



FSSA Secretary's Call

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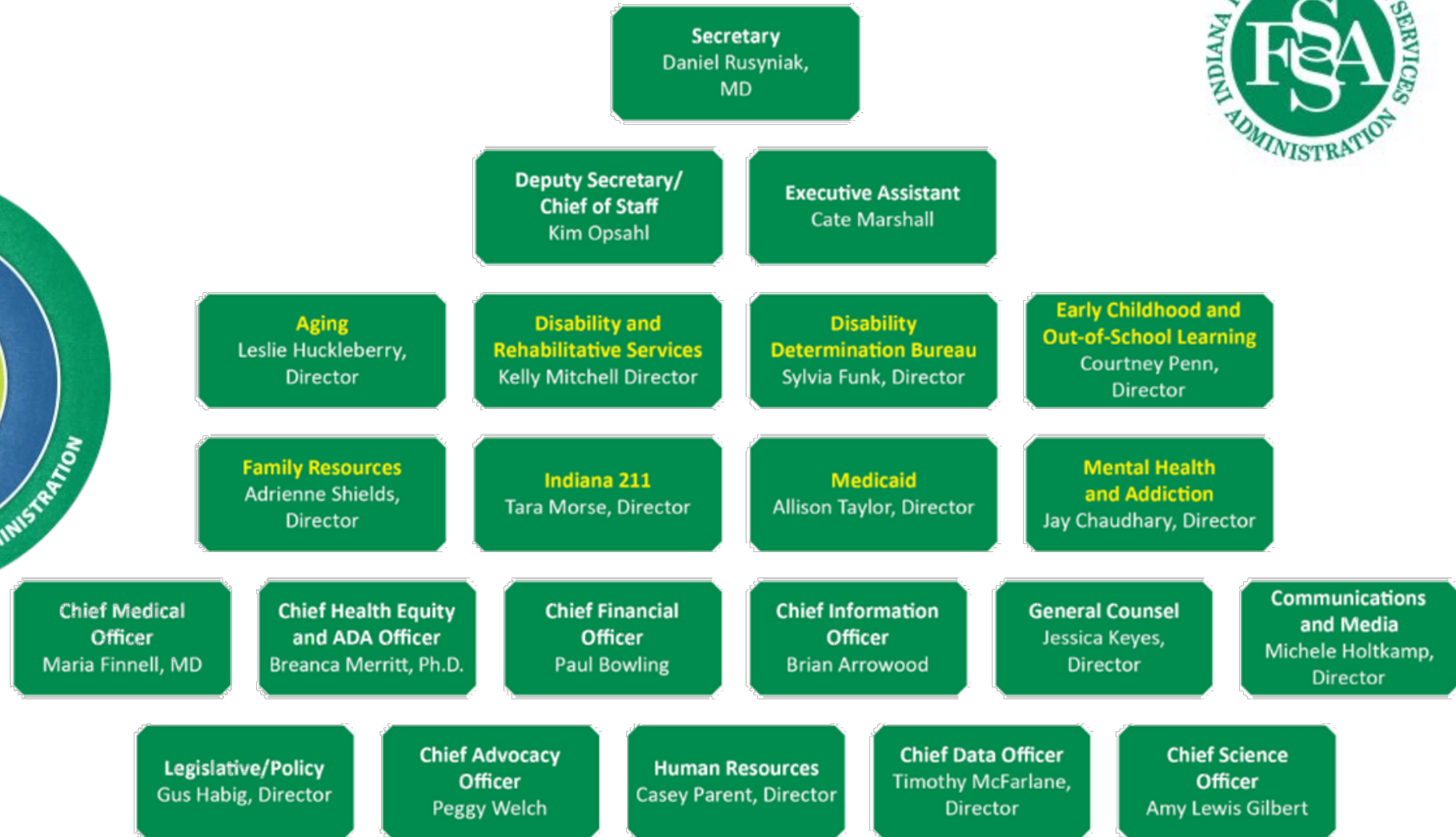
Today's Agenda

- 2023 agency priorities
- Update on federal investments
- HIP equalization
- Medicaid eligibility redetermination actions



