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South Central Community Action Program

SCCAP

Empowering people to reach their potential

SOUTH CENTRAL
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

About Us

From our Executive Director



Last year was interesting for SCCAP. There was high level of uncertainty around funding, executive orders affecting our operating environment, more demand for services from our community, and a rise in costs that made affordability difficult for our families.

And in October, we experienced a government shutdown that was the longest federal shutdown in US History.

All through that turmoil, we not only stayed open, but we also found new partnerships, expanded programming, created new initiatives, and provided resources for our families.

Our agency is strong because of our staff, who continue to serve our community despite everything going on in our world. I am privileged to work alongside everyone at SCCAP, and I am thankful that I get serve my communities.

In our 2025 Annual Report, you'll see that despite all our obstacles, we continue to provide opportunities for all people to achieve personal and economic independence to strengthen our community.



Thank you,

Eddy Riou, Jr.
Executive Director

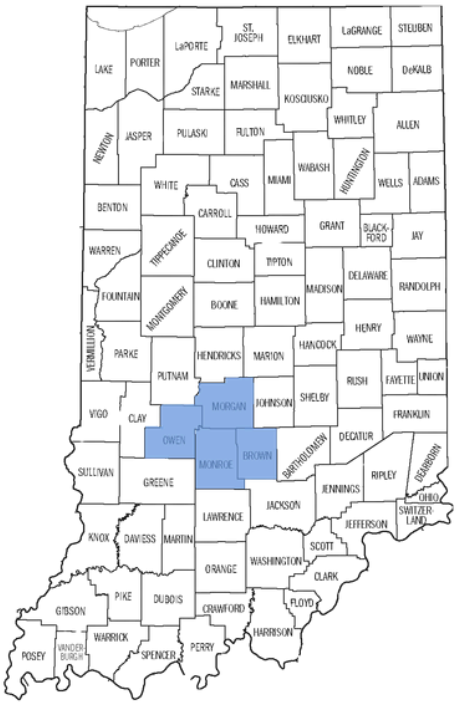
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Monroe County
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(812) 339-3447

Morgan County
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Owen County
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(812) 829-2279



About Us

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.

About Us

From our Board of Directors

Dear SCCAP friends, family, and community members,

As we reflect on another year of service in 2025, I am reminded of the powerful role education plays in creating lasting change. At South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP), we believe that true impact is not simply about meeting an immediate need–it is about giving people the knowledge, skills, confidence, and opportunities they need to build a better future for themselves and their families.

We know that poverty is complex, and there is no single solution. But we also know that people have incredible potential when they are given access to education, resources, encouragement, and the opportunity to succeed.

None of this work happens alone. I am deeply grateful to our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, community partners, and supporters who make SCCAP's programs possible. Your generosity and commitment allow us to invest in people and, most importantly, in their potential.

As Board President, I am proud of the work represented in this report. More than the numbers and statistics, I am proud of the people behind them–the children learning and growing, the families gaining financial knowledge, the individuals discovering new opportunities, and the community members taking steps toward greater independence.

At SCCAP, we are not simply helping people get through today. We are helping people gain the education, skills, and confidence they need to build tomorrow. Thank you for believing in our mission, investing in our community, and helping us create pathways to a stronger, more self-sufficient future.

With gratitude,
Bethany Penrod
Board President
South Central Community Action Program

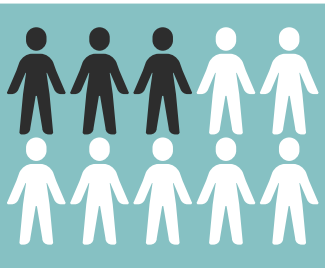
2025 Board of Directors

- **Bethany Penrod: Board President**
- **Leon Gordon: Board Vice President**
- **Sandy Higgins: Board Secretary**
- **Kelly Walter: Board Treasurer**
- **Tom Pappas**
- **Bob Goodrum**
- **Wally DeFord**
- **Bradley Brown**
- **Maddison Miller**
- **Meranda Shipley-Bush**
- **Karah Bobek**
- **Isadore Torry**
- **Elizabeth Lopez**
- **Eric Hayes**
- **Kamala Brown Sparks**
- **Jennifer Burnam**

2025 HS Policy Council

- **Jennifer Bowman - President**
- **Wendi Pedro- SCCAP Board Representative**
- **Jennifer Meyer**
- **Maura Baker**
- **Autumn Bauer**
- **Marylis Fantoni**
- **Trisha Hacker**
- **Marie Sansone**
- **Eric Hayes**
- **Destini-Noel Sanders**
- **Nichelle Wash**
- **Shelby Strain**

Our Impact



We served 8,238 individuals, representing 4,117 households.



