



Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

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Updates

New Recovery Residence Will Seek to Help Women Remain with their Children

Fresh Start, a substance use treatment center that allows women to live with their children while receiving treatment, was created by Volunteers of America – Ohio and Indiana. Fresh Start opened a new residence, funded by Indiana University Health’s Community Impact Investment Fund. The first Fresh Start Recovery Center was formed in Indianapolis during 2015 in response to the opioid crisis’ impact on increasing child-removal cases. Additional centers in Winchester, Evansville, and Columbus have also been created in recent years.



With funding from IU Health, Fresh Start will develop a new residency to provide pregnant women and mothers recovering from substance use disorder a place where they can still receive support after completing treatment. The hope is to prepare families for taking the next step into more permanent housing. John von Arx, president and CEO of Volunteers of America, said that “it was the leap from successfully leaving residential treatment and getting to that longer-range outcome where that family is really on their way to a happy, successful life.”

Fresh Start plans to open the new facility in the winter of 2023 on the west side of Indianapolis, with hopes to house between 10 and 12 women, as well as up to two of their children up to the age of 5. There are plans to provide mothers with their own living spaces, community spaces for meetings and children to play, as well as