Mission: To compassionately serve our diverse community of Hoosiers by dismantling long-standing, persistent inequity through deliberate human services system improvement

Vision: All Hoosiers live in fully engaged communities and reach their greatest emotional, mental and physical well-being





Agency Priorities for 2023





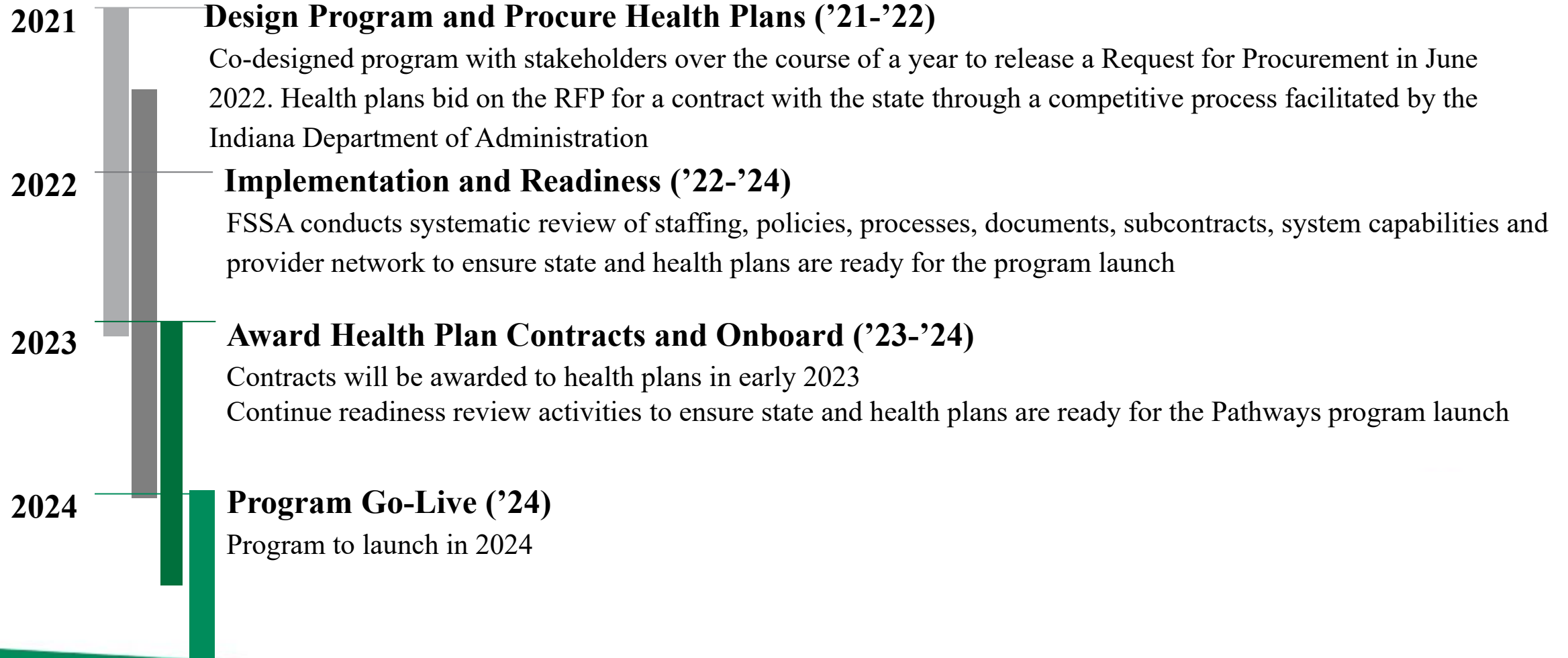
Long-Term Services and Supports Reform



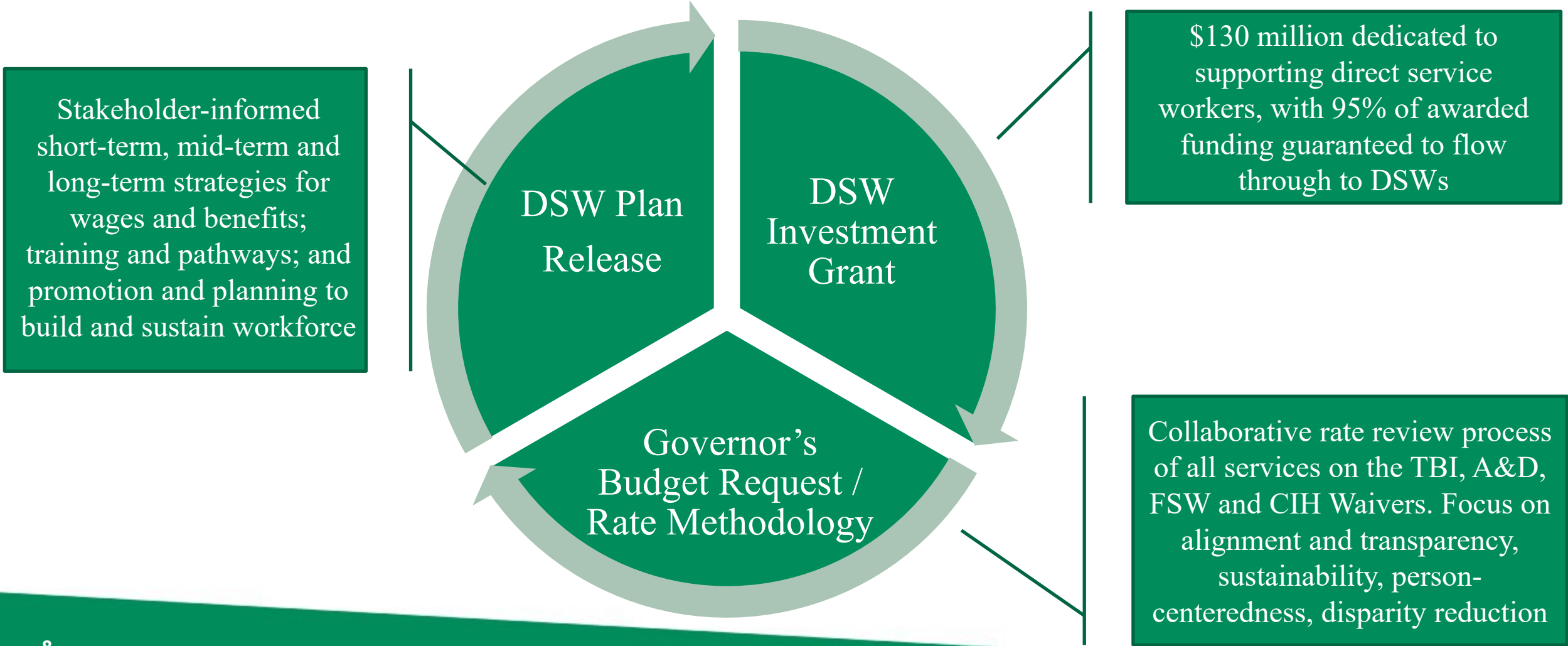
Overall Objective: 75% of new LTSS members will live and receive services in a home and community-based setting

- Faster eligibility
- Move to MLTSS (now **Indiana Pathways for Aging**) in early 2024
- Pay for outcomes, not transactions
- Integrate LTSS data systems
- Support the growth, retention and training of the HCBS direct service workforce
- Create Home Health Roadmap
- Integrate HCBS waivers

Indiana Pathways for Aging Milestones



Building Our Direct Service Workforce





2023 Legislative Agenda



Focused on improving efficiency and effectiveness of HCBS

- Removing co-pays for Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid enrollees
- Changing the Bureau of Developmental Disability Services to Bureau of Disability Services



Build Mental Health Capacity



Overall Objective: Build an integrated behavioral health system that can respond to and prevent crisis.

