2010. Joe DiMarzio had lost his job a few days after finding out his two-month old son Carson had a serious heart valve problem that required invasive surgery—a double whammy.

The DiMarzios had health insurance through Joe's employer – with the job gone, so was the insurance. Without health insurance their outlook was dismal. Yet Joe did not want to postpone his son's important surgery. He spent the next week calling around for help and "pretty quickly CANI came to mind," he said. He called the office and was connected to Cathy Pollick in CANI's Covering Kids and Families program. She was able to squeeze him in the following week for an appointment.

Through Cathy's help Joe was able to enroll Carson in the state-funded Hoosier Healthwise program, which helps Indiana children, pregnant women and low-income families. Joe noted Cathy walked the couple through the paperwork and was good about following up. "She told us exactly what we needed (to do)," he said.

Cathy's help did not stop here; she connected the Fort Wayne family to food stamps and WIC benefits.

Soon the big day arrived. Baby Carson's surgery was on January 10th at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. The procedure was considered a success and Carson is doing great. He weighed nine pounds the

day of the surgery and has been growing at a healthy rate since.

The future is uncertain as he might need open heart surgery one day. In the meantime, Joe and his wife are thankful for their son's health.

Joe said in hindsight his layoff was a blessing in disguise because he had the pleasure of spending a lot of time with his little one during this trying time. The experience was very hum-



Photo Contributed

Baby Carson is doing well after surgery to repair a faulty heart valve. The DiMarzio family received assistance from CANI in 2010 connecting them to health insurance and other benefits.

my family is taken care of," he said.

CANI is a member of Covering Kids & Families of Indiana, Inc. (CKF-IN) is a statewide organization committed to ensuring that all children and families eligible for Medicaid and the State's Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) are enrolled. Covering Kids & Families of Indiana is a partnership of more than five hundred organizations and individuals "Advocating Health Coverage for All." For more information, visit the Covering Kids and Families Indiana web site, www.ckfindiana.org.

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bling. Neither Joe nor his wife had ever received public assistance, so this was a learning experience. Moreover, Joe said the cost of medical care was "eye opening."

At the time of print Joe was waiting to hear back about a job offer. He is eager to be the breadwinner again and get off unemployment. "I want to make sure

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MAJOR HOME REPAIRS AND FIXED INCOME DON'T MIX, BUT CANI HELPS

What do you do if you're on a fixed income and there's nothing left over at the end of the month for unexpected expenses?

Judy Baughman faced this predicament in the summer of 2010 when her furnace needed to be replaced. As a mother caring for two special needs adults solely on Social Security income, she did not have any extra money to pay for this repair.

The Fort Wayne woman inquired with a local agency, but was turned away. They referred her to CANI, where she was connected with Weatherization Inspector Dale Hubert, who soon learned of her urgent need.

"He promised help some way or another," she said about Dale.

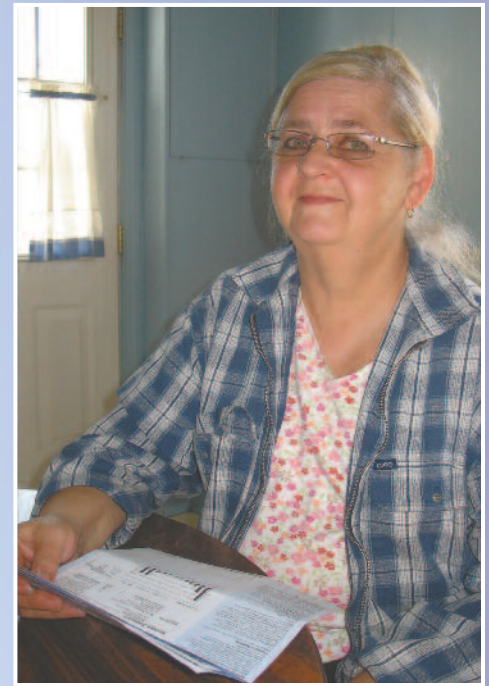
Judy qualified for a new furnace and other weatherization work. Soon a crew came out to her home to get the job done.

First on the to-do list was to remove the insulation in the crawl space and the deteriorating plaster. In the midst of the work, Dale discovered that Judy had a leaking sewage pipe under the foundation and he remedied that. The new furnace was next on the list. The crew performed the work in a timely manner and was very polite, she said.

"Everybody was so nice," she said. She especially appreciated the fact that no one "talked down" to her and treated her with respect.

Now that the work is complete, Judy is enjoying stable temperatures in her home. Prior to the work, the temperature fluctuated. This presented a health hazard for one of her daughters, who is hyper-sensitive to the cold.

"That was such a big help," she said. "I don't have to worry about getting cold." Judy said she is really grateful to CANI and Dale for the help. Like many of our clients, she said CANI was truly a life-



Judy lives in Fort Wayne with her two adult children with special needs. CANI helped her with home repairs and a new furnace – necessary improvements that she just could not afford living solely on Social Security income.

saver during a difficult time.

