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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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## New Initiative Helps Indiana's Hispanic and Latino Learners Obtain Education and Training Beyond High School

Kickoff and training held at the Indiana Statehouse

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Tomorrow, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education will launch Padres Estrellas – translated as "Star Parents" – a new initiative that uses parents as partners at the local level to increase access and attainment to higher education for Hoosier Hispanic and Latino Families.

The Padres Estrellas will connect with schools, neighborhoods and community partners and focus on helping students and families enroll in the 21st Century Scholars program and the Next Level Jobs Workforce Ready Grant.

When: Wednesday, December 18, 2019; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (EST)

What: Padres Estrellas Media Availability

Where: Indiana Statehouse Room 233

200 W Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46204

Please RSVP to Jess Nejad at 812-499-0771 if you plan to attend.

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## **About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education**

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is a 14-member public body created in 1971 to define the missions of Indiana's colleges and universities, plan and coordinate the state's postsecondary education system, and ensure that Indiana's higher education system is aligned to meet the needs of students and the state. The Commission includes representatives from each Congressional district, three at-large members, a college faculty representative and a college student representative. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value* strategic plan at www.in.gov/che/.