

PCCS Plan for the Direct Service Workforce Investment Grant Award

In December, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration announced a round of Direct Service Workforce Investment Grants to be funded by pandemic relief funding from the federal government. A critical element of FSSA's Home-and Community-Based Services Spend Plan for the federal funds is to support the Direct Service Workforce. Part of the DSW State Plan includes short-, mid- & longterm strategies around wages & benefits; training & career pathways; promotion; and planning. To help meet those goals, FSSA has launched a key short-term wages & benefits strategy in the form of Direct Service Workforce Investment Grants.

FSSA has dedicated \$130 million to this opportunity with the requirement that 95% of the funds flow directly to DSPs. PCCS applied for this grant opportunity in December and received word in January that we were awarded a generous Direct Service Workforce Investment Grant. We are excited to announce that we will be passing along these funds to eligible DSPs in the form of overtime compensation and staff bonuses, as well as other recruitment & retention activities. As we refine our plan for the expenditure of this grant, we will communicate the details to our staff. Any questions regarding specific programs and amounts may be directed to the PCCS Executive Director Emeritus Andrew Ranck via our internal email ACCEL, via email at aranck_pccs@yahoo.com, or by phone at 765-653-9763 x110.