"I don't know what I would have done (without CANI)," she said.

IT'S THE SMALL THINGS THAT MATTER

Poverty doesn't usually happen overnight. When one area of a person's life comes undone, it's easy for the rest to fall apart. That was the case for Kim Antrup.

Life took a turn for the worse in 2006 when her husband died. Kim, who was suffering from mental illness, had depended on him for a source of income. With no family support she was left to fend for herself. Desperate for help, she inquired at the CANI office in Steuben County.

Family Development Support Worker Sandra Smith began meeting with Kim and the two have met regularly for the past three years.

The first order of business was to help Kim treat her mental illness. Sandra referred her to the Northeastern Center for medication and therapy. Finding a safe and affordable apartment was next on the list since she was essentially homeless at this time. Not having a driver's license or car presented a barrier to accessing services. With Sandra's help Kim was able to move into apartments in Angola within walking distance of everything she needed.

But Kim's story does not stop here. Sandra is credited with helping Kim secure food through the local food pantries, obtain prescrip-

tion medications, and assistance for rent. Kim is now a client on the Shelter Plus Care program, which helps pay a portion of the rent for people who are homeless and battling a mental illness, HIV/AIDS or substance abuse.

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HOW DOES IT HAPPEN? – A LESSON IN HOMELESSNESS

A happy ending - that's what CANI has provided for one local family who unexpectedly fell into a cycle of homelessness.

Felipe and Sommer Villalobos were hard-working people, raising two children on limited means. But Felipe lost his job around the time of the birth of their third child, now age 3. Luckily Sommer had a support system in the form of her parents. They were able to move to her parent's home in Spencerville as a temporary measure.

But six months later, the in-laws had lost their jobs and their home to foreclosure. Still, as people of faith, they did not give up. Felipe tried to secure a mobile home, but that fell thru. It was at this time the Villalobos turned to the local social services network. A case worker referred them to the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a local homeless shelter where they had a four-month stay. Later they were transferred to another Fort Wayne shelter, Vincent House, for fifteen weeks.

While at the shelters they were placed on a waiting list for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP.) This program, locally administered through CANI, involves case management and housing assistance to help people get back into permanent housing. Their stay at the shelters did not hinder their drive to find work, although at times their efforts seemed in vain.

"We felt like we were banging our heads against the wall," Sommer recounted.

Still, in the face of adversity the family did not lose hope.

"We knew God had a plan for us," she said. "Then we got the call."

That call was from CANI informing them of an opening in the HPRP program. The program pays a portion of the families rent and utilities.

In a week's time the couple was able to sign a lease on a rental property in New Haven. They moved in on September 2, 2010. The family was able to furnish the house through donations from local charities.

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After the move, things started looking up for them... Felipe has since secured full-time employment and is able to provide for his family once again.

Sommer said her family will never forget their struggle. It was through the help of agencies like CANI that her family has a roof over their heads. She encourages people in her former position to ask for help: "There is hope...there are programs out there - use them."



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Felipe and Sommer Villalobos pose for a family photo with their four children: Elijah, Angel, Esperanza and Abigail. The family lived in shelters for the past couple of years until being connected to CANI and a housing assistance program.

Sommer said she looks to the day when they become self-sufficient. She is considering going back to school when the children are older.

In the meantime, the Villalobos family meets with CANI Family Development Support Worker Connie Howard at least twice a month. Connie works with them to set goals and overcome barriers. Additionally, she connects them to community resources, as well as providing advocacy, support, and motivation.

HPRP is available in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties through CANI.

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and work with parent and child. The emphasis is on child development, education, family self-sufficiency and parenting skills.

Youth Program: Youth development is a priority at CANI and last year, the agency was able to reach out to more youth. The youth program has grown from a humble five participants to twenty-one in 2010. Middle school students got a glimpse of the “real world” through the agency’s second annual WHO CAN I BE? career shadow days last summer. Funding also allowed for CANI’s Youth Individual Development Accounts (YIDA) to offer a match of \$100 per year for up to three years that eligible High School students deposit money into a savings account to be used for post high school education expenses.



Photo Submitted

The CANI Youth Program provides opportunities for career exploration.

Family Education: The Family Education program was expanded in 2010 to offer more workshops and expand CANI’s reach in the rural areas that we serve. Currently the agency provides workshops pertaining to the 12 life areas that help families become self-sufficient. Workshops are designed to increase knowledge so that families may better utilize the resources available in the community. Sessions are offered in Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley counties. Last year, 940 people attended workshops on various topics including: money management, interviewing and resume skills, and improving relationships.

Weatherization: Through ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) or the “stimulus package,” CANI received funds to weatherize more low income families’ homes. CANI weatherized 354 homes during the 2009-2010 program year and is on track to Weatherize 460 homes in 2010-2011. This translates into lower energy bills and warmer homes for families.

