



South Central Community Action Program

SCCAP

Empowering people to reach their potential

2022

ANNUAL REPORT

**SOUTH CENTRAL
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM**

Our Mission

We provide opportunities for all people to achieve personal and economic independence to strengthen our community.

Our Vision

We envision all individuals having the support and resources needed to attain a quality lifestyle and self-sufficiency.

Nondiscrimination Policy

All SCCAP services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.

We Proudly Serve

Brown County

746 Memorial Drive, Nashville, IN 47448
(812) 988-6636

Monroe County

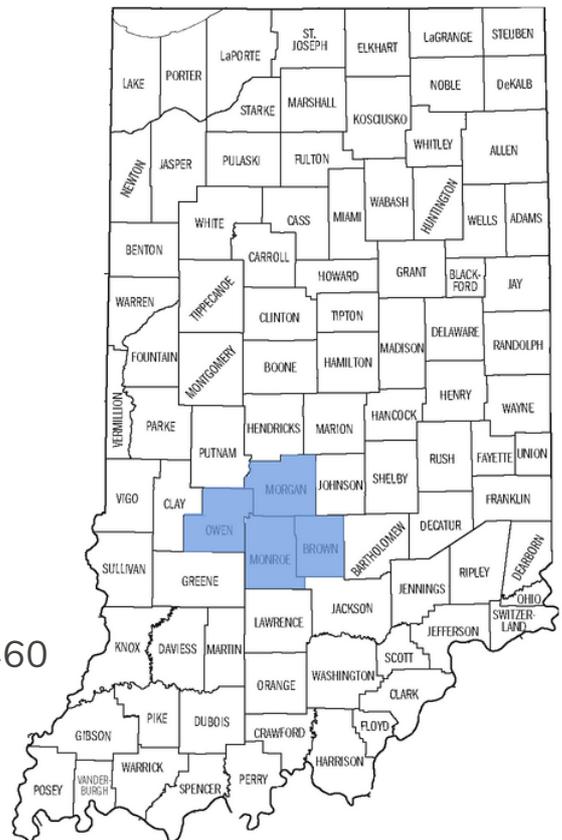
1500 W. 15th Street, Bloomington, IN 47404
(812) 339-3447

Morgan County

159 W. Morgan Street, Martinsville, IN 46151
(765) 342-1518

Owen County

205 E. Morgan Street, Suite D, Spencer, IN 47460
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A message from the Executive Director



2022 was my first full year as Executive Director, but it was also my 23rd year as an employee of South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP).

In those 23 years I worked in a few programs in different roles. A lot of those jobs involved working directly with clients and our community to serve the mission of providing opportunities for low-income individuals and families to achieve personal and economic independence.

The focus was always the mission, but I also concentrated on building relationships. Relationship building could be communicating openly with clients to best serve them, collaborating with other agencies to pool resources, or volunteering for the community. All these things helped me establish trust, partnerships, and resources to help people.

This past year, we've spent our time working on relationships both within and outside the organization.

We've communicated with our programs, and more importantly our employees, to help them better perform their jobs. We've raised wages, established new benefits, and provided our staff with the tools to take care of our communities. We listened, and when we could, we've found ways to help. We are strengthening relationships within SCCAP.

Our employees are building better relationships with clients. We've served more people with Energy Assistance than we have in the past 10 years. We help people with housing, weatherization, nutrition, early childhood education, and family development. Our staff are strengthening relationships with the families that we serve.

We're re-establishing relationships with former partners like Covering Kids & Families. We are slated to offer even more services to our communities in the coming years because we are rebuilding a trusting relationship.

In 2022, we helped distribute close to \$400,000 in CARES money to over 20 non-profit organizations. We collaborated with other community leaders to help them address needs to better serve our communities. We revisited old relationships and made new ones throughout the process. We are strengthening a network to help those who need us the most.

I'm excited about all the relationships we made in 2022. I look forward to a future of collaboration both within our agency and with our partners and the general community. Through these relationships, SCCAP changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

Thank you,

Eddy Riou, Jr.
Executive Director

A message from the Board of Directors

I remember thinking in 11th grade that I would never need to know the plot of Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities. I was not born during the French Revolution nor do I worry about guillotines often; yet, I find myself thinking of SCCAP and 2022 in terms of A Tale of Two SCCAPs. It was the best of times after the worst of times. It was the epoch of belief after living through an incredulous pandemic. We had everything before us because we had nothing to constrain us. I am pleased to report that 2022 not only saw the end of the pandemic's worst effects but also saw an expansion in the services we have offered to Brown, Monroe, Morgan, and Owen counties. Each of the programs we facilitate has grown in its scope and provided tangible benefits in the lives of our neighbors.

