Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department Investigation Report April 17, 2013

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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	e, Onarga, IL	
Grandparent Raising Grandchild –	, Watseka, IL	
Grandparent Raising Grandchild –	Sibley, IL	
Grandparent Raising Grandchild - J	Watseka, IL	
Grandparent Raising Grandchild -	Watseka, IL	
Caregiver – , Watseka, IL	PARTICIPATION OF SECULAR	
Grandparent Raising Grandchild - J	, Watseka, IL	
Caregiver – , Cissna Park, IL		
Caregiverr, Paxton, IL		

Verified gift card purchases went to grandparents raising grandchildren and caregivers. Verified through review of signature of receipt by grandparent/caregiver.

Verified purchases were in accordance with Caregiver Gap Filling under OAA Title IIIE Service Definition and Service components. Services which can provide assistance to the caregiver in carrying out his/her caregiving responsibilities which include but not limited to: environmental and material aid; family and household support; access and transportation; and, other goods or services related to improving the client's health and/or safety needs.

Verified that authorization of the gift cards were to be used to purchase school supplies and school clothes by the grandparents raising grandchildren.

Verified that authorization of gas cards to caregivers so that they were able to transport care-recipients to medical appointments, and to the mental health clinics, etc.

Interviews were conducted with the grandparents and caregivers to actually verify receipt of the gift cards and gas cards, and to discuss what was purchased.

Conclusion: No evidence was found to support fraudulent expending of ECIAAA Older Americans Act Title IIIE grant funds. Expenses reported were deemed allowable and were in accordance with ECIAAA Caregiver Gap-Illinois Service Definition and Components under the Older Americans Act.