New Office: CANI was able to open a second office in Noble County through the generosity of a local man. Businessman Brian Steffen purchased and renovated the building at 200 S. Cavin St. in Ligonier, as part of a downtown revitalization project. The building, known as the Community Initiatives building, houses several social service agencies. This one-stop-shop

approach will make it easier for families to access services. Families can access the same services available at the Kendallville office, which includes energy assistance, child care assistance, weatherization and case management.

Public Education: Getting the word out about who we are and what we do is vital to the cause. Last year the Development Department worked diligently to enhance the agency’s presence on social media, with an active Facebook page and blog. The Poverty Simulation gained a lot of local attention. On May 20, more than 60 individuals from the community underwent the Community Action Poverty Simulation, with the hopes of gaining a better understanding of poverty issues. The purpose of the simulation was to raise awareness about poverty issues and call people to action. The hope is that the more people who are educated about poverty, the more they will want to work to eliminate it. CANI has plans to execute at least two simulations in 2011.

Indeed these milestones are on a “big picture” level and truly the “tip of the iceberg.” Most of what we do does not make headlines. It’s important to note and celebrate the everyday success our clients enjoy, for they are truly steps on the path to self-sufficiency. Some of these individual stories are featured in the pages of this Annual Report.

It’s the Small Things..., continued from page 5

Perhaps the biggest success is helping her develop a source of income. Kim now receives Social Security benefits and has connected with a Vocational Rehabilitation program, whereby she hopes to secure part-time employment.

While these major successes are impressive, it’s often the small things that make the biggest difference in peoples’ lives. Sandra has helped Kim navigate through many of life’s simple yet important tasks: “She takes the time and explains it...she puts it down to the level where I can

understand it,” Kim said about Sandra’s patience.

Kim said she has experienced her share of “ups and downs” along the road. Yet she realized this transformation happened “with a lot of help from CANI and other people.”

People in need should not hesitate to seek assistance from agencies like CANI. In her words: “Take the

chance because you never know how things are going to work out.”

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Rural King
Ms. Angela Scott
Ms. Judy Sheppard
Shilling Sales Inc.
Ms. Birdie Stamper
Jon'Quisha Starks
Subway Systems, Inc.
Target Glenbrook
The Frazier House
Ms. Roxanne Thomas
Tokens-N-Tickets
Wal-Mart Supercenter Store
#5025
Ms. Natasha Wilson

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| Program Name | Grantor Agency | Expenses |
|---|---|---------------------|
| Federal Sources | | |
| Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) | Indiana Family & Social Service Administration (IFSSA) | \$514,173 |
| Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) | Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA) | 496,986 |
| Energy Assistance Program | IHCDA | 5,184,514 |
| Housing Choice Voucher Program | IHCDA | 727,137 |
| Shelter Plus Care | IHCDA | 192,540 |
| Weatherization Assistance Program - DOE | IHCDA | 291,165 |
| Weatherization Assistance Program - LIHEAP | IHCDA | 929,035 |
| IDA Administration | Indiana Department of Commerce | 6,491 |
| Head Start | U.S. Department of Health & Human Services | 5,110,972 |
| Head Start CCDF | Parent Co-Pay and Voucher Revenue | 148,581 |
| USDA Reimbursement | Indiana Department of Education | 295,210 |
| Emergency Food & Assistance Programs (EFSP) | Emergency Food & Shelter National Board | 11,202 |
| Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) ARRA | IHCDA | 1,029,860 |
| Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing (HPRP) ARRA | IHCDA | 700,565 |
| Head Start ARRA | U.S. Department of Health & Human Services | 342,664 |
| Early Head Start | U.S. Department of Health & Human Services | 601,025 |
| Home Energy Conservation (HEC) ARRA | IHCDA | 2,045,486 |
| Family Development | Funded by Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)* | 131,402 |
| Community Action Program | Funded by CSBG* | 9,546 |
| | *Not included in totals. | |
| Total Federal Funding Sources: | | \$18,627,606 |
| Private Sources | | |
| Head Start Assistance | St. Joseph Community Health Foundation | 7,360 |
| Healthy Families | Community Alliance for Healthy Families | 218,036 |
| Donations | Various | 17,951 |
| Various Programs | United Way | 76,926 |
| Family Development | Lincoln Foundation | 24,271 |
| NIPSCO Family Development | NIPSCO | 25,870 |
| NIPSCO Furnaces | NIPSCO | 104,539 |
| NIPSCO Weatherization | NIPSCO | 28,710 |
| Covering Kids & Families | Covering Kids & Families of Indiana | 10,365 |
| Covering Kids & Families | MDwise | 15,000 |
| Covering Kids & Families | Parkview Foundation | 10,000 |
| Covering Kids & Families | Parkview Whitley Foundation | 24,000 |
| Covering Kids & Families | Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne | 24,000 |
| Covering Kids & Families | Northeast OB/GYN Associates | 14,000 |
| Covering Kids & Families | Health and Hospital Corporation | 29,200 |
| Covering Kids & Families | Funded by Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) | 33,800 |
| Head Start In-Kind | Local match | 2,022,520 |
| Early Head Start In-Kind | Local match | 39,361 |
| Other Programs | Various | 11,789 |
| Total Private Funding Sources: | | \$2,737,698 |
| State Sources | | |
| Healthy Families | Community Alliance for Healthy Families | 218,036 |
| Total State Funding Sources: | | \$218,036 |
| Total Program Activity: | | \$21,583,340 |

