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Free Training Offered for Case Managers Working with Low-Income Families
Duke Energy grant funds 20 regional training sessions on budgeting, self-sufficiency tools

Indianapolis, IN—The Indiana Institute for Working Families is offering free, local training for case managers, financial counselors and workforce and education counselors to help low-income families determine their financial needs and complete career pathways planning.

With the support of a \$27,500 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation, the Institute will offer 20 local training sessions on its Indiana Self-Sufficiency Standard Calculator and Case Management Portal to non-profits serving families within Duke Energy's service area. The standard measures how much income is needed for a family of a certain composition in a given county to adequately meet their basic needs - without public or private assistance. An online Self-Sufficiency Calculator makes it possible to determine whether the incomes of different family types are enough to meet their basic needs depending on the counties where they live.

To request training, please visit: http://indianaselfsufficiencystandard.org/request_for_training

"With the support of Duke Energy grants over the past five years, we have been able to create online tools and now training to help low-income families budget and assess their financial needs," said Jessica Fraser, program manager of the Institute for Working Families. "With this grant, we are able to travel across Indiana spreading the word about self-sufficiency and get this tool into the hands of dedicated practitioners who work with low-income families to achieve and maintain economic self-sufficiency."

To learn more and view the Indiana Sufficiency Calculator, go to: <http://www.indianaselfsufficiencystandard.org/>.

ABOUT THE INDIANA INSTITUTE FOR WORKING FAMILIES

The Indiana Institute for Working Families – a program of the Indiana Community Action Association (INCAA) – conducts research and promotes public policies 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. The Institute achieves its work through advocacy and education, and through national, statewide, and community partnerships. The Institute was founded in 2004. To learn more about the Institute, please visit: www.incap.org/iwvf.html

ABOUT THE DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION

The Duke Energy Foundation makes charitable investments on behalf of Duke Energy, the largest electric power holding company in the United States with 7.2 million customers in six states. Over the foundation's long history in local communities, it has identified focus areas that maximize the foundation's dollars and guide the foundation's giving. The foundation makes grants supporting the environment, economic development, education and community vitality. In Indiana, the Duke Energy Foundation invests approximately \$2 million annually for community support and charitable contributions. To learn more about the Duke Energy Foundation, visit www.duke-energy.com/community.