



Indiana Resources and Tools

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- Rainbow Book
- Unemployment Guide
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- Family Development Matrix

Rainbow Book

- Comprehensive directories of agencies and organizations providing human service programs in central Indiana. The main database is also available online; hosted by the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.

- Thanks to the generous support of Citizens Energy Group and Duke Energy, Connect2Help (211) is happy to offer the 2010 Edition of the Rainbow Book™ as a free download.

- How to get a copy:

<http://www.connect2help.org/Request2010RB.html>

- FAQ about downloaded copy:

<http://www.connect2help.org/FAQ.pdf>

Unemployment Guide

- Published by Indiana Department of Workforce Development
- Includes information on: Unemployment Insurance, Uplink, Indiana Career Connect, WorkOnes, COBRA Benefits, Work Support Programs (Hoosier Healthwise, Healthy Indiana Plan, TANF, SNAP, School Lunch Program, WIC, Rx Indiana, Child Care, EAP, and Housing), and Veterans Benefits.
- In your training binder, but also available online in PDF format at:
www.in.gov/dwd/files/Combined_Unemployment_guide_Cobra_Insert.pdf

FSSA Benefit Checker

- Created by Indiana Family and Social Services Administration
- Screens client by county to see if they are eligible for: SNAP, Health Coverage such as Medicaid, Healthy Indiana Plan, and Welfare benefits. Also allows them to apply for benefits, check application status, and review benefits.
- Is accessible to those who are visually or hearing impaired. Also available in both English and Spanish
- You can access the benefit checker at:
<http://www.in.gov/fssa/2954.htm>

FSSA Benefit Checker

FSSA: Apply for or Manage Benefits - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.in.gov/fssa/2954.htm

What is the Rainbow book in Indiana

IN.gov

SEARCH

IN.gov advanced search
FSSA search

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About Indiana Agriculture & Environment Business & Employment Education & Training Family & Health Law & Justice Public Safety Taxes & Finance Tourism & Transportation

Find an Agency Find a Person HELP

Family & Social Services Administration

FSSA Home > About FSSA > History/Overview > Apply for or Manage Benefits

Apply for or Manage Benefits

Do I Qualify for Services?

Click on the county in which you're seeking services to see what's available.

Adams	DeKalb	Henry	Marion	Posey	Union
Allen	Delaware	Howard	Marshall	Pulaski	Vanderburgh
Bartholomew	Dubois	Huntington	Martin	Putnam	Vermillion
Benton	Elkhart	Jackson	Miami	Randolph	Vigo
Blackford	Fayette	Jasper	Monroe	Ripley	Wabash
Boone	Flord	Jay	Montgomery	Rush	Warren
Brown	Fountain	Jefferson	Morgan	St. Joseph	Warrick
Carroll	Franklin	Jennings	Newton	Scott	Washington
Cass	Fulton	Johnson	Noble	Shelby	Wayne
Clark	Gibson	Knox	Ohio	Spencer	Wells
Clay	Grant	Kosciusko	Orange	Starke	White
Clinton	Greene	LaGrange	Owen	Steuben	Whitley
Crawford	Hamilton	Lake	Parke	Sullivan	
Davies	Hancock	LaPorte	Perry	Switzerland	
Dearborn	Harrison	Lawrence	Pike	Tippecanoe	
Decatur	Hendricks	Madison	Porter	Tipton	

Online Services
FIRST IN LINE EVERY TIME

- Child Carefinder
- Apply for Services
- Hoosier Healthwise Enrollment Centers
- Forms.IN.gov

More Online Services »
Account Center »

Top FAQs I Want To...

- Who is eligible for The Healthy Indiana Plan?
- If you do not qualify for the Healthy Indiana Plan, but are still uninsured. Are ...
- Where do I apply for Healthy Indiana Plan?
- What services are covered by the Healthy Indiana Plan?
- Are vision and/or dental covered by Healthy Indiana Plan?
- When can I apply for the Healthy Indiana Plan?

More FAQs »

Hoosier Healthwise

HIP
HEALTHY INDIANA PLAN
Health Coverage - Peace of Mind

CareFinder INDIANA
childcarefinder.in.gov

Options

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FSSA Benefit Checker


Benefits Portal Home - Windows Internet Explorer
https://www.ifcem.com/HCSSRequest/en_US/External_englishLandingHomePage.do

Family and Social Services Administration

Benefits Portal Home

[Español](#)

[Learn more.](#)

 [Click here if visually or hearing impaired](#)

See benefits you might be eligible for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answer questions in the screening tool to see if you might be eligible for Food Stamps, Health Coverage such as Medicaid, HIP (Healthy Indiana Plan) and/or Cash Assistance.
Apply for benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply for Food Stamps, Health Coverage and/or Cash Assistance - Complete the application online, or have an application mailed to you.• Apply for HIP - Obtain an application for the Healthy Indiana Plan.• Access/print your online application - Applications started online are available for up to 30 days.
Check Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check the status of an application you submitted.
Review your current benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review benefits you are receiving or print proof of your eligibility.• Report a change to your case.

