

The Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse



Behavioral Health Division

Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Huntington

LCC Name: Local Anti-drug Coalition Efforts

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Vision Statement

Our vision is to create community conditions that empower youth and families to choose healthy behaviors and to live drug-free lives.

Mission Statement

The mission of LACE is to comprehensively gather data and assess needs regarding alcohol and drug abuse and addiction in Huntington County, to help access current and prospective funding sources for opportunities and programs in the areas of prevention, treatment and justice, to review grant proposals and give recommendations, and to pursue community involvement as needed.

#	Name	Organization	Gender	Category
1	Shane Bickel	Huntington County Council	M	Government
2	Melinda Bowling	Boys & Girls Club	F	Prevention
3	Jessica Brooks	Remnant Ministries	F	Treatment
4	Bethanie Burns	Ground Zero	F	Prevention
5	Michelle Crone	Indiana Dream Center	F	Treatment
6	Amy DiNovo Hathaway	Huntington County LACE Coordinator	F	Other
7	Jill Eltzroth	Rock Creek Township Trustee	F	Other
8	Caroline Everidge	Purdue Extension	F	Prevention
9	Tim Farthing	Huntington County Sheriff's Department	M	Law Enforcement
10	Jennifer Gomez	Inspiration Ministries	F	Treatment
11	Jenni Harris	Huntington United Way	F	Other
12	Darius Hillman	Huntington City Police Department	M	Law Enforcement
13	Trace Hinesley	Horace Mann Elementary	F	Education
14	Jim Hippensteel	The Well Church	M	Treatment
15	Ron Kline	Community Representative	M	Other
16	Robert Knorr	Harmony Home	M	Treatment
17	Jerry LaCroix	Huntington United Against Overdoses	M	Prevention
18	Alisha Ladyga	Tobacco Free Huntington	F	Prevention
19	Dylan Lagonegro	Huntington County Sheriffs Department	M	Law Enforcement
20	Sara Landrum	Huntington County Community Schools	F	Education
21	Shannon Leininger	Project Recovery	F	Treatment
22	Heather Malone	Huntington County Probation	F	Judicial
23	Rocky McCamas	Celebrate Recovery	M	Treatment

#	Name	Organization	Gender	Category
24	Carla McDonald	Raising Our Children's Kids	F	Prevention
25	Alison Pershing	Parkview Health	F	Healthcare
26	Dr. Matt Pflieger	Department of Health	M	Healthcare
27	Brittany Renkenberger	Place of Grace	F	Treatment
28	Nicole Richardson	DCS	F	Treatment
29	Shelly Snyder	Bowen Center	F	Treatment
30	Mariah Town	YMCA	F	Prevention
31	Brooke Trice	Juvenile Probation	F	Judicial
32	Marla Vandergrift	Bowen Center	F	Treatment
33	Erin Wiley	Huntington County Probation	F	Judicial
34	Jan Williams	Youth Services Bureau	F	Healthcare
35	Ashley Wynkoop	Indiana Dream Center	F	Prevention
36	Phil Zahm	Huntington County Coroner	M	Healthcare

LCC Meeting Schedule:

Please provide the months the LCC meets throughout the year:
 January thru May and August thru November.

II. Community Needs Assessment

The first step in developing an effective substance use and misuse reduction plan is to assess your community. A community assessment tells you about your community’s readiness to implement prevention, treatment, and justice-related programs to address substance use and misuse. An assessment also provides an overview of the risk and protective factors present in the community, helping your coalition plan more effectively.

Community Profile

<p>County Name Huntington</p>
<p>County Population 36,834 (2022)</p>
<p>Schools in the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrews Elementary • Flint Springs Elementary • Horace Mann Elementary • Lincoln Elementary • Roanoke Elementary • Salamonie School • Crestview Middle School • Riverview Middle School • Huntington North High School • Huntington Catholic School • St. Peters Lutheran School • Christian Life Tabernacle
<p>Medical care providers in the community (hospitals, health care centers, medical centers/clinics) Huntington County Department of Health, Parkview Huntington Hospital, Parkview Physicians Group, Cardinal Family Medicine, First Care Walk-In Clinic, Bowen Center Health Clinic</p>
<p>Mental health care providers in the community (hospitals with psychiatric/behavioral health units, mental health clinics, private/public providers, etc.) Bowen Center, Parkview Behavioral Health, Crossroad Counseling, Youth Services Bureau, Pathfinders Services, Northeast Psychological Services, Child’s Play Plus, Renovate Counseling Services</p>
<p>Service agencies/organizations Raising Our Children’s Kids, Place of Grace, Harmony Home, Huntington House, Youth Services Bureau, Indiana Dream Center, Boys & Girls Club, Ground Zero, Purdue Extension, Drug Court, Inspiration Ministries, Remnant Ministries, YMCA</p>

<p>Local media outlets that reach the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntinton County Tab – Newspaper • Huntington Herald Press – Newspaper • WOWO – Radio
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WANE – CBS • WFWA - PBS • WPTA – ABC • WFFT - FOX • WISE – NBC
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What are the substances that are most problematic in your community?