The impact that we made in the community was only possible because of the donors and the partnerships that we have developed and strengthened both over the years and more recently. Coming out of the pandemic, we have renewed our ties to other local nonprofits to ensure that we are collaborating with allies in the fight to break cyclical poverty. SCCAP has reengaged with the City of Bloomington government to secure more funds to help house unhoused Hoosiers, provide much-needed pre-Kindergarten education through Head Start, and ease our neighbors' energy bills through our weatherization program.

I am in awe of our donors. Thank you to all our valued donors, advisors, and partners. We are grateful for all you do. I know that SCCAP and our partners together are building a brighter future for South Central Indiana. Our partnerships have helped our most vulnerable communities begin to heal as we transition to a new normal after the pandemic. There is more work to be done in our communities if we are to have a just and resilient recovery. I know that SCCAP is ready to meet that need and address the structural inequities that exist because of the hard work of our staff as well as the commitment of our donors, advisors, community, and government partners.

The work our Executive Director, Eddy Riou, and his leadership team have done over the past year to create new partnerships and position SCCAP to be a well-known and trusted leader in advocating for our community has been nothing short of impressive. We have broadened our portfolio with the IHCD and earned their trust to spearhead new housing initiatives in our little corner of Indiana. I know that Eddy and his team have seen where SCCAP has been and where SCCAP could be now that the pandemic has abated, and they are doing the often thankless, but necessary, work to bridge the gulf between the pandemic past and a hopeful future.

No longer are we in the worst of times; we are fully in the spring of hope. It is a far, far better thing that SCCAP does than it has ever done, and I thank you for being part of the adventure.

Tom Pappas
President of SCCAP Board of Directors

Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is a federally funded initiative that enables us to help keep members of low-income families safe and healthy in their homes. We provide a one-time benefit that assists them in achieving energy self-sufficiency and allows them to avoid utility disruptions. We provide assistance through EAP for households in Brown, Monroe, Morgan, and Owen counties.

The 2022-2023 Energy Assistance Program year started with applications available in October 2022 and benefits beginning to be dispersed on November 1st, 2022. The program year ended in May 2023. We approved 4,118 households across our four counties. This was the first time in 10 years that we surpassed the 4,000-household milestone. The average benefit for households using both regular and crisis funding was over \$750.

Using EAP crisis funding for the Emergency Repair and Replace Program (ERR), we were able to assist 52 households during PY23 with either a repaired or a replaced heat source. EAP partners with our Weatherization department to administer ERR. EAP intake staff send referrals for households with an inoperable heat source, that are homeowners, and whose household includes an at-risk member to our Weatherization team. They then assess the situation before a contractor performs the work to repair or replace the heat source.

We administered the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program for the second year and were able to apply almost \$230,000 toward water bills for 1,352 clients during the 2022-2023 season. This was the final year for the program which was funded, in part, by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Through multiple streams of funding for LIHEAP and LIHWAP, we are happy to have been able to provide over \$3.6 million of direct benefits to the households in our community who needed it most. These benefits ensured that our neighbors could live in their homes through the winter and avoid a utility shutoff. We are excited to begin a new season of Energy Assistance in the fall of 2023.

PY 2022/2023 Income Guidelines

HH Size	12 months
1	\$27,827
2	\$36,390
3	\$44,952
4	\$53,515
5	\$62,077

Weatherization

The Weatherization Program (WX) increases energy efficiency in our clients' homes, while more importantly, ensuring that their health and safety conditions are improved. WX includes a wide variety of energy efficiency measures and serves low-income families free of charge whether they are homeowners or tenants.



Our WX clients receive a furnace inspection and an energy audit on their home to determine if they are eligible for weatherization and what work needs to be completed. SCCAP then uses private contractors to complete the home improvements.

We weatherized 52 households in 2022, which translates to all people in those households experiencing improved health and safety. The home improvements can range from installing insulation and sealing homes to replacing water heaters and/or heat sources. You can read more about the Emergency Repair and Replace program in the Energy Assistance section of this annual report. All households that our WX team met with, whether they qualified for a full weatherization of their home or not, received energy education.



