

President Bush's Faith-Based And Community Initiative Is Conducting

A "Determined Attack On Need" In The State Of Indiana

Today, the White House will partner with the State of Indiana to host the 33rd Regional White House Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (FBCI). Director Hein will recognize the significant achievements of faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) in the Hoosier State. The driving purpose of the FBCI is to find fresh ways to address communities' most important needs by partnering the strengths of government with the personal touch of community and faith-based organizations. President Bush captured the essence of this mission when he described the Initiative as a "determined attack on need."

- **In 2006, more than \$151 million in federal funds were competitively awarded to Indiana FBCOs dedicated to social services.** Indiana faith-based and secular non-profits received 226 awards to expand services to help Hoosiers in need.
- **Throughout the State of Indiana, Presidential initiatives help local entities provide services to people in need.** In addition to the metropolitan area of Indianapolis, dozens of rural areas are home to FBCOs whose work is bolstered by federal grant programs, such as the Compassion Capital Fund and the Mentoring Children of Prisoners program.
- **Federal Agency FBCI Centers have provided multiple training opportunities for Indiana FBCOs.** The Centers for Faith-Based And Community Initiatives in the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Agriculture have provided training opportunities for FBCOs in numerous parts of Indiana. The training program includes skills for organizations growth and effectiveness, the Federal grants process and funding opportunities, basic legal responsibilities associated with federal funding, and other resources to enhance services.

Indiana Faith-Based And Community Initiatives

- **In January 2005, Governor Mitch Daniels issued an Executive Order creating the Indiana Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.** The office serves as a liaison between the Governor's office and local faith and community-based organizations, providing training, resources, and other valuable services. In addition, the office works closely with the Indiana branch of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Indiana's Faith-Based and Community Initiative is Producing Results for Americans in Need

Continued Federal funding aids Faith-Based and Community Organizations. Recent data from Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006 provided by the U.S. Departments of Labor, Education, Agriculture, Justice, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Affairs, the Small Business Administration, and the Corporation for National and Community Service showed:

- **In Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006, more than \$306 million in competitive Federal grants were awarded to Faith-Based and Secular Non-profit Organizations in Indiana.** These awards were used to expand the reach and impact of faith-based and community non-profit organizations in a wide variety of service initiatives, including

veterans' services, prisoner re-entry, mentoring and after school programs, homelessness and other pressing human needs.

- **1.25 million Hoosiers volunteered 242.8 million hours of service in 2006.** Indiana has the fifth-highest volunteer retention rate in the nation, contributing to the Midwest region, which had the highest volunteer retention rate of any region.¹

Indiana Faith-Based and Community Organizations Active in National Initiatives

Examples of ways Indiana FBCOs serve their neighbors through Federal programs include:

- **Mentoring Children of Prisoners**, which nationwide has matched 70,000 children of prisoners with caring mentors.
- **Access to Recovery**, which enables states to provide recovering addicts with vouchers allowing choice among FBCO and other providers for clinical and recovery support services. Last month, Indiana was awarded a 3-year, \$14.5 million grant to initiate the program, which will begin services next year. Nationwide, more than 5,000 FBCOs have enabled ATR to aid 170,000 addicts, exceeding targets by 45,000. Early evaluation in TX, CA and CT suggest results that outpace traditional service models.
- **The SHARE Network Indiana Resource Directory and "Access Points"**, which were established in 2006 by the U.S. Department of Labor, Indiana Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, and The Indiana Department of Workforce Development. More than 1600 organizations, including state, local government and non-profit agencies, participate on SHARE Network Indiana's Resource directory. In the last quarter, more than 200 people used this website to access information for the services they need. The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has also begun to train non-profits as "Access Points" that can help individuals from their community begin their job search online.
- **Compassion Capital Fund**, which nationwide has provided mini-grants and capacity building services to nearly 4,000 grassroots nonprofit organizations to expand the reach and quality of their services. In a recent evaluation, 88% of participant organizations reported the aid has boosted outcomes for their clients.
- **Homeless Veterans Grant and Per Diem Program**, which enables nonprofit organizations to expand their services to homeless veterans for shelter, care and transition services. Nationwide from 2002 to 2006, FBCO partners provided an estimated 294,840 nights of shelter to homeless veterans and a wide range of services to enable lasting recovery.
- **Supplemental Educational Services**, which provides parents of students in struggling schools with choices for tutoring services from FBCO and other providers. In the 2005-06 school year, Indiana's eligible students participated in SES at rates double the national average, with more than 4,000 receiving tutoring. Nationwide, more than 500,000 students have been tutored through SES, and participating students scored higher in both reading and math in their first year and even better in subsequent years.

¹ http://www.nationalservice.org/pdf/VIA/VIA_profiles_midwest.pdf