Substance abuse trends are discussed at each coalition meeting. The following substances have been identified as issues for our community: alcohol, heroin, methamphetamine, prescription opioids, marijuana, fentanyl, synthetic opioids, misuse of prescription medications, psychostimulants and cocaine.

List all substance use/misuse services/activities/programs presently taking place in the community

Adolescent MRT Program
Al-Anon
Alcoholics Anonymous
Bowen Center
Boys & Girls Club of Huntington – Torch Club
Celebrate Recovery
Cognitive Renewal
Empowering Humanities
Harmony Home
Drug Court
Ground Zero
Guiding Good Choices
Huntington High School Freshmen Mentoring Program
Huntington Prevention Task Force
Huntington United Against Overdoses
Huntington Youth Leadership Academy
Indiana Dream Center / Family Care Center Drug Testing
Inspiration Ministries
Moral Recognition Therapy
MUG Life
Narcotics Anonymous
Parkview Behavioral Health
Parkview Community Nursing Initiative
Peer Recovery Coaches
Place of Grace Recovery Home
Raising Our Children's Kids
Red Ribbon Week
Remnant Ministries
Safe Prom
Smart Moves Resistance Training
Smart Girls Resilience Training
Students Against Substance Abuse
Students Out of School
Systems of Care
Teen Court
Victim Impact Panels
YMCA Afterschool Youth Program
Youth Services Bureau

Community Risk and Protective Factors

Use the list of risk and protective factors to identify those present in your community. Identify the resources/assets and limitations/gaps that exist in your community related to each. The lists are not all-inclusive and others may apply.

Risk Factors Examples: trauma and toxic stressors; poverty violence; neighborhood characteristics; low neighborhood attachment; community disorganization; community norms and laws favorable toward drug use, firearms, and crime; availability of alcohol and other drugs; weak family relationships; family substance use; peer substance use; mental health problems; families moving frequently from home to home; limited prevention and recovery resources.

Protective Factors Examples: strong family relationships; neighborhood economic viability; low childhood stress; access to health care; access to mental health care; community-based interventions; restricted access to alcohol and other drugs including restrictive laws and excise taxes; safe, supportive, and connected neighborhoods; meaningful youth engagement opportunities; local policies and practices that support healthy norms and child-youth programs; positive connection to adults.¹

Risk Factors	Resources/Assets	Limitations/Gaps
Family substance abuse	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Support from faith communities. 2 Coalition efforts to educate the community via outreach events. 3 Social connections in families 4 Collaboration between law enforcement and service providers 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multigenerational drug use 2. Economic pressures on family finances. 3. Fear of DCS rather than recognizing DCS as an opportunity to access resources. 4. Favorable parental attitudes toward substance use.
Availability of alcohol and other drugs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased number of 12-step programs. 2. Narcan is more readily available as needed. 3. Growth in the number of recovery homes. 4. Prevention efforts are continuing in the community. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Growth in vape shops in the community. 2. Jail is viewed as a rite of passage. 3. “Not my kid” mentality 4. Repeat offenders on a loop in/out of incarceration.
Peer substance abuse	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opioid settlement funds will begin distribution in 2023. 2. Collaboration between LCC’s in nearby counties. 3. Access to healthcare services within the community 4. Addiction services for youth. 5. Active ICJI Local Coordinating Council 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Growth in vaping at earlier age. 2. Parents refuse to be involved in their child’s recovery. 3. Negative impact of social media and related isolation. 4. Need for more afterschool programs. 5. Limited funding

¹Risk and protective factors extracted from IUPUI Center for Health Policy Community Conditions Favorable for Substance Use, April 2018.