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FSSA Benefit Checker

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Screen for Services - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar contains the URL: https://www.ifcem.com/HCSSRequest/en_US/External_englishNewUserStartingPage.do?_o3rpu=. The browser's search bar contains the text "What is the Rainbow book in Indiana". The website header includes the "Family and Social Services Administration" logo and a "Home" link. The main content area is titled "Screen for Services" and features a "Help" button. The page is divided into sections: "What Is Screening?", "What Information Do I Need?", "What Happens When I am Finished?", and a final instruction block. At the bottom, there are "Cancel" and "Start >" buttons.

Screen for Services - Windows Internet Explorer

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What is the Rainbow book in Indiana

Screen for Services

Family and Social Services Administration

Home

navigation

Screen for Services [Help](#)

What Is Screening?

Start by answering the 15 minute self-screening questions. This will help you find out what Indiana State Benefits you may be able to get if you apply. You will be asked questions about you and the people who live with you.

What Information Do I Need?

Please gather the following information to help you answer questions:

- **Household financial information**, such as:
 - Money spent on rent, house payments or heating and cooling
 - Cash on hand or money in a bank account
 - Income from a job or training
 - Payments for adult or child care
 - Unearned Income such as Social Security, SSI, child support, unemployment benefits
- **Benefits** you get now or have gotten in the past (for example, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, veteran's benefits, etc.)
- **Medical information** related to you and the people who live with you

What Happens When I am Finished?

After you answer the questions, you will know if you might be able to get Food Stamps, Cash Assistance, or Health Coverage. Please remember that this is a basic screening tool, not a final decision about whether you can get these programs. You can choose to apply at any time even if the screening results show you may not be eligible.

For the State to decide if you are eligible to receive benefits, you must complete and submit an Indiana Application for Assistance. Follow the steps to Print and Mail your signed application to begin the application process. Instead of printing and mailing the application, you may want to follow the steps and apply online.

For the State to decide if you are eligible for the Healthy Indiana Plan(HIP), you must complete and submit an Application for Healthy Indiana Plan. Follow the steps to print or receive an application by mail to begin the HIP application process.

The answers you give are secure and will be kept private

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Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

- A refundable federal tax credit for working individuals and families.
- In 2009, a worker with children making at or below \$35,000 to \$48,000 is eligible and a worker without children making at or below \$13,000 is eligible.

Number of Qualifying Children	Individual Filer	Joint Filer	Maximum Credit
Zero	\$13,440	\$18,440	\$457
One	\$35,463	\$40,463	\$3,043
Two	\$40,295	\$45,295	\$5,028
Three or more	\$43,279	\$48,279	\$5,657

- If person was eligible and did not claim, can claim the EITC up to three years retroactively. For family with two children this could equate to \$14,388 (for tax year 2007, 2008, and 2009).

State EITC

- Indiana has a refundable state tax credit based on 9% of the federal EITC.

Maximum Credit for State EITC, Tax Year 2009	
Number of Qualifying Children	Maximum Credit
Zero	\$41
One	\$274
Two	\$453
Three or more	\$509

- You can also claim the state EITC up to three years retroactively. For family with two children this could equate to \$1,008 (for tax year 2007, 2008, and 2009).

How to Claim the EITC

- FEDERAL

- Retroactively

- Fill out Schedule EIC for applicable year

- (www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=150513,00.html)

AND

- Form 1040X, available at:

- <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1040x.pdf>

- Current Tax Year (2010)

- Fill out Schedule EIC with 1040

How to Claim the EITC

- STATE

- Retroactively

- Fill out Schedule IN-EIC for applicable year

- 2009 forms available at:

- <http://www.in.gov/dor/4167.htm>

- Past years available at:

- <http://www.in.gov/dor/3488.htm>

AND

- Form IT-40X (<http://www.in.gov/dor/3827.htm>)

Current Tax Year (2010)

- Fill out Schedule IN-EIC with IT-40

EITC and CTC Outreach Materials

- Outreach materials available at: <http://eitcoutreach.org/>
- EITC Awareness Day 2010 - Friday, January 29, 2010
<http://eitcoutreach.org/category/eitc-awareness-day-2010>

EITC Outreach Campaign Site



Home About The EIC Estimator Outreach Works! Have You Heard? Outreach Database

Welcome to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' National Earned Income Credit & Child Tax Credit Outreach Campaign Website!

