



# FSSA'S BUILD LEARN GROW PROGRAM IMPACT REPORT

The **Build Learn Grow Program (BLG)** are the projects overseen by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) and funded by federal relief dollars provided through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

*"We are committed to sharing with stakeholders how these investments are improving the health and well-being of Hoosiers in three key areas: **Services in the Home or Community**, **Early Childhood Programs**, and **Mental Health Services**."*

- FSSA Secretary Dr. Dan Rusyniak

Across the program, FSSA is intentionally investing in three key areas. This report shares the impact these investments are having as well as the baseline metrics we are focused on.

Services in the Home or Community

Early Childhood Programs

Mental Health Services

## FSSA Agency-Wide Build Learn Grow Outcome Targets

Six outcome targets we want to achieve with the utilization of funds to best support Hoosier families and the communities they live in.

**Access to Services**  
Grow provider capacity to increase available services while improving public awareness and equitable utilization of these services

**Quality of Services**  
Improve quality of services

**Family Caregiver Supports**  
Support unpaid and informal caregivers and their mental health



**Hoosier Experience**  
Improve the experience and satisfaction of Hoosiers who receive support from FSSA programs

**Workforce**  
Retain and grow the direct service workforce

**Provider Experience**  
Offer clear guidance to support stabilization of provider operations and reduce provider administrative burden

## Build Learn Grow Guiding Principles

Foundational considerations that influence our planning and implementation.

Stabilize, Grow, & Improve Service Delivery

Build Bridges, Not Cliffs

Build Data Infrastructure

Promote Evidence-Based Practices

Ensure & Promote Equity

Prioritize Internal & External Transparency

# Investments Made To Date

FSSA is leveraging BLG funds available through 2025 and 2026 to achieve our Agency-Wide BLG Outcome Targets through responsible investments. We recognize the need for immediate financial relief balanced with deliberate sustainability planning.

## Overview of Total Build Learn Grow Budget

### \$2.13B Total Build Learn Grow Budget

- ➔ **\$1.14B** Committed to Early Childhood Programs
- \$670M** Committed to Services in the Home or Community
- \$318M** Committed to Mental Health Services



**53% of the Total Budget has been Invested to Date**

## \$1.22B Of the Total Build Learn Grow Budget Committed Directly to Providers, Community Partners, & the Workforce across Three Key Areas

★ ALL 92 Counties Served by Recipient Providers, Community Partners, & Workforce ★



### \$689M Committed to Early Childhood Programs

- ➔ **Direct support commitments include:** Employer-Sponsored Child Care, Voucher Payments, Waived Co-Pays, Alternative Rate Methodology Market Rates Supplement, Emergency Relief Grants, and prior Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grant payments



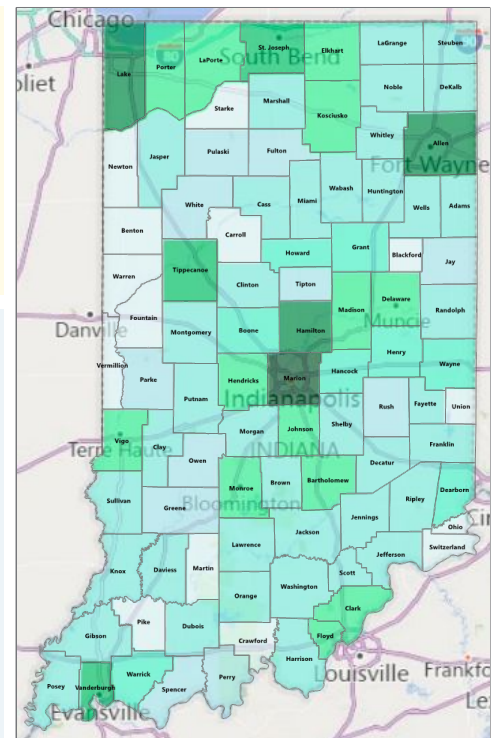
### \$360M Committed to Services in the Home or Community