Protective Factors	Resources/Assets	Limitations/Gaps
1. Prevention Efforts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engaged Department of Health 2. Growth in Tobacco-Free program. 3. Active youth prevention programs. 4. Growing ICJI LCC membership. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Limited funding 2. Need for additional youth programs with a variety of activities. 3. Low perception of risk for gateway substances such as tobacco and marijuana.
2. Community-Based Interventions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Availability of Opioid Settlement Funds to support local programs. 2. Commitment to evidence-based curriculums. 3. Active Drug Court Program 4. Programming for incarcerated individuals post-COVID. 5. Men and women's recovery homes. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need for addiction services is greater than local resources. 2. Need for consistent 12-step program leaders. 3. Social opportunities for individuals in recovery. 4. No bus service or community transportation in rural setting.
3. Increase in 12-Step Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased involvement from area churches. 2. Growing meeting attendance. 3. A wide variety of meeting types. 4. 12-step meetings dedicated to youth. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brianna's Hope is on hiatus in Huntington County. 2. No bus service or community transportation. 3. Limited access for rural residents for in-town programs. 4. Stigma associated with seeking services.

Making A Community Action Plan

Now that you have completed a community assessment and have identified the risk and protective factors that exist, you can develop a plan of action. The Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) is a systematic and community-driven gathering, analysis, and reporting of community-level indicators for the purpose of identifying and addressing local substance use problems.

Step 1: Create problem statements, and ensure problems statements are in line with statutory requirements

Step 2: Ensure your problem statements are evidence-informed, then prioritize

Step 3: Brainstorm what can be done about each

Step 4: Prioritize your list, and develop SMART goal statements for each

Step 5: List the steps to achieve each goal

Step 1: Create + Categorize Problem Statements

Create problem statements as they relate to each of the identified risk factors.

Risk Factors	Problem Statement(s)
Family substance abuse	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The incidence of drug and alcohol use and related offenses among adults continues to be a problem. 2. Improved individual knowledge regarding the dangers of substance use and addiction is needed in Huntington County. 3. Generational substance abuse is a problem in Huntington County.
Availability of alcohol and other drugs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to effective intervention and prevention continues to be a problem in Huntington County. 2. Additional addiction recovery supports for individuals and adults are needed in Huntington County. 3. Co-occurring substance use disorder and mental illness is an issue in Huntington County.
Peer substance abuse	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alcohol abuse and drug use by youth in Huntington County is a problem. 2. Due to generational substance use, parents may not be engaged in their children's recovery efforts. 3. Increased funding for youth prevention programs is needed in Huntington County.

Step 2: Evidence-Informed Problem Statements

Identify your top three problem statements using local or state data. Ensure that there is a problem statement for each co-equal funding category (e.g., prevention/education; intervention/treatment; and criminal justice services and activities).

Problem Statements	Data That Establishes Problem	Data Source
1. The incidence of drug and alcohol use and related offenses among adults continues to be a problem.	In 2022, there were 13 overdose deaths in Huntington County.	<i>Huntington County Coroner 2022</i>
	In 2022, there were 13 overdose deaths in Huntington County. Substances included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 Fentanyl - 4 Fentanyl/Methamphetamine - 2 Methamphetamine There was an additional suicide attributed to drug overdose. Thus far in 2023, there has been 1 overdose death in Huntington County.	<i>Huntington County Coroner 2022</i>
	100% of juveniles interviewed reported personal substance use and/or at least one person in immediate family with substance use history.	<i>Juvenile Probation 2022</i>
	From April 2022 to current, 26 women were served in this residential recovery program. In comparison, April 2021 to April 2022, 18 women were served. From April 2022 to current, 47 applications were received. This is an increased of 62% from 29 applications in 2021.	<i>Place of Grace 2022</i>
2. Access to effective intervention and prevention continues to be a problem in Huntington County	969 adult and 101 juvenile positive drug screens.	<i>Huntington County Probation, 2022</i>
	80% of 16 participants stated they have used a substance including tobacco, alcohol or drugs.	<i>Youth Services Bureau Students Out of School Program, 2021</i>

