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## **FSSA's Misrepresentations Regarding the CHOICE Home Care Program are Placing Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities in Jeopardy**

--- Legislative Leaders Should STOP Using FSSA's Bad Data Now ---

(State House, Indianapolis) On April 6, 2011, leaders representing United Senior Action, Indiana Alliance for Retired Americans, Hoosiers First, and other member organizations of the Indiana Home Care Task Force called on the Indiana General Assembly to stop basing budget and policy decisions on data presented by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA). The civic leaders believe the data presented by FSSA has been grossly misrepresented by the agency. In their view, the continued use of FSSA's "bad" data is causing legislators to make decisions, such as cuts in home care services that will place senior citizens and persons with disabilities in severe jeopardy according to the leaders.

The leaders recommended a straight forward solution to the problems being created by FSSA: put in the 2011 state budget act the same language and funding levels regarding the CHOICE program that were in the 2009 budget law passed by the General Assembly. Those details appear at the end of this press release as a Joint Statement Regarding CHOICE from the Indiana Home Care Task Force.

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