The 2011 Tax Credit Outreach Kit will be available in the fall. Send an email to eickit@cbpp.org to request a free copy.

Use the navigation menu to the right to view the 2010 Kit online.

To learn more about the history of this Campaign, click [here](#).

If you need further assistance, please call us at 202-408-1080.

How much is the Earned Income Credit and Child Tax Credit worth in Tax Year 2010?

[Find out here.](#)

First time learning about the tax credits and outreach?

Click [here to listen](#) to a podcast about the Earned Income Tax Credit (4:36 minutes) or [here to read a transcript](#) of the podcast.

2010 OUTREACH KIT

- [EITC Awareness Day 2010](#)
- [Tax Credit Outreach Campaign Introduction](#)
- [2010 Census Alert for Tax Credit Outreach Campaigns](#)
- [Running a Campaign? What You Need to Know](#)
- [Outreach Strategies](#)
- [Outreach Tools](#)
- [Assistance for Individual Taxpayers](#)
- [Information About Free Tax Filing Assistance](#)
- [Questions and Answers About the EITC](#)
- [Links to IRS Tax Forms and Information](#)
- [More Facts About Tax Credits](#)
- [Additional Tools for Promoting the Tax Credits](#)

USEFUL LINKS

- [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#)
- [Internal Revenue Service](#)
- [National Community Tax Coalition](#)
- [National EITC Outreach Partnership](#)
- [National Free Tax Filing Assistance Site Database](#)
- [The Brookings Institution](#)

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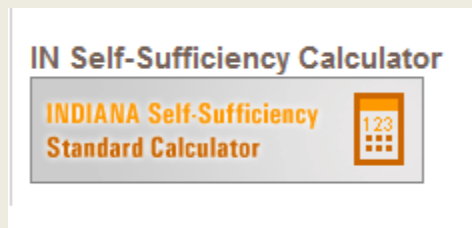
Indiana Self-Sufficiency Standard

- Published by the Indiana Institute for Working Families, a program of IN-CAA
- Measures how much a family of a certain composition in a given geographic location needs to meet their basic needs without government or private subsidies.
- The Standard is calculated for 70 family types in each of Indiana's 92 counties.
- Can be used in a number of ways including: a benchmark for evaluation and program improvement; as a guideline for determining eligibility and need for services; as a counseling tool; as a public education tool; and as a guideline for wage-setting and living wage campaigns.
- Report available at:
<http://www.incap.org/documents/FINAL%202009%20Indiana%20SSS%20Report%2010-26-09.pdf>

Indiana Self-Sufficiency Standard Calculator

- In addition to the report the Institute is updating the Self-Sufficiency Calculator which is a interactive version of the Standard which includes all 70 family types for all 92 counties

- Can link it to your web site



- The 2005 calculator is available at:
www.region4workforceboard.org/calculator/selfsuffcalc.cfm
- The 2009 version will be rolled out in August
- Expanded capabilities which include linking to jobs and education and that pay those wages will be available in 2011

Indiana Self-Sufficiency Standard Calculator



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Indiana Self-Sufficiency Standard Calculator

Enter your profile below to calculate your Self-Sufficiency Standard.

The Standard defines Infants as 2 yrs. old and under, Preschoolers as 3-5 yrs. old, Schoolage as 6-12 yrs. old and Teenagers as 13-18 years old.

Please select your county:

Please enter the number of people in your household:

Adults:

Infants

Pre-Schoolers

School-age

Teenage

Family Development Matrix

- Based on holistic case management and a way to measure a families progress to self-sufficiency
- The family development matrix is:
 - Family focused
 - Strength focused
 - Holistic measures
 - Tracking Progress
 - A flexible system
- A 12 category matrix used with case management programs

Family Development Matrix

- Measures life areas based on thresholds and used as a tool to help client set goals

12 Life Areas:

Dominant Life Areas:

- ✦ Income
- ✦ Adult Education
- ✦ Employment

Basic Needs:

- ✦ Housing
- ✦ Food
- ✦ Child Care
- ✦ Health
- ✦ Transportation
- ✦ Utilities

Factors (Positive or Negative):

- ✦ Support Systems
- ✦ Family Interaction
- ✦ Addictions

The ranking system is broken into 5 thresholds:

- ✦ In Crisis
- ✦ Vulnerable
- ✦ Stable
- ✦ Self-Sufficient
- ✦ Thriving

Effective goals are always **SMART**:

- ✦ **S**pecific
- ✦ **M**easurable
- ✦ **A**ttainable
- ✦ **R**ealistic
- ✦ **T**ime-Specific

- Next Family Development Training is August 16, 2010, you can register at:
http://www.abcsignup.com/view/view_month.aspx?as=22&aid=ICAA&wp=51

Questions?

- If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me:

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