	<p>Youth in Region 3 (including Huntington County) reported past-month prevalence rates that were higher than the state rates for alcohol (6th, 9th, 10th, and 12th grades), electronic vapor products (8th through 10th and 12th grades), and marijuana (all grades but 11th).</p>	<p><i>Indiana Youth Survey, 2022</i></p>
<p>3. Alcohol abuse and drug use by youth in Huntington County is a problem.</p>	<p>On annual average, 73 adolescents are referred for substance use disorder to the Bowen Center.</p>	<p><i>Bowen Center 2022</i></p>
	<p>Many students in Indiana do not have the school resources they need to prevent onset or address current substance use issues.</p> <p>In Indiana, there is: One school counselor for every 624 students (recommended: 250:1). One school social worker for every 2788 students (recommended: 250:1) One school psychologist for every 2699 students (recommended 500-700:1). One school nurse for every 959 students (recommended 750:1).</p>	<p><i>Indiana Kids Count Data Book 2023</i></p>
	<p>Huntington County Juvenile Probation received 112 referrals. 21% (23) of referrals were for drug related offences.</p> <p>Of 92 juveniles that were interviewed at intake, 76% (70) reported currently using drugs/alcohol and/or past use.</p>	<p><i>Huntington County Juvenile Probation 2022</i></p>

Step 3: Brainstorm

Consider the resources/assets and limitations/gaps that were identified for each risk factor, and list what actions can be taken for each identified problem statement.

Problem Statements	What can be done (action)?
<p>1. The incidence of drug and alcohol use and related offenses among adults continues to be a problem in Huntington County.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support education initiatives that have the potential to reduce alcohol abuse and drug use by adults. 2. Educate the community regarding substance abuse stigma. 3. Promote and support treatment services and recovery groups for adults.
<p>2. Access to effective intervention and prevention continues to be a problem in Huntington County</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support current front-line service providers. 2. Add members to coalition to multiply the impact of the coalition’s efforts. 3. Distribute information regarding recovery supports in Huntington County.
<p>3. Alcohol abuse and drug use by youth in Huntington County is a problem.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be proactive with prevention efforts for elementary children. 2. Support prevention programs that have the potential to reduce substance use by youth. 3. Promote and support treatment services for youth. 4. Increase environmental messaging.

Step 4: Develop SMART Goal Statements

For each problem statement, prioritize your list of what can be done. Choose your top two actions for each. Then, develop goal statements that demonstrate what change you hope to achieve and by when you hope to achieve it.

Problem Statement #1 The incidence of drug and alcohol use and related offenses among adults continues to be a problem.
<p>Goal 1 Reduce the number of overdose deaths (13 in 2022) in Huntington County by 1% by April 2024.</p> <p>Update: During the reporting period, there were 13 overdose deaths in Huntington County. While this goal has been achieved, the Coalition has decided to maintain this goal at 1% for the next reporting period due to the small size of the county and the importance of this issue.</p> <p>Goal 2 Increase the distribution of prevention education and treatment resource information by 5% by April 2024.</p>

Update: During the reporting period, Coalition members reported 3,238 referrals to substance use disorder treatment services. Sharing of prevention education and treatment resource information was determined to be 1,450. We believe we met this goal at 2% as the Coalition added two new public education opportunities during the reporting period. However, we have decided to amend this goal in the next CCP to better define its focus.

Problem Statement #2 Access to effective intervention and prevention continues to be a problem in Huntington County.

Goal 1 By April 2024, increase by 2% the number of adults in Huntington County obtaining residential recovery services measured by reports from recovery homes year-end annual service numbers.

Update: During the reporting period, there was a 159% increase in the number of individuals obtaining substance use recovery services in recovery homes in Huntington County. This increase was measured by comparing 2021 and 2022 participant counts from four residential recovery programs in Huntington County. For the next reporting period, the Coalition decided to clarify this goal with regards to the data source.

Goal 2 Engage 3-5 new community and service provider representatives in the coalition by April 2024.

Update: During the reporting period, the Huntington County LCC engaged seven new coalition members including representatives from the local school district, Department of Health, a church, youth serving organization and three intervention programs. The Coalition has decided to continue this goal as it supports a growing and effective coalition.

Problem Statement #3 Alcohol abuse and drug use by youth in Huntington County is a problem.

Goal 1 Reduce the referrals to Juvenile Probation by 2%, as reported by Juvenile Probation, by April 2024.

Update: During the reporting period, Huntington County Juvenile Probation received a total of 112 referrals. This is a decrease of 11% from 135 referrals in 2021. The Coalition has decided to increase this goal to 2% in the next reporting period.

Goal 2 Support 3-4 educational opportunities that educate the community on the dangers of substance use and community resources to address underage substance use in this community by April 2024.

Update: The coalition supported three educational opportunities including Safe Prom, Back to School Blast – Hidden in Plain Sight, and Red Ribbon Week. The Coalition decided to increase this goal to 3-4 educational opportunities for the next reporting period.

