Fire Safety

As part of keeping the individuals we serve safe from harm we are required to check homes for smoke detectors. This is an important first step in fire safety.   The Indiana Fire Marshal reported this month that twice the number of people have been killed in fires so far this year in all of 2012 combined. In order to remain protective, smoke alarms should be changed every 10 years.   With this in mind, the CM may want to determine the age of the smoke alarm when assessing the individual's smoke alarm status.

According to James Greeson of Indiana Homeland Security, the fire marshal's service has applied for a grant to purchase smoke alarms and will have more information in August. Until then, there are some areas in Indiana where free smoke alarms are already available.

If the individual you serve is need of a smoke alarm you may want to check out the resources below determine if you can locate an alarm for their home.

1. AAA 15 Hoosier Uplands in Mitchell (southern Indiana) provides devices free for persons in their service area of Crawford/Lawrence/Orange/Washington counties. One per household. Contact person Angela Owens/Adm Asst to COO @ 812-849-4447. Agency also has a/c and fan program in summer, first come first serve basis.
2. Indianapolis Area Smoke Alarm Resources: http://www.mealsonwheelsindy.org/index.asp?p=192
3. South Bend area Good Neighborhood Program:http://articles.wsbt.com/2013-06-06/working-smoke-detectors_39796925
4. South Bend Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Program: http://www.southbendin.gov/government/content/smoke-detector-carbon-monoxide-alarm-program
5. Indiana Department of Homeland Security   http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/indiana/2013-fire-deaths-out-pace-last-year

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