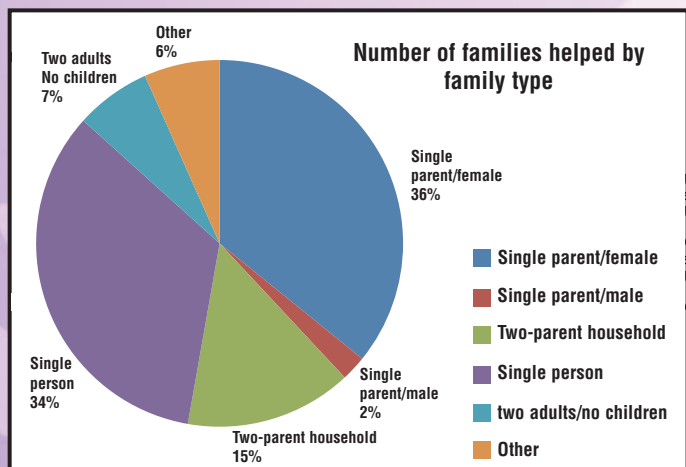
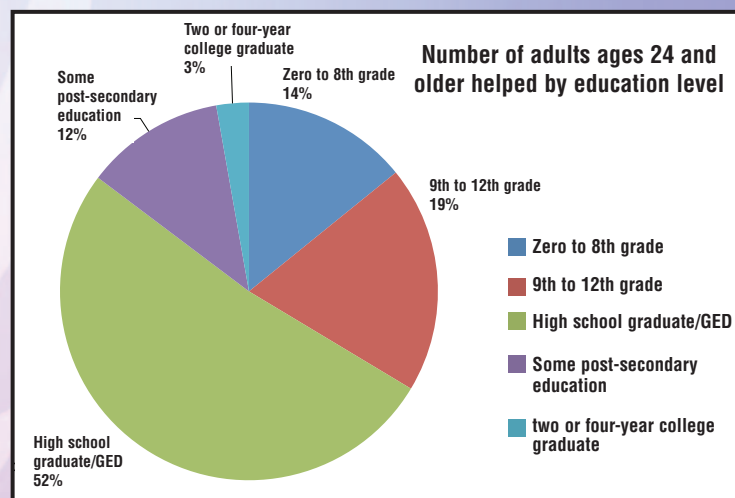
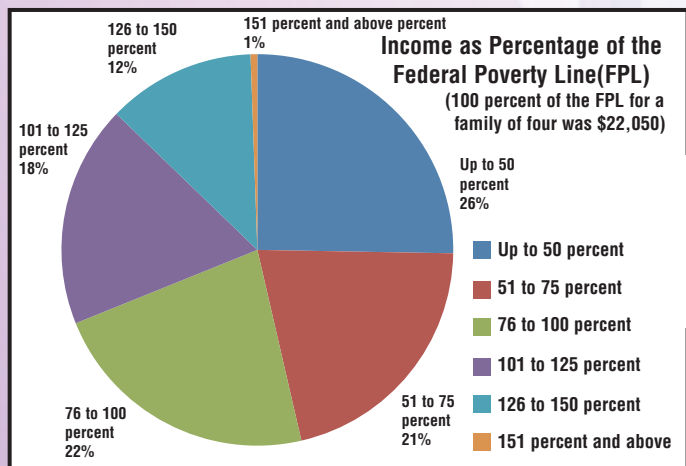
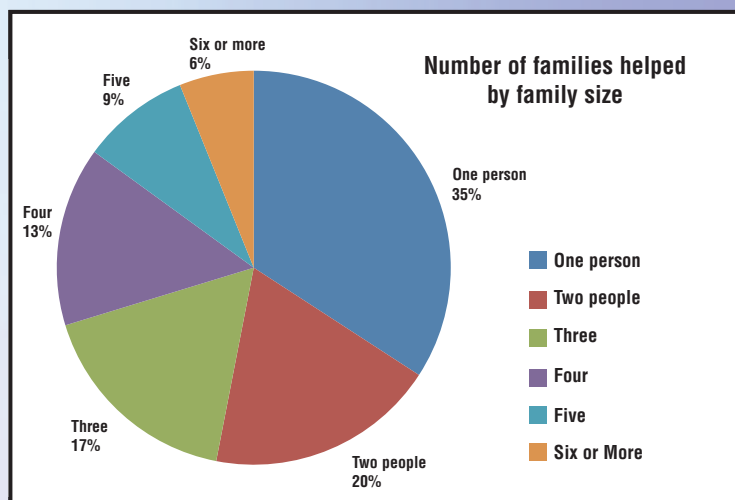
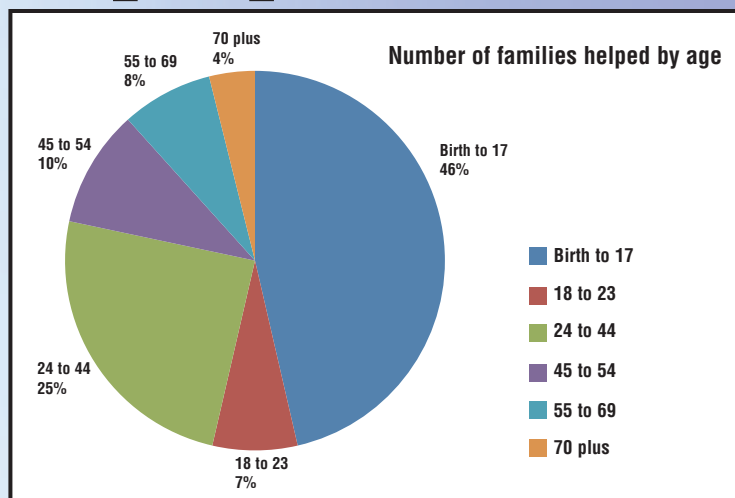
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CANI helped 30,533 people in 2010