SCCAP's Housing Choice Opportunities program is made up of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), Project Based Vouchers (PBV), Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV), and Family Unification Project Vouchers (FUPY). In addition to administering vouchers, we have affordable rental units in Monroe, Brown, and Owen Counties. We believe that every person deserves a home, and while our vouchers and affordable rental units help to move people into safe housing, we realize that there is much to do on a larger scale towards solving the housing crisis. In an effort to work towards a solution, we are involved in local, county, and statewide coalitions that are focused on addressing the housing crisis.

In 2022, we helped 793 people pay their rent, so that they could stay in safe and affordable housing. Those 793 people maintained their housing for at least 180 days and avoided eviction during that time.

Growing Opportunities

Growing Opportunities is an urban hydroponic farm that provides fresh produce and nutrition education to everyone, which we envision leading to healthier and happier communities. Our greenhouse grows Bibb lettuce, spring mix, winter mix, and other fresh produce and herbs. We donate a large portion of that produce to food pantries and sell a portion to local eateries, supermarkets, and schools. The revenue helps make the project sustainable and increases the availability of fresh, local produce year-round in our community. In 2022 we donated 1,342lbs of produce to those experiencing food insecurity in our community. This included serving 310 families through direct pantry delivery and 150 youth through our Kids Summer Food Program.

Growing Opportunities had a great year of growing fresh produce, feeding our communities, and engaging in educational opportunities. The educational piece of our program flourished this year, with topics ranging from gardening, nutrition, preparing meals, solar power, and what the pH level of your soil means for your garden. In 2022, we hosted tables at multiple community events where we taught how a hydroponic garden works and gave away container gardens, so our families could start their own sustainable food source. We engaged 2,095 youth in these educational programs.

We continued making meal recipe videos regularly, which show how to utilize pantry items, on-sale grocery items, and fresh produce from Growing Opportunities to make a healthy, easy meal come together for your family. We hosted a total of 626 nutrition and/or cooking workshops including in-person and online workshops.

We are thankful to our many community partners for helping ensure our community has access to food. Our most utilized partners include Pantry 279, Community Kitchen, People's Market, Monroe County United Ministries, and Hoosier Hills Food Bank. We are also thankful for our supporters in the community, which include Babbs Supermarket, Operation RoundUp, South Central Indiana REMC, Hoosier Hills Career Center, and United Way of Central Indiana. We presented at United Way of Central Indiana's Propel Pitch Fest 2022 to help expand our food delivery service. We won the crowd favorite vote and took home \$5,000!



Thriving Connections



Thriving Connections (TC) is a community of support for families living without enough resources. Participants—called Captains—and their children are matched with volunteer Allies and benefit from one-on-one coaching as they work toward goals in education, employment, and personal growth. Everyone works together to understand and break the cycle of poverty and trauma that families face, and to share their experiences with the wider community. All participants also have goals to identify their unique gifts and what they have to offer TC and the broader community. Our whole community attends weekly meetings, where families and volunteers learn about local resources, build relationships and understanding, and have fun.

In 2022, there were 11 TC adults actively involved in our programming, which included wellness classes, coaching sessions, financial literacy education, first time home buyer counseling, parenting supports, leadership training, digital literacy classes, and many more topics that all contributed to our Captains working towards reaching their goals. While the adults of our families were engaged in programming, we also had specific programming for the 25 TC children. Some topics from our youth programming include mentoring, leadership training, and summer recreational activities.

An important piece in the success of Thriving Connections is the support we have from our community members, partner organizations, and generous funders. In 2022 we had 3,381 volunteer hours donated, which includes our youth workers, meal volunteers, guiding coalition members, and many more. A list of organizations in and around Bloomington that have supported the TC initiative would be so overwhelmingly long, but to recognize a few of our dedicated partners, we would like to thank Monroe County United Way, World Wide Automotive, The Plant Truck Project, Purdue Extension, Foster Closet of Monroe County, and All-Star Imagination. We'd also like to thank some of our funders from 2022, which include Monroe County Council and the Sophia Travis grant, the City of Bloomington and the Digital Equity grant, and the Anthem Foundation and their Barrier Busting initiative to name a few.

Head Start & Early Head Start



Total number of children served

- Head Start: 250
- Early Head Start: 67

Total number of families served: 236

Average monthly enrollment

- Head Start: 185
- Early Head Start: 40

Percentage of eligible children served

- Head Start: 83% (Classified as below 100% of poverty level, foster, or homeless)
- Early Head Start: 90% (Classified as below 100% of poverty level, foster, or homeless)

Percentage of enrolled children that received medical exams

- Head Start: 97%
- Early Head Start: 97%

Percentage of enrolled children that received dental exams

- Head Start: 44%
- Early Head Start: 42%

In 2022 the program hosted many events for parents and families. Our large family events included our annual Back to School Bash at the splash pad, our Spring Family Fun Night with lots of educational health activities, and Fall Family Fun Night, which focused on literacy activities. The program also continued to host Conscious Discipline parent nights, to help parents understand how to manage challenging behaviors. There were also several Mighty Men and Wonder Women events that included activities like pumpkin painting, STEM activities, winter themed crafts, painting flowerpots, and making fruit pizzas.