- ➔ **Spotlight: \$131M Awarded through Direct Service Workforce (DSW) Investment Grants<sup>1</sup>**  
**839 HCBS Providers & Staff Supported**
- ➔ **Additional direct support commitments include:** IN Pathways to Aging Provider Readiness Grant, HCBS Settings Rule Grant, Community Employment Grants, HME/DME Stabilization Grants, and prior HCBS Stabilization Grant payments



### \$166M Committed to Mental Health Services

- ➔ **Direct support commitments include:** Community Catalyst Grant Pilots, 988 Response Centers, Accelerator Program, Community Readiness Strategic Planning and Implementation Grant, Mental Health Access Site Grant, and more



County Coverage Map of Funds Issued



Notes: (1) Some county values are based on provider claim service location & do not necessarily reflect where services were delivered. (2) This map shows an aggregate of funds received by county for programs with county-specific funding data, and does not reflect all support commitments.

1. Available funds have different spending deadlines depending, with most ending in 2025 but some available through 2026.  
2. For more information on the DSW Investment Grants issued by FSSA, visit [https://www.in.gov/fssa/home-and-community-based-services-spending-plan/#Direct\\_Service\\_Workforce\\_Investment\\_Grant](https://www.in.gov/fssa/home-and-community-based-services-spending-plan/#Direct_Service_Workforce_Investment_Grant)



# Services In The Home Or Community

The Division of Aging (DA), Division of Disability & Rehabilitative Services (DDRS), Division of Family Resources (DFR), and Office of Medicaid Policy & Planning (OMPP) are responsibly leveraging BLG funds to enhance availability and quality of services used by individuals in the home and community in alignment with Indiana Pathways to Aging, which is set to launch in the summer of 2024.<sup>1</sup>

## How Investments are Serving Individuals in the Home or Community



**70%** Of individuals receiving services in the community instead of in an institution in 2022<sup>2</sup>



**187** New HCBS providers enrolled in 2022, which represents a **22%** increase since 2021



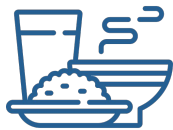
**100%** A&D waiver providers certified or conditionally certified with the HCBS Settings Rule by the March 17, 2023 deadline<sup>3</sup>



**7%** Increase in number of Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) Providers from 507 in 2021 to **544** in 2022



**1,260** Caregivers of older adults received **42,600+** hours of Counseling, Training, Respite, & Case Management services in 2022



**2M** Home-delivered & congregate meals provided in 2022 to **20,000+** individuals



**104** New BDDS provider applications approved in 2022, which represents a **96%** increase since 2021



**63** New computers sent to Adult Protective Service (APS) units to support operations and telehealth capacity

## Initiatives Driving These Outcomes Include:

- **\$176M** in Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Stabilization Grants
- **\$131M** in Direct Service Worker (DSW) Investment Grants
- **\$9M+** in Pathways to Aging Provider Readiness Grants
- HCBS Settings Rule Grants, Caregiver Supports, and more!

For more information on these initiatives, visit <https://www.in.gov/fssa/home-and-community-based-services-spending-plan/>

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2. May not capture temporary shifts in where individuals live  
3. Some providers are still finalizing their process per CMS

# Early Childhood Programs

The Office of Early Childhood & Out-of-School Learning (OECOSL) is responsibly leveraging BLG funds to enhance accessibility to and improve quality of early childhood programs.