Last year, CANI made the following possible:

- 11,839 families received help with their utility bills, either reconnecting services or preventing disconnect.
- 6,065 children were provided quality child care in order for families to get or keep jobs or go to school.
- 4,590 people with disabilities and 3,527 senior citizens maintained independent living situations.
- 1035 children developed school-readiness skills in preparation for kindergarten.
- 995 children obtained age-appropriate immunizations, medical and dental care.
- 6,387 families were recipients of emergency food, housing, transportation, clothing, and utility assistance.
- 933 families improved parenting and family-functioning skills, thereby reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect.
- 940 people attended workshops on money management, interviewing and resume skills, or improving relationships.
- 1005 families became more self-sufficient through intensive, home-based case-management services.
- 331 families received monthly housing assistance in order to maintain safe and decent housing.
- 429 families lived in safer and more energy-efficient homes.
- 1,359 families participated in the EITC tax program and brought \$2,100,497 into our community in Federal and State tax credits.
- 347 individuals were unemployed and obtained a job.
- 1,423 individuals were employed and obtained an increase in employment income or benefits.
- 959 households obtained health insurance.
- 27 households obtained court ordered child support payments resulting in an \$80,893 increase in their total household income.
- 36 jobs were created or saved in our community as a result of CANI's initiatives.



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2009-2010 Head Start Report



Mission Statement



Community Action of
Northeast Indiana, Inc.

(CANI) Head Start is an organization of site managed family care centers dedicated to providing a strong foundation and nurturing environment for children and families through a comprehensive program of early childhood education and family support services, resulting in increased self-sufficiency for families.

Program Goals



A major goal of the Head Start Program is to bring about a greater degree of social competence in children. Social competence means the children's everyday effectiveness in dealing with both the present environment and later responsibilities in school life. Social competence takes into account the child's cognitive, emotional and physical needs.

To accomplish this goal, our program provides:

- Educational services for children and their families
- Medical services and health education
- Dental services and dental education
- Mental Health services
- Nutrition services and nutrition education
- Family partnerships
- Parent involvement

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REVENUES/EXPENDITURES

These reported expenditures and revenue were in line with our 2009-2010 budget* and supported our goals and objectives.

A few notes:

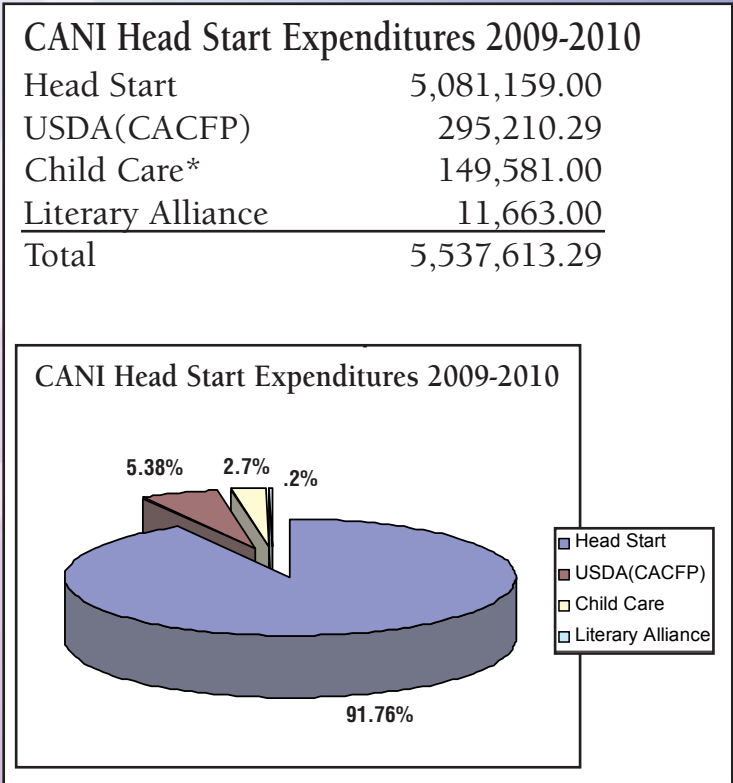
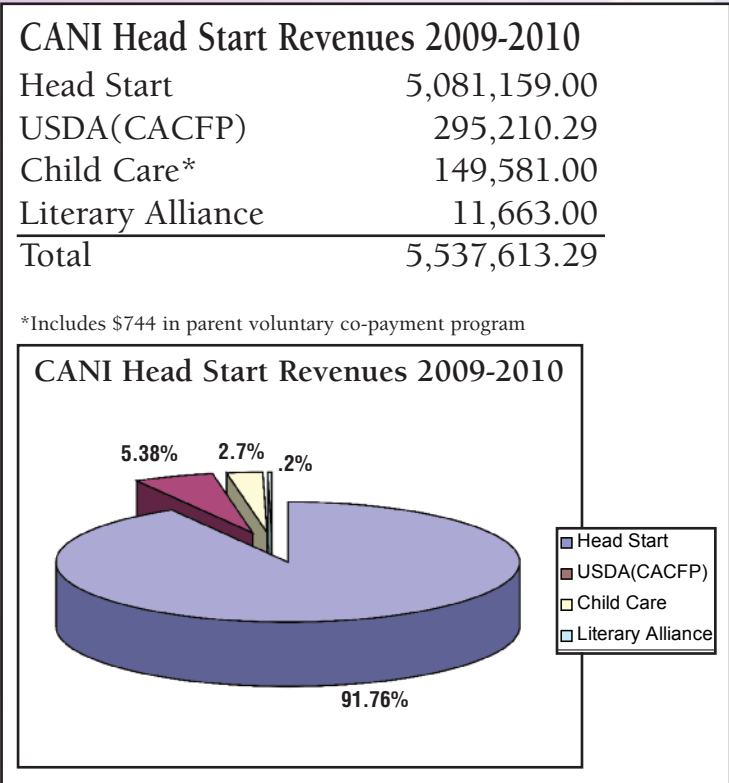
Child Care Vouchers are included as revenue/expenditures because two classrooms at the Hanna-Creighton site operate as full-day/full-year programs.

The Fort Wayne Literacy Alliance is listed as a source of revenue/expenditures because we have a partnership with the organization for literacy services. The Literacy Alliance pays \$11,663 towards the salary and benefits (approximately half of the cost) for the Family Advocate working with families in the literacy program. This Family Advocate facilitates enrollment across our program and participates in twice weekly night meetings for parents who are working on getting their GED.

We propose a budget and we are held to that budget. The fiscal year is Nov. 1 through Oct. 31 each year. We will propose the budget for Fiscal Year 2012 by July 2011.



*Figures are based on the period from 11/01/09 to 10/31/10.



ENROLLMENT

We serve families in Allen, Noble and Whitley counties. Here is the breakdown of the enrollment by site:

Allen County Sites:

- Hanna-Creighton: 136 part day children, plus 36 full-day/full-year children
- St. Henry's Catholic Church: 103 children
- Grace St. John's Church of Christ: 84 children
- Salvation Army: 118 children
- Ivy Tech: 34 children
- Achduth Vesholm Temple: 82 children

Noble County Sites:

- First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville: 34 children plus 10 in Bowen Center staffed classroom.
- Ligonier United Methodist Church: 34 children

Whitley County Site:

- Columbia City: 32 children



Percentage of Eligible Children Served

In the CANI Head Start service area there were 5,515 eligible children. Of those eligible children CANI Head Start was able to serve 908 children.

Those numbers show that CANI Head Start was able to serve only 16 percent of all eligible children in the service area, down a percentage from last year.

