

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **‘Restore Economic Mobility for Hoosier Families’ at the Indiana Statehouse**

**Indianapolis, IN** — With support from the Indianapolis Foundation (a CICF affiliate) and the Working Poor Families Project, the Indiana Institute for Working Families will host ‘Restore Economic Mobility for Hoosier Families’ from **1PM – 4PM on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in the South Atrium of the Indiana Statehouse.**

The event will begin with brief remarks from the nonprofit community on the challenges to economic self-sufficiency and upward mobility for too many Hoosier families. Remarks include: the importance of catalyzing the philanthropic community to address systemic changes in the delivery of social services and work supports; results from research on the economic phenomenon known as the ‘Cliff Effect’ – illustrating that work alone isn’t always enough for economic self-sufficiency, and; from the frontlines, the perspective of a family development specialist who has witnessed first-hand the challenges faced by low-income Hoosier families.

Attendees will then have an opportunity to visit their respective legislative offices to share educational resources and personal stories, and ask their representative to sign on as ‘Champions of Economic Mobility’.

Media will have the opportunity to photograph the speakers and attendees as they gather and line up to find their legislators and interview speakers to discuss the need for policies that impact low-income Hoosier families.

For more information, please visit our Facebook events page: <http://on.fb.me/1foBnTO>

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### **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/iifw.html](http://www.incap.org/iifw.html)

### **ABOUT THE INDIANAPOLIS FOUNDATION**

As Indiana's oldest and largest community foundation, The Indianapolis Foundation (a CICF affiliate) was created in 1916 to ensure that the quality of life in Marion County continuously improves; to help where the needs are greatest and the benefits to the community are most extensive; and to provide donors a vehicle for using their gifts in the best possible way now, and in the future as conditions in the community change. To learn more about the Indianapolis Foundation, please visit: <http://www.cicf.org/the-indianapolis-foundation>

### **ABOUT THE WORKING POOR FAMILIES PROJECT**

The Working Poor Families Project is a national initiative designed to help working families achieve economic security by strengthening a variety of policies at the state level. The WFPF is supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Ford Foundation, Joyce Foundation and Kresge Foundation. For more information, please visit: <http://www.workingpoorfamilies.org/>

### **ABOUT THE 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 are comprised of Indiana's 23 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. IN-CAA serves as an advocate and facilitator of policy, planning and programs to create solutions and share responsibility as leaders in the War Against Poverty. IN-CAA's mission is to help the state's CAAs address the conditions of poverty through: training and technical assistance; developing models for service delivery; and providing resources to help increase network capacity. For more information about IN-CAA, please visit: [www.incap.org](http://www.incap.org)