Hello, I am a HUD Certified Housing Counselor and Financial coach in Central Oregon. I have worked with hundreds of IDA Participants and have seen first hand how this program changes lives. It is one of the ONLY programs I know of that is not a hand out but instead a hand up to help families take the next step in improving their lives. Clients are able to make significant changes to their relationship with money, learn the skills, habits and practices that will help them throughout their lives and be better prepared to succeed and reach their financial goals. That's before they even get the IDA Matched Funds!

The funds then allow them to truly change their families life. I have seen homes purchased, Businesses thrive, schooling get completed without loans, etc. etc. the impact of this program cannot and should not be understated. I hope Oregon continues to fund and increase funding for this incredible program.