

FAQ developed to answer stakeholders questions that are not answered in the release.

Is the staff still there?

Yes, staff has moved into DWD space and will continue to manage Serve Indiana programs and initiatives.

Who is leading Serve Indiana efforts?

Jeff Cardwell has taken a position in the Governor's office as a Special Assistant for Community Outreach. Debbie Pidgeon will be assuming the role of the Director of Serve Indiana. The Governor appointed Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism will provide oversight and guidance to Serve Indiana.

What about the OFBCI newsletter?

Serve Indiana will continue sharing information about service and volunteerism through its newsletter. You may already have noticed some changes in 2013 -including less information about federal and state government grants. Moving forward, the newsletter will focus on Serve Indiana programs, initiatives, and highlighting the amazing contributions of service members and volunteers throughout the state.

Where did the OFBCI programs go?

Some grant programs that OFBCI was involved in (Access to Recovery and Good Works Indiana/Strengthening Families) have not been active in several years. Grants such as those will no longer be sought by the agency.

The agency has previously provided some training opportunities related to capacity building and grants which no longer will be provided, except in direct relation to volunteer and service programming. Several organizations throughout the state provide quality trainings related to capacity building and grant opportunities and [www.serveindiana.gov](http://www.serveindiana.gov) has a resource section that lists these organizations.

The Indiana Faith-Based Advisory Council has not been active in several years and will no longer exist. Special Assistant to the Governor for Community Outreach has been establishing relationships and visiting with faith organizations across the state. Mr. Cardwell will continue to assist faith organizations with their best interest in mind.

What are Serve Indiana programs and initiatives?

The primary programs include AmeriCorps, HoosierCorps, and Indiana Kids. Initiatives include the Governor's Conference on Service and Nonprofit Capacity Building, Governor's Service Awards, and Disaster Relief. To learn more go to [www.serveindiana.gov](http://www.serveindiana.gov).

Where do disaster support services fall?

Serve Indiana acknowledges that volunteers play a large role in disasters. In the past year Serve Indiana staff and Indiana Department of Homeland Security have continued to assess the role of Serve Indiana as well as the Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. Plans are not finalized at this time.

If you have additional questions, please contact us at 317-233-4273 or [info@serveindiana.gov](mailto:info@serveindiana.gov) or through our webpage.