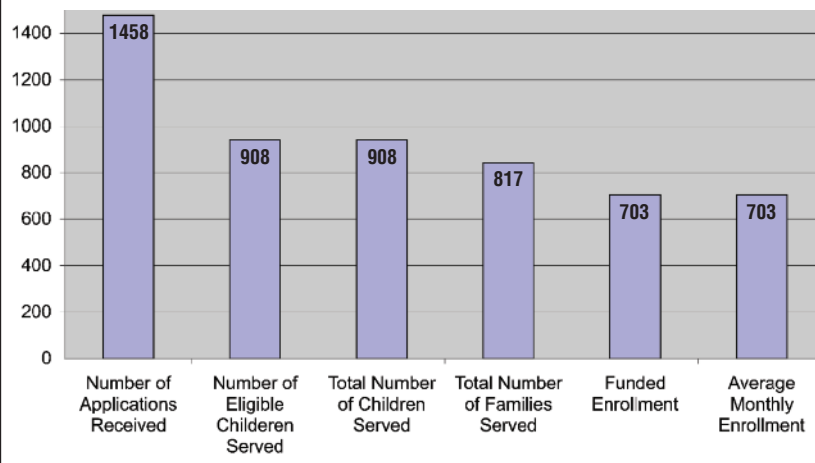
This percentage can only be increased when program expansion is offered by HHS (Department of Health and Human Services); allowing CANI Head Start to serve more children. The current available CANI Head Start enrollment slots are filled at 100 percent continuously.

CANI Head Start Enrollment 2009-2010*

| | |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Number of Applications Received | 1458 |
| Number of Eligible Children Served | 908 |
| Total Number of Children Served | 908 |
| Total Number of Families Served | 817 |
| Funded Enrollment | 703 |
| Average Monthly Enrollment | 703 |

* Enrollment figures are based on program year 9/09-8/10.

CANI Head Start Enrollment 2009-2010



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Education

Education Services in the CANI Head Start program are enhanced through a partnership with the United Way of Allen County and Fort Wayne Community Schools. Each child transitioning to kindergarten takes with them a "Passport to Kindergarten" which provides specific individual information for the kindergarten teacher who will receive them in the fall. Additionally, "Off To A Good Start" sessions are held for parents that help them know what to expect and how to best help their child transition to kindergarten.

Family Services

Family Services in the CANI Head Start program work with Head Start parents to establish goals to help the family become stable with the ultimate goal of family self-sufficiency. Family Services also work with families to gain new skills through involvement in parent activities, organizing events and joining committees in the community. Additionally, Family Services staff works with parents with the inten-

tion of improving their self-advocacy skills in order for them to become comfortable advocating for themselves and their families. Finally, Family Services staff remains abreast of the resources available in the community to assist with crisis prevention and management for the Head Start families.

MEDICAL & DENTAL CARE

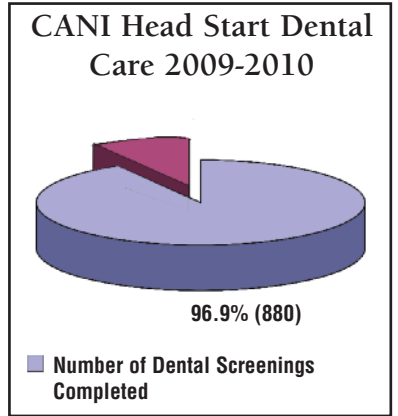
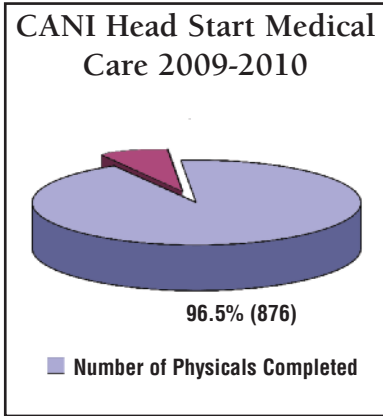


Renee Schiebel, Registered Nurse, serves as CANI Head Start's Health Coordinator and her position is funded by the Community Health Improvement Programs at Parkview, Parkview Noble, and Parkview Whitley Hospitals.

We are charged to help families get a medical/dental care home. Renee works with Family Advocates to ensure children are on schedule with immunizations and current with physical exams. Families are encouraged to use family physicians and dentists as much as possible. When this hasn't happened then Renee assists in finding other avenues to get exams done.

Renee facilitates vision and hearing screenings and provides parents with information and resources about relevant health topics, such as proper hygiene, dental care, nutrition and poison prevention.

| CANI Head Start Medical/Dental Care 2009-2010* | |
|--|-----|
| Number of Physicals Completed | 876 |
| Number of Dental Screenings Completed | 880 |
| Head Start total enrolled | 908 |



QUALITY

Results of Most Recent Audit

From the Audit for Grant period July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 there was a finding in the area of Delegate Monitoring. Community Action of Northeast Indiana, Inc. did not notify the delegate, East Wayne Street Center, that as a sub recipient of ARRA funding they needed to register in the Central Contractor Registration and obtain a DUNS number. Community Action of Northeast Indiana, Inc. requested that the delegate, East Wayne Street Center, requested a CCR number. East Wayne Street Center has confirmed that they applied and received a CCR number.