Individual sites also host parent meetings ever month. These meetings are a time for families to be informed on what is happening at their site, as well as to socialize and interact with other parents. Sites will often plan a fun activity to go along with the parent meeting. Some of the things different sites did in 2022 include visiting the Fowler Pumpkin Patch, having the fire department bring a fire truck and talk about fire safety, preparing a Thanksgiving dinner for the families, and a meeting that included winter themed activities, crafts, snacks, and a visit from Olaf.

2022 Head Start Policy Council

Parents:

- First United – Christina Bond
- First United – Du Huynh
- First United alternate – Morningstar Brisbon
- First United Methodist Church – Staci Dow
- First United Methodist Church – Nicole Samaras
- First United Methodist Church alternate – Brittany McClain
- Home Based – Mohamed Sayed
- Home Based alternate – Simon Munyaneza
- Lindbergh – Yusuf Canbolat
- Lindbergh – Katie Kiger
- Lindbergh Alternate – Amy Popp
- RBB – Sherri Norris
- RBB alternate – Nicole Drake
- Villages EHS – Makayla Carpenter
- Villages EHS alternate – Morgan West
- Villages Preschool – Meranda Shipley-Bush
- Villages Preschool alternate – Laura Crone
- Walnut Woods – Janet Stacy

Community Representatives:

- Jennifer Myers
- Sara Egli
- Lesley Arnold

2022 Board of Directors

- Tom Pappas- Board President
 - Monroe County Low Income Sector Representative
- Bethany Penrod- Board Vice President
 - Monroe County Low Income Sector Representative
- Kelly Walter- Board Treasurer
 - Monroe County Private Sector Representative from Area 10 Agency on Aging
- Kathryn Byrd- Board Secretary
 - Morgan County Low Income Sector Representative
- Wally DeFord
 - Owen County Private Sector Representative
- Dave Newgent
 - Owen County Public Sector Representative, Appointed by Owen County Council
- Sandy Higgins
 - Brown County Private Sector Representative
- Susan Rinne
 - Morgan County Public Sector Representative, Appointed by Morgan County Commissioner
- Bob Goodrum
 - Morgan County Private Sector Representative
- Jim Whitlatch
 - Monroe County Private Sector Representative
- Bradley Brown
 - Owen County Private Sector Representative
- Maddison Miller
 - Brown County Private Representative
- Lesley Arnold
 - Monroe County Low Income Sector Representative
- Meranda Shipley-Bush
 - Monroe County Low Income Sector Representative from the Head Start Policy Council

2022 Financials

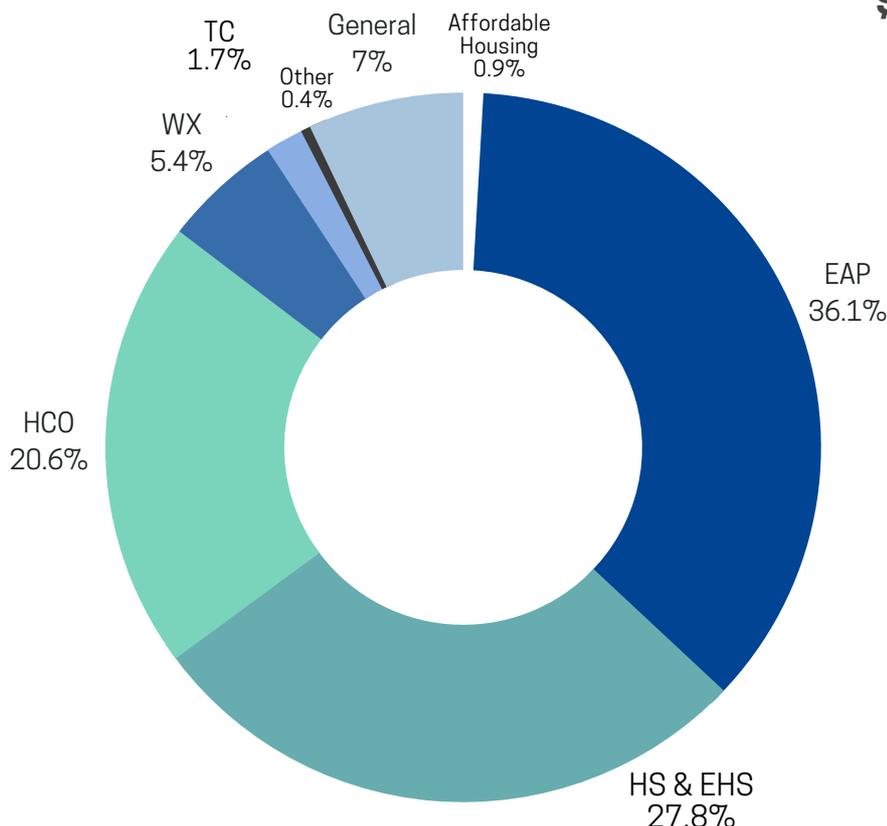
The following numbers are from our 2022 fiscal audit, which reported no financial statement findings or federal award findings for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Operating Expenses

