

# INDIANA'S CHILDREN

## Indiana's Children At a Glance<sup>1</sup>

State Population <sup>2</sup> .....	6,516,922	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 <sup>5</sup> .....	23.0%
Population, Children Under 18 <sup>3</sup> .....	1,597,257	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 <sup>6</sup> .....	21.0%
State Poverty Rate <sup>4</sup> .....	16.0%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 <sup>7</sup> .....	26.7%

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, Indiana had 116,626 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 61,473 reports were referred for investigation.<sup>8</sup>
- In 2011, 17,930 children were victims of abuse or neglect in Indiana, a rate of 11.2 per 1,000 children, representing a 28.8% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 87.1% were neglected, 11.3% were physically abused, and 16.8% were sexually abused.<sup>9</sup>
- The number of child victims has decreased 2.4% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.<sup>10</sup>
- In 2011, 34 children in Indiana died as a result of abuse or neglect.<sup>11</sup>
- In 2011, 10,779 children in Indiana lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 12,276 children in 2010. In 2011, 4,511 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 964 were 16 or older.<sup>12</sup>
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 4.6% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.<sup>13</sup>
- Of Indiana children in out-of-home care in 2011, 59.0% were white, 25.4% black, 7.8% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.3% Asian or Pacific Islander and 6.9% of more than one race or ethnicity.<sup>14</sup>

## ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 8,600 children exiting out-of-home care in Indiana in 2011, 59.7% were reunited with their parents or other family members.<sup>15</sup>
- In 2011, 1,556 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Indiana, a 6.7% increase from 1,458 in 2010.<sup>16</sup>
- Of the 10,779 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 2,845 or 26.4% were waiting to be adopted.<sup>17</sup>
- In 2011, approximately 67,755 Indiana grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.<sup>18</sup>
- Of the 10,779 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 3,627 were living with relatives while in care.<sup>19</sup>
- Of all Indiana children in kinship care in 2010, 22.3% were white, 6.7% black, 2.3% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.0% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 6.7% of more than one race or ethnicity.<sup>20</sup>

## CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Indiana decreased from 89,488 in 2010 to 66,304 in 2011, an decrease of 25.9%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 27,877, a 23.0% decrease from 2010.<sup>21</sup>
- From 2009-10, for every 100 Indiana families living in poverty, only 19 received TANF benefits.<sup>22</sup>
- In 2011, \$292,230,235 was spent in Indiana on TANF assistance, including 24% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 76% on nonassistance.<sup>23</sup>

- In 2011, 83,674,360 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Indiana, serving 167,875 participants.<sup>24</sup>
- In 2011, Indiana distributed \$572,813,539 in child support funds, a 3.9% decrease from 2010.<sup>25</sup>
- In 2011 in Indiana, 180,921 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 30% of them are families with children.<sup>26</sup>

## CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, Indiana had a monthly average of 35,300 children served by subsidized child care; 35,900 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 36,100 in 2008.<sup>27</sup>
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Indiana, a family of three could make no more than \$23,532, which is equivalent to 40% of the state's median income.<sup>28</sup>
- As of early 2012, Indiana had 5,059 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.<sup>29</sup>
- In 2011, Head Start served 15,515 Indiana children, a 9.7% increase from 2010.<sup>30</sup>

## HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 569,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Indiana—58% of the total number of enrollees in the state.<sup>31</sup>
- In 2011, Indiana had 158,138 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 9.7% increase from 2010, when 144,178 children were enrolled.<sup>32</sup>
- In 2011, Indiana had 88,000 uninsured children, representing 6% of its child population.<sup>33</sup>
- In 2010, 6,732 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Indiana.<sup>34</sup>
- In 2010, 609 infants under age 1 died in Indiana.<sup>35</sup>
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Indiana was 18 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 64. This reflects a total rate of 37 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.<sup>36</sup>
- Cumulative through 2011, 10,080 adults and adolescents, as well as 57 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in Indiana.<sup>37</sup>
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 34,000 children ages 12–17 and 432,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Indiana.<sup>38</sup>

## VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 547 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in Indiana.<sup>39</sup>
- In 2011, 33,000 Indiana teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.<sup>40</sup>
- In 2011, 112,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.<sup>41</sup>
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 21,000 children ages 12–17 in Indiana needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.<sup>42</sup>
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 22,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.<sup>43</sup>
- In 2010, 43 Indiana children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.38 per 100,000 children.<sup>44</sup>

## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 60 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Indiana, a 22% increase from 49 in 2009.<sup>45</sup>
- In 2011, 25,633 children younger than 18 were arrested in Indiana, a 30.0% increase from 19,715 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 1,187 were for violent crimes.<sup>46</sup>
- In 2010, 2,010 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Indiana.<sup>47</sup>

## CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE<sup>48</sup>

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well being for children.<sup>49</sup>
- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.<sup>50</sup>
- According to the 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12–15 children.<sup>51</sup>

## FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR INDIANA'S CHILDREN

- Out of 10,779 children in out-of-home care in Indiana in 2011, only 2,745, or 25%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.<sup>52</sup>
- In 2010, Indiana spent \$568,032,335 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$236,342,253 was from federal funds, \$331,690,082 from state funds, and \$0 from local funds.<sup>53</sup>
- In 2010, of the \$236,342,253 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$148,839,126 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$14,156,140 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$281,272 was from Medicaid, \$8,318,422 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$8,560,972 was from TANF, and \$56,186,321 came from other federal sources.<sup>54</sup>
- Indiana received \$105,451,986 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$30,021,910 for maintenance payments, \$31,044,398 for administration and child placement, \$658,775 for the statewide automated child welfare information system, and \$1,737,144 for training.<sup>55</sup>
- Indiana received \$61,590,132 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$54,145,602 for assistance payments, \$6,035,507 for administration and child placement, and \$1,409,023 for staff and provider training.<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>48</sup> Note: The dearth in current state-by-state workforce data makes clear the need for critical data on compensation, working conditions including safety issues, academic degrees held, education and training received, and factors contributing to turnover. To address this, CWLA is calling for Congress to authorize the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to conduct an updated study on the child welfare workforce. It would make recommendations regarding caseloads and workloads, education levels, and training requirements. In addition, the study would examine data reporting and collection and make recommendations on how states might improve these efforts.

<sup>49</sup> U.S. General Accounting Office. (2003). *Child Welfare: HHS Could Play a Greater Role in Helping Child Welfare Agencies Recruit and Retain Staff*. Retrieved January 19, 2012 from [www.gao.gov/new.items/d03357.pdf](http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d03357.pdf).

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<sup>54</sup> Ibid.

<sup>55</sup> Special Children’s Bureau data on state IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance.

Note: The component funding streams may not equal the total, depending on additional child support, pre-placement, and demonstration funds for this state.

<sup>56</sup> Ibid.

Note: The component funding streams may not equal the total, depending on additional partner training funds.