Our staff completed 5,545 hours of capacity building through training and planning.



There were 34,257 volunteer hours donated to our agency.

2025 was a year of expansion and adaptation for SCCAP. We continued our core programming, some of which has served our region for over 60 years, and we also stepped up when our families needed our support.

In the Fall of 2025, there was a SNAP pause due to the government shutdown. This meant that many of our clients were left without a vital benefit that means they could put food on the table for their families. We quickly partnered with Hoosier Action and raised over $30,000 for our Head Start families to ensure they could buy food, diapers, and formula. We also partnered with the Owen County Community Foundation, Babbs Supermarket, and First Insurance Group to provide gift cards to 600 households, totaling $60,000 in assistance so that food access was not interrupted during the SNAP pause.

In 2025, we also looked at how we can be a better organization internally. We know that our staff are extremely passionate and dedicated to their community, so we created a system in which they can be rewarded for their time spent serving their community outside of work. SCCAP Cares is a community engagement incentive at SCCAP. If an employee chooses to volunteer 20 hours in a 3-month quarter, they will receive one free vacation day.

Please continue exploring this report to learn more about our positive impact in 2025. Thank you for your time and support.

Program Impact

Energy Assistance Program

7,592

individuals served through EAP. Each one of them:

- **were able to stay in their homes during the harsh winter months without fear of their heat being shut off**
- **had improved energy efficiency**
- **reduced the energy burden in their homes**



Thank you to Pantry 279 and Duke Energy for hosting Duke Cares Day for our community members. This event had such a huge turnout, that we had a line out the door and around the building. Thank you to the Owen County Community Foundation and Duke Energy for partnering with us in the summer of 2025 to provide box fans to EAP clients in Owen County. We partnered with Duke Energy again, as well as IHCDA to host an Energy Education Event in October 2025. Due to generous funding from our partners, we hosted a free entry day at Bloomington's WonderLab Museum. This event was a great way to invite our clients to a space where we can share energy efficiency information, answer questions about the program, and give their children a fun day of learning. 350 individuals attended this free opportunity to engage in STEAM(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) activities and learn more about EAP.

Weatherization

65 homes were weatherized by our team.

59 individuals benefited from home repairs and healthy home services like reduction or elimination of lead, radon, carbon monoxide, and/or fire hazards.

74 individuals received energy efficiency improvements such as insulation, air sealing, and/or furnace repair.

Program Impact

Growing Opportunities

Through our partnership with the City of Bloomington, SCCAP received $917,000 for Economic Equity Programs. These funds provided assistance for needs including medical debt, childcare, housing costs, property taxes, and medically necessary food.

200 **individuals served through Economic Equity**

$2,192 **average benefit a household received in assistance**

28 **families we helped avoid becoming unhoused, who receive SS, SSI, or Disability benefits**

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Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority

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Individuals completed the BEE program, which is through IHCDA's A16 funding. It provides monthly casework and $500 grants to households completing the program. Participants used their grants to build savings, secure internet access, purchase energy-efficient appliances, support small businesses, and save for their children's futures.

SCCAP received a $440,000 TANF Rapid Rehousing Grant to provide rental and utility assistance to families experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness.

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Families with children under 18 were prevented from becoming unhoused.

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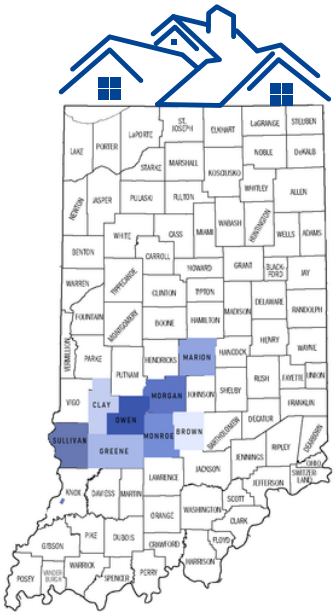
Thriving Connections participants took part in workshops focused on financial capability, health, nutrition, digital equity, career development, and more.