- Build a statewide crisis response system
- Decrease intersections between mental health and justice system
- Expand capacity through payment reform
- Expand services for children



2023 Legislative Agenda



- Continued investments into 988 crisis response system
 - \$133.6 million in federal funds has kick-started Indiana's crisis system and we are working with the legislature to determine sustainable funding
- Move to Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model to provide community-based comprehensive mental health and substance user services as a key part of the statewide crisis prevention plan
- Flexibility around charges for incompetent to stand trial individuals; establishing standards for high-quality and consistent evaluations and allowing for treatment options when appropriate



Robust Access to Child Care



Overall Objective: Work across state agencies to develop a unified approach to supporting high-quality, affordable child care and early learning

- Eligibility
- Regulation and licensure
- How and what we pay for
- Quality systems



2023 Governor's Agenda



- Grow early childhood care and education capacity to provide more options for families
 - \$25 million innovative grant program for employer-sponsored child care
 - Reduce regulatory burdens for providers
- Increase the number of low-income Hoosier families who have access to quality child care programs and pre-K, making it easier for Hoosiers to enter the workforce
 - Expand eligibility for Child Care and Development Fund vouchers and On My Way Pre-K by raising the Federal Poverty Limit income criteria from 127% to 138%.
- Strengthen early child care and education quality standards with an increased focus on kindergarten readiness
 - Modernize the Paths to Quality Rating System



Federal grant to accelerate change, build capacity



- Office of Early Childhood and Out-Of-School Learning, in partnership with IDOE, will leverage \$54.6 million over three years to improve quality, access, affordability of early childhood care and education
 - Powered by \$42 million federal grant, matched with \$12.6 million FSSA match
 - Focus is on implementing programmatic changes to improve recruitment of early educators, increase access to opportunities for students in unserved or underserved areas and support families
- These next steps build upon the early learning infrastructure improvements and partnerships already in place

Federal Investments





Build Learn Grow Impact Report

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

BLG Guiding Principles: Our foundational considerations that influence our planning and implementation



Stabilize, Grow and Improve Service Delivery



Build Data Infrastructure



Ensure and Promote Equity



Build Bridges, Not Cliffs



Promote Evidence-Based Practices



Prioritize Internal and External Transparency

Investments Made To Date

FSSA is leveraging BLG funds available through 2026 to achieve our agency-wide BLG Outcome Targets through responsible investments.

\$964M Invested to Date

Breakdown of \$2.2 billion Total Budget

\$1.15B Early Childhood Programs

\$748M Services in the Home or Community

\$318M Mental Health Services

\$722M

Total Stabilization Funds Paid Directly to Providers and the Workforce

\$543M

3,446

Providers

Awarded through Early Education & Childcare Stabilization Grants



\$176M

1,195

Providers

Awarded through Home and Community-Based Services Stabilization Grants



\$3M

54 Providers

Awarded through First Steps (Early Intervention) Program Recruitment and Retention Grants





Build Learn Grow: Three Key Areas of Investment

FSSA is intentionally investing in three key areas. For the full December 2022 report on outcomes, please see the [Build Learn Grow Impact Report](#).

Services in the Home or Community

Spotlight: The Direct Service Workforce Investment Grant

\$130M
in Direct Benefit to DSWs



Beginning in January 2023, FSSA is distributing \$130M directly to DSWs to improve workforce retention, ensure quality of LTSS services and support the well-being of the workforce and the individuals they serve.

Outcome Highlights



68% Of individuals enrolled on an HCBS waiver in 2021

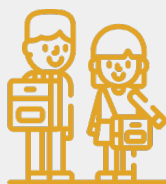


8,960 Units of PPE provided from 2020-2022

Early Childhood Programs

Spotlight: The Build, Learn, Grow Scholarship

\$79M Awarded



21,000+ Children supported

86 Counties reached

700,000 Total weeks of care

OECOSL partnered with Early Learning Indiana and Indiana Afterschool Network in 2022 to offer the scholarship to families working in essential businesses.

Outcome Highlights



6% Increase in early child care and education providers at or above their break-even point from 2021-2022



29% Decrease in open early child care and education teaching positions from 2021-2022

Mental Health Services

Spotlight: 988 Crisis Response

DMHA is building on 988 to build a crisis response system that will help all Hoosiers. This will ultimately include more than just someone to contact at a 988 center. It also means having a crisis team of mental health professionals to respond and a safe place to go for help.



