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## **The Community Foundation Awards Grant for Training to Healthy Families Hendricks County**

The Hendricks County Community Foundation awarded the Hendricks County Healthy Families program a \$738 grant from the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund for continued education and training. The grant provided funding to send four staff members of the Hendricks County Healthy Families program to the annual fall Institute for Strengthening Families in Noblesville, Indiana. The conference was held over three days and provided staff with additional education on topics such as mental health, perinatal mood disorders, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed self-care, ethics, diversity, cultural competence, reflective supervision, and overall ways to better meet the needs of families and children.

The Hendricks County Healthy Families program offers voluntary, no-cost, support services to families in Hendricks County who are pregnant or have recently given birth. Once enrolled in the program, families can receive services for up to 3 to 5 years. Highly trained Family Support Specialists work to support families through providing community resources and education on the most up to date, evidence-based child development curriculum and service models.

Healthy Families Indiana has served families in all 92 counties in Indiana for 25 years using the Healthy Families America evidenced-based home visitation model. Hendricks County Program Manager Leanna Truitt said, "This year's Fall Institute was packed full of training for staff in terms of providing quality services to families, but also opportunities to empower staff in their role and gain additional skills to help care for themselves. Without this grant opportunity from the Hendricks County Community Foundation, all staff would not have been able to benefit from such empowering and impactful topics. Attending the Institute events also provided me the opportunity to accept our fifth accreditation certificate from Healthy Families America. Having the opportunity to celebrate all of our accomplishments of the past years with the entire state program was something I will always remember."

"The Community Foundation is proud to support the capacity of impactful organizations like Healthy Families Hendricks County," said HCCF President and CEO, William Rhodehamel. "We are also grateful to the generous donors who give to our unrestricted funds, like the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund, and enable us to make a lasting difference in the quality of life here in Hendricks County." Unrestricted gifts to HCCF are currently eligible for a \$2 to \$1 match through the generosity of Lilly Endowment's GIFT VII grant.



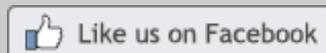
Program Manager Leanna Truitt accepting the Certificate of Accreditation for the Hendricks County Healthy Families Program presented by Barbara Gainer, Prevention Program Coordinator for the Indiana Department of Child Services.

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