240

children, on average, served each week through the Kids Summer Food Program, providing reliable, healthy food to children and families while school was out.

Program Impact

Housing Choice Opportunities



Maintaining Safe, Affordable Housing

582 individuals received rent payment assistance through SCCAP's housing programs.

423 individuals maintained wage affordable housing for at least 180 days.

159 individuals in avoiding eviction

68 individuals in avoiding foreclosure

Attaining Safe, Affordable Housing

34 individuals assisted in attaining safe, affordable housing

Covering Kids & Families

covering kids & families of Indiana

208

individuals served through CKF. Each were able to:

- Access health insurance benefits
- Better understand those benefits
- Get help troubleshooting any issues with their coverage

All our CKF clients were advocated for throughout the process of attaining or maintaining coverage.

We hosted our 3rd annual Winter Resource Fair, at which 85 individuals who were unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused, were welcomed to learn about community resources, check their health insurance coverage, share a hot meal, and receive many donated items like blankets, bags, shoes, new socks, clothes, toiletries, and more. This event was possible because of our partners at the managed care entities, Anthem, CareSource, MDWise, MHS, and United Healthcare, the Monroe County Council for sponsoring the event, and the City of Bloomington for donating the use of the centrally located and heated Switchyard Park Pavilion.



Program Impact

Head Start & Early Head Start



Total number of children served:
- Head Start: 338
- Early Head Start: 103

Total number of families served:
- Head Start: 296
- Early Head Start: 86

Average monthly enrollment
- Head Start: 157
- Early Head Start: 56

Percentage of eligible children served
- Head Start: 84% (Classified as below 100% of poverty level, foster, or homeless)
- Early Head Start: 98% (Classified as below 100% of poverty level, foster, or homeless)
- 262 children had a physical exam in 2025
- 252 children had a dental exam in 2025



Throughout 2025, SCCAP Head Start provided comprehensive wraparound services, strengthened partnerships with families, and connected caregivers with supportive tools and community resources. Through collaborative partnerships, children received high-quality early education while families had access to services designed to support their overall well-being.

By providing tiered supports, nurturing relationships, consistent routines, and high-quality educational opportunities, Head Start promoted positive outcomes in social-emotional development and peer-to-peer interactions. Our Advocates played a key role in providing individualized wraparound services and connecting families with community resources based on their identified needs.

Community partnerships remained essential in extending support beyond the classroom. Families identified increased needs due to unreliable access to benefits, challenges with mental health and stress, isolation, and navigating challenging behaviors. Through partnerships with Indiana University and Hoosier Action, as well as numerous other community non-profits, we were able to help address gaps and instability. Together, these efforts strengthen a supportive network that promotes school readiness, empowers families, and contributes to stronger healthier communities.