Planned Investments

\$44M
Someone to Contact

\$24M
Someone to Respond

\$49M
A Safe Place for Help

Outcome Highlights



\$59M Awarded to **37** Community Catalyst Grant Pilots for 2022-2024



\$36M Committed to minority-led Behavioral Health Services for 2022-2023

HIP Equalization and Transition to Minimum Fee Schedule



HIP Rate Equalization: Rating Methodology / Directed Payments

Current physician reimbursement varies by program / MCE

- State plan (fee for service) – Paid at 75% of 2014 Medicare rates
- Healthy Indiana Plan – Paid at 100% of current Medicare rates
- HCC/ HHW – Rates vary by MCE as each MCE negotiates their own fee schedule with providers

Proposed physician reimbursement will be aligned

- State plan (fee for service), HIP, HCC, HHW – Paid at 82% of Medicare rates
- All managed care programs will be directed to treat the new rates as a minimum fee schedule
- MCEs can reimburse at a higher rate if needed to support member access, but they will not be able to negotiate to pay a lower rate

HIP Rate Equalization, What's Next: CMS Milestones, Spotlight on Rates

- IN **must** complete required CMS milestones through 2023 on time
 - Oct. 1, 2022: Public comment(s) submitted to CMS
 - Dec. 1, 2022: Draft rate methodology submitted to CMS
 - Jan. 31, 2022: Draft legislation changing HIP requirement to CMS
 - July 1, 2023:
 - Biennium budget approved with HIP rates changes
 - CMS notice of any intended directed payment arrangements
 - CMS draft managed care plan contract language with changed rates
 - Sept. 1, 2023: Directed payment preprints submitted to CMS
 - Oct. 1, 2023: Equalized fee schedule effective, rate certification and updated managed care plan contract language
 - **Jan. 1, 2024: new rates effective**

Medicaid Eligibility Review Actions



Medicaid Eligibility Review Actions

Federal spending bill untied Medicaid coverage protections from the federal public health emergency.

- Notifications have begun
- Taking action on eligibility redeterminations will begin in April, with a 12-month plan to return to normal operations
 - Cannot close or move individuals to lesser-coverage category until annual redetermination process is complete
 - Individuals on Medicaid solely due to PHE will be reassessed on annual redetermination date

Stakeholder meeting Jan. 19 to share next steps. Send an email to PHEstakeholders@fssa.in.gov to receive invitation/updates.



Preparing for Medicaid Eligibility Review Actions

We encourage anyone who is currently in one of Indiana Medicaid's health coverage programs, including the Healthy Indiana Plan, Hoosier Healthwise, Hoosier Care Connect or traditional Medicaid, to take action **now** that could help them stay covered. Members can take these steps to ensure we have their current information:

- Go to FSSABenefits.IN.gov
- Scroll down to the blue "Manage Your Benefits" section
- Click on either "Sign in to my account" or "Create account"
- Call 800-403-0864 if you need assistance



FSSA Benefits Portal: Best Way to Report Changes

The screenshot shows the FSSA Benefits Portal website. The browser address bar displays fssabenefits.in.gov/. The page features the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration logo and the text "Benefits Portal". Navigation links include "Explore Benefits", "Get Help", and "My Healthy Baby". There are "SIGN IN" and "CREATE ACCOUNT" buttons. The main content area has a large heading "Welcome to the FSSA Benefits Portal" and two prominent application buttons: "Apply Online for SNAP/ Cash Assistance" and "Apply Online for Health Coverage", both with "APPLY NOW" sub-buttons. A decorative illustration on the right depicts various people in a park setting, including a woman walking a dog, a person on a bench, an elderly man with a cane, and a man on a bicycle. At the bottom, a note states: "You can also [print an application](#) or [have an application mailed to you.](#)"

FSSA Benefits Portal: Best Way to Report Changes

Manage Your Benefits

- ✓ Continue an incomplete online application
- ✓ Print a summary of a recently completed online application
- ✓ Review benefits you are receiving
- ✓ Print proof of eligibility
- ✓ Print an authorized representative form
- ✓ Report changes
- ✓ View your notices/ correspondence

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