Step 5: Plans to Achieve Goals

For each goal, list the steps required to achieve each

Problem Statement #1	Steps
Goal 1 Reduce the number of overdose deaths (13 in 2022) in	1. Encourage/fund prevention/education programs focused on youth and adult alcohol/drug use/abuse.

<p>Huntington County by 1% by April 2024.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Support/fund intervention treatment for youth and adults who are using/abusing substances. 3. Fund/support enforcement/judicial initiatives that identify or rehabilitate youth and adults who abuse substances.
<p>Goal 2 Increase the distribution of prevention education and treatment resource information by 5% by April 2024.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote and support counseling services for adults, including treatment services to the financially disadvantaged. 2. Raise awareness of drug and alcohol use and abuse issues, utilizing information that promotes intervention and counseling. 3. Promote opportunities to engage in peer support recovery.
<p>Problem Statement #2</p>	<p>Steps</p>
<p>Goal 1 By April 2024, increase by 2% the number of adults in Huntington County obtaining residential recovery services measured by reports from recovery homes year-end annual service numbers.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage/fund prevention/education programs focused on youth and adult alcohol/drug use/abuse. 2. Support/fund intervention treatment for youth and adults who are using/abusing substances. 3. Fund/support enforcement/judicial initiatives that identify or rehabilitate youth and adults who abuse substances.
<p>Goal 2 Engage 3-5 new community and service provider representatives in the coalition by April 2024.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage current coalition members to bring a colleague to upcoming meetings. 2. Solicit new coalition members from key sectors including judicial, healthcare, media, youth serving and faith-based organizations. 3. Invite representatives from regional organizations to join the coalition.
<p>Problem Statement #3</p>	<p>Steps</p>
<p>Goal 1 Reduce the referrals to Juvenile Probation by 2%, as reported by Juvenile Probation, by April 2024.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage/fund prevention/education programs focused on youth and adult alcohol/drug use/abuse. 2. Support/fund intervention treatment for youth and adults who are using/abusing substances. 3. Fund/support enforcement/judicial initiatives that identify or rehabilitate youth and adults who abuse substances.
<p>Goal 2 Support 3-4 educational opportunities that educate the community on the dangers of substance use and community resources to address underage substance use in this community by April 2024.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise awareness of the problem of underage drinking, drug use by youth, and cigarette use by youth, including the issues of access and perception of risk. 2. Continue the collaborative efforts in planning and instituting solutions to the ATOD problems of Huntington County. 3. Support educational activities through the school corporation such as 4th grade health fair, Red Ribbon Week activities, etc.

IV. Fund Document

The fund document allows the LCC to provide finances available to the coalition at the beginning of the year. The fund document gauges an LCC's fiscal wellness to empower their implementation of growth within their community. The fund document also ensures LCCs meet the statutory requirement of funding programs within the three categories of (1) Prevention/Education, (2) Treatment/Intervention, and (3) Criminal Justice Services and Activities (IC 5-2-11-5).

Funding Profile

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1. Amount deposited into the County DFC Fund from fees collected last year:		\$54,822.73
2. Amount of unused fund from last year that will roll over into this year:		\$0.00
3. Total funds available for programs and administrative costs for this year (Line 1 + Line 2)		\$54,822.73
4. Amount of funds granted last year:		\$40,539.37
Additional Funding Sources (if no money is received, please enter \$0.00)		
A. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):		\$0.00
B. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):		\$0.00
C. Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA):		\$0.00
D. Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP):		\$0.00
E. Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH):		\$0.00
F. Indiana Department of Education (DOE):		\$0.00
G. Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA):		\$0.00
H. Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA):		\$0.00
I. Local entities:		\$0.00
J. Other:		\$0.00
Categorical Funding Allocation		
Prevention/Education: \$13,705.68	Intervention/Treatment: \$13,705.68	Justice Services: \$13,705.68
Funding allotted to Administrative costs:		
Itemized list of what is being funded		Amount (\$100.00)
Coordinator compensation		\$7,200.00
Directors and Officers Insurance		\$1,200.00
Special events		\$5,305.69
Total:		\$13,705.69
Funding allotted by Goal per Problem Statement:		
Problem Statement #1	Problem Statement #2	Problem Statement #3
Goal 1: \$6,852.84	Goal 1: \$6,852.84	Goal 1: \$6,852.84
Goal 2: \$6,852.84	Goal 2: \$6,852.84	Goal 2: \$6,852.84