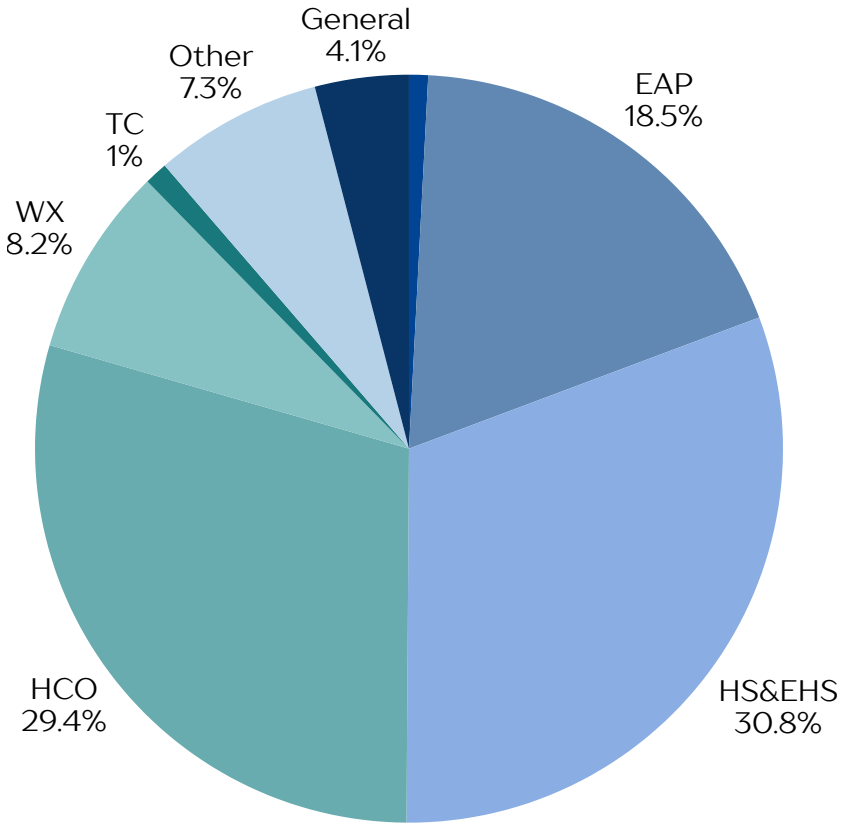
2025 Financials

The following numbers are from our 2025 fiscal audit, which reported no financial statement findings or federal award findings for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Operating Expenses

Affordable Housing	$119,700
Energy Assistance Program (EAP)	$2,695580
Head Start & Early Head Start	$4,496,208
Housing Choice Opportunities	$4,283,707
Weatherization (LIHEAP & DOE)	$1,196,989
Thriving Connections	$146,227
Other Program	$1,061,655
Management & General	$591,650

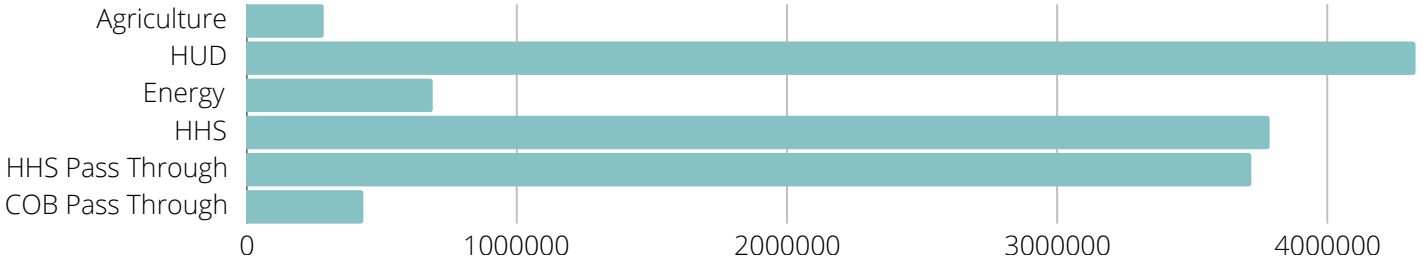
Total **$14,591,716**



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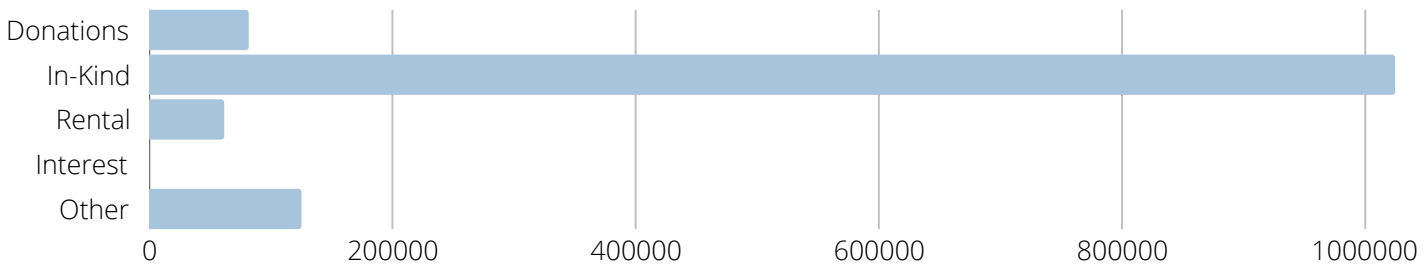
Public Funds Received

US Department of Agriculture.....$285,345
US Department of Housing & Urban Development.....$4,326,722
US Department of Energy.....$688,793
US Department of Health & Human Services Direct.....$3,786,698
US Department of Health & Human Services Pass Through.....$3,718,872
City of Bloomington Pass Through.....$431,949



Private Funds Received

Contributions/Donations.....$81,835
In-Kind Contributions.....$1,024,588
Rental Income.....$61,673
Interest Income.....$55
Other Income.....$125,236



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Lookout for next year's Annual Report in the Spring of 2027!