



# INDIANA COMMUNITY ACTION POVERTY INSTITUTE

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## Research and Public Policy

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### **The Institute Honors National Disability Employment Awareness Month**

Indianapolis, IN – Today, in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute is pleased to release a suite of publications focused on the experiences of individuals with disabilities in the workforce.

[By the Numbers: Hoosiers with Disabilities & Employment Supports](#) offers a snapshot of the current landscape of individuals with disabilities in the workforce and suggests investments and improvements that would create more inclusive and productive workplaces.

['Live in Our Shoes for a Day': A Study of Hoosiers Leaving the Workforce Due to Disability](#) shines a light on the experiences of Hoosiers who leave the workforce due to a disabling condition.

[Listening to Hoosiers: Leaving the Workforce Due to Disability](#) offers key takeaways from the 'Live in Our Shoes for a Day' report with illustrative quotes.

These three products are the result of a generous nine-month contract with the [Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority](#) (IHCDA).

"We commend the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute on the great work they have done in crafting these reports," said Jake Sipe, Executive Director of IHCDA. "By truly listening to Hoosiers and engaging with real-life experiences, they have compiled data that will allow policymakers to take a strategic approach to addressing these important issues."

"Hoosiers with disabilities dream of an Indiana where they can return to the workforce with reasonable accommodations, seamlessly apply for Social Security benefits, and remain financially secure while doing all of this," said Ashley Phillips, Community Needs Analyst at the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute. "These publications are a first step towards making such a future into a reality by illuminating the present barriers."

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#### **About the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute**

The Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute engages in research and promotes public policies to help Hoosier families achieve and maintain financial well-being. We believe that when Hoosiers are financially stable, they can

achieve their full potential and better contribute to their communities. The Institute is a program of the Indiana Community Action Association.