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## **Census Results Impact Social Services Across Indiana**

EVANSVILLE (March 31, 2010) – Indiana children are provided safe, nurturing and stable homes thanks to federal program funding, based in part upon census population counts.

“Census data helps determine the amount of federal dollars state and local communities are eligible to receive for children and families, housing, education, emergency preparedness, transportation, health care and other critical programs” said Mark W. Everson, commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration. “Officials and other decision-makers use the information in planning for foster care and adoptions, neighborhood redevelopment, schools, fire stations, hospitals, public safety, and making other public policy decisions.”

Sebrina Martin, Evansville, knows first-hand about foster care and the adoption process. She has provided long term foster care to 23 children and transcended from foster mother, to just mother of her six children. “Federal programs administered by the Indiana Department of Child Services brought me and my family together. I adopted my foster children and we look forward to a better life as I complete my college education at the University of Southern Indiana. I have completed my census form and I hope everyone else does too.”

Indiana received \$5.1 billion from the federal government for programs serving children and families, aging, health care research, disease control and prevention, substance abuse and other needs. Some \$260 million of that amount was directed to foster care and adoption assistance. The Indiana Department of Child Services partners with families and communities to provide safe, nurturing and stable homes for children.

“You, your family, and your community will benefit tremendously for the next ten years if each person would take only ten minutes to complete their census form when they receive it in the mail,” said Virginia Combs, region 16 regional manager for the Indiana Department of child Services. “Completing the census form will help fund child care, child support, Head Start, fatherhood programming, and child abuse/neglect prevention programs in communities. This is one simple way to give back to your community.”