Results of the Most Recent Monitoring Review

The On-Site Monitoring Review was conducted in April, 2010, with a return review at the end of November 2010. All areas of non-compliance were found to be corrected. (PART 230-Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations 2CFR Part 230, Appendix B-Selected Items of Cost(11) Depreciation and use allowances which was about how the delegate, East West Street Head Start, computed Non-federal Share for donated space from East Wayne Street Center; PART 1304.20 Child Health and Developmental Services (B) Screening for Development, Sensory and Behavioral Concerns which specifies that screening must be completed within 45 calendar days of the child's entry's into the program; PART 1308.4 Purpose and scope of disabilities service plan (a) and (d) which was about specific items that need to be a part of the written disabilities service plan; 1308.4 Purpose and scope of disabilities service plan (1) (1) (4) (5) (6) which was about specifics that need to be part of the MOUs (Memorandum of Understandings) that are written with the LEAs (Local Education Authorities); and PART 1310 Head Start Transportation (b) which requires the program when not providing transportation to make clear to all prospective families the types of assistance available if transportation is needed.)

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2009-2010 Early Head Start Report



MISSION STATEMENT



Community Action of Northeast Indiana, Inc. (CANI) Early Head Start(EHS) is a home visiting program that promotes healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, enhances the development of infants and toddlers, and promotes healthy family functioning through partnerships with families and the community.

PROGRAM GOALS

EHS recognizes parents as their children's first and most important teachers. One of the most important goals of EHS is to give parents the information they need to empower them to embrace that role. EHS also encourages families to become the advocate for their family and their children, access appropriate health care services, and become involved in their community.

To accomplish this goal, our program provides:

- Weekly home visits
- Prenatal health education
- Child development education
- Parenting skills building
- Family goal setting
- Self-sufficiency and family functioning education
- Medical services and health education
- Dental services and dental education
- Mental Health services
- Nutrition education
- Family partnerships
- Parent involvement

REVENUES/EXPENDITURES

Revenue

419,242 start-up dollars from HHS
262,584 program dollars from HHS
681,826 total revenue

Expenditures

544,826 dollars spent
137,000 start-up dollars requested for carry over

These reported expenditures and revenue were in our 2009-2010 budget* and supported our goals and objectives.

*Figures are based on the period from 12/1/2009 to 09/29/2010.

A request for unspent start up grant dollars has been sent to HHS. The \$137,000 that was not spent by the end of the startup period was designated for infant toddler playgrounds and staff training. It was unable to be spent by the September 29, 2010 deadline because staff were hired in May 2010 and services were required to begin June 1, 2010.

ENROLLMENT



CANI EHS serves 72 infants, toddlers, and pregnant women in Allen, Noble, and Whitley counties.

The breakdown by caseload is as follows:

Noble – 10 enrollees for 1 Spanish speaking home visitor • Whitley – 10 enrollees for 1 home visitor
Allen – 41 enrollees for 4 home visitors, including 11 enrollees for 1 Burmese speaking home visitor

EHS served 105 children through 9/29/2010. We received 274 applications and had 37 children on the waiting list.

Percentage of Eligible Children Served

In the EHS service area there were 4479 eligible children. These numbers show that CANI Early Head Start was only able to serve two percent of the children that were eligible for the program in our service area.

MEDICAL & DENTAL CARE

We are charged to help families get medical/dental care and help children stay up-to-date on the state schedule for infant/toddler health screens, including well baby visits and immunizations. The Health Coordinator, a registered nurse, works with Home Visitors to ensure children are on schedule with immunizations, current with physical exams, and families are receiving health and safety information they need. Families are encouraged to use family physicians and dentists as much as possible. Home Visitors also do health and development screenings during home visits and provide education and information about health topics including tooth brushing, nutrition, and home safety.

Early Head Start also contracts with Nutrition and Mental Health professionals to ensure that families have access to all the services they need to enable their families to be healthy.

QUALITY

Results of the Most Recent Audit & Monitoring Review

During the review conducted 10/3/2010 – 10/6/2010 by the Administration of Children and Families, it was determined that our Early Head Start program is in compliance with all applicable Head Start Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements and no corrective action is required at this time.

CANI Golf 2011



CANI Golf 2011 is scheduled for June 9 at Noble Hawk Golf Links, 3005 Noble Hawk Drive, in Kendallville. Cost to participate is \$400 per foursome and includes golf, snacks, beverages, and dinner. All proceeds benefit CANI.

Contact Jennifer Renner (260) 399-4103 for more information. Online registration is available at www.canigolf.org.



Lettie Haver of the Paul Clark Nonprofit Resource Center experienced the intricacies and frustrations of living a month in poverty at the CANI Poverty Simulation April 25th. The Simulation was supported by Foellinger Foundation funding.

CANI Thanks Our Donors

We'd like to thank the individuals, businesses, foundations, and organizations that have recently supported CANI. Your financial gifts and in-kind contributions help us fight poverty and build hope - thank you for all you do!

The following in-kind and cash donations have been received since our last issue.

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Ms. Carrie Hammons

Ms. Lutricia Harris

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-Energy Assistance Program Client

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