## How Investments are Strengthening the Early Childhood Landscape in Indiana



**3% Increase in Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF) Seats for children** since August 2022

*See Average Ratio of Filled CCDF Seats by County →*

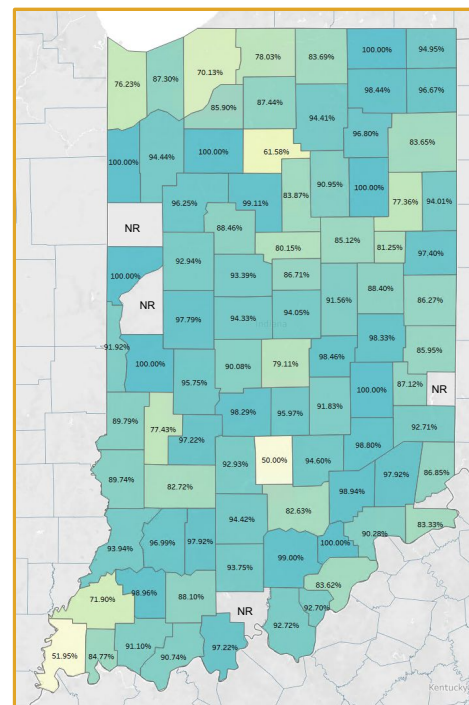


**Total Number of Child Care Vouchers increased by 45% from 2021 to 2022**

↳ **15% Decrease in voucher wait time** from an average of 21 days in 2021 to **18 days** in 2022

↳ **Percent of vouchers that were fulfilled with no wait time increased** from 39% in 2021 to **44%** in 2022

Together, these two data points paint a picture of supply and demand for child care in Indiana. **OECOSL is leaning on this information to inform future grant initiatives** in alignment with our Guiding Principles of **ensuring and promoting equity** through a strong data infrastructure.



# Mental Health Services

The Division of Mental Health & Addiction (DMHA) is responsibly leveraging BLG funds to enhance the quality and capacity of mental health and addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

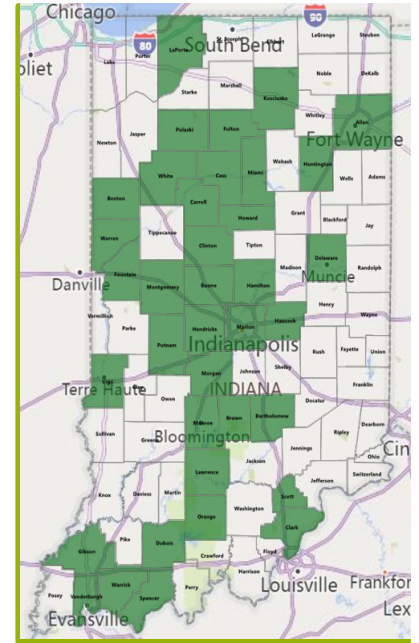
## How Investments are Enhancing Mental Health Services in Indiana

### Spotlight on Community Investment



**\$59M** Awarded to **37 Community Catalyst Grant Pilots** (including \$26.4M in grant match)

Grants were awarded to promote innovative, collaborative, and sustainable locally and community driven responses to mental health and substance use disorder issues. **All recipient organizations are committed to addressing needs for target populations.** [See Map of Coverage by County](#) →



#### Types of investments we're prioritizing:

- Growth and enhancement of crisis supports
- Training and cultural competency enhancement for providers
- Targeted programs for educational success, criminal justice impacted populations, and more

#### Additional Investments in the Community Include:

- **\$8M** invested into a **singular Statewide Access Site** for information for youth, families and providers who are in need of resources related to intensive, community-based wraparound services
- **\$5M** committed to sustainably grow the service capacity of **16 grassroots organizations serving 24 counties** across the state through the **Accelerator TA and Grant program**
- **\$15M (including \$7.5M in grant match)** invested to **integrate mental health services in pediatric care settings** in partnership with Riley Children's Health



## Building Out the 988 Crisis Response System

**>90% In-State answer rate of the 988 call line calls,** which has been consistently hit for **four consecutive months.**

A dramatic improvement from the 51% rate at the start of the COVID-19 public health emergency.



The number of 988 website visits has increased **consistently** since program launch, reflecting **growth in public awareness.**

#### What is 988?

As of July 16, 2022, 988 became the new national three-digit dialing code for reaching The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, formerly the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The State continues to engage in a collaborative effort with partners to maximize, standardize, and integrate crisis services across Indiana.