Affordable Housing.....	\$140,220
Energy Assistance Program (EAP)	\$5,623,945
Head Start & Early Head Start.....	\$4,333,608
Housing Choice Opportunities.....	\$3,202,616
Weatherization (LIHEAP & DOE).....	\$838,395
Thriving Connections.....	\$266,060
Other Program.....	\$68,234
Management & General.....	\$1,097,298

Total

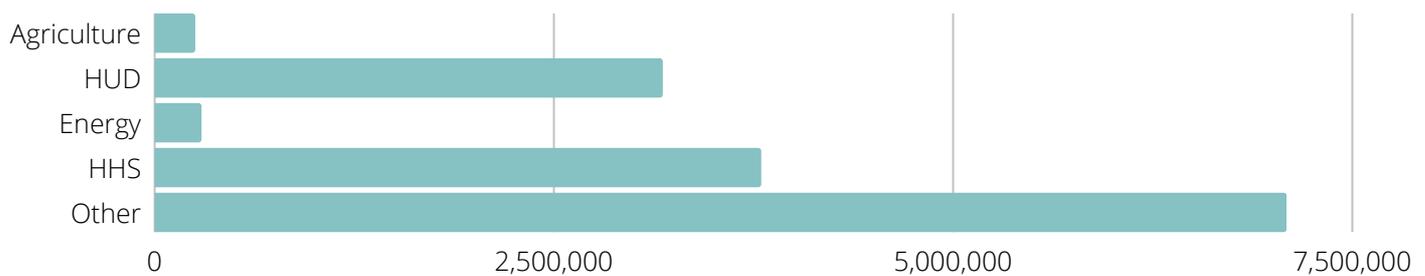
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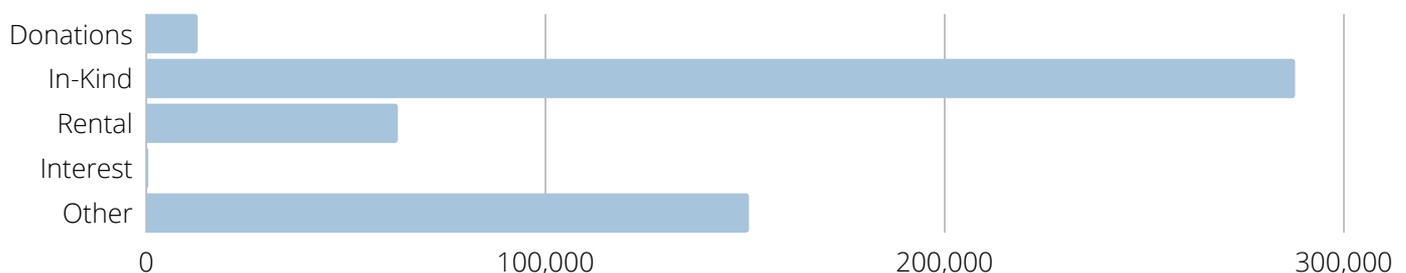
Public Funds Received

US Department of Agriculture.....	\$248,001
US Department of Housing & Urban Development.....	\$3,175,918
US Department of Energy.....	\$287,450
US Department of Health & Human Services Direct.....	\$3,792,194
US Department of Health & Human Services Pass Through.....	\$7,083,398



Private Funds Received

Contributions/Donations.....	\$12,644
In-Kind Contributions.....	\$287,533
Rental Income.....	\$62,772
Interest Income.....	\$12
Other Income.....	\$150,726





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**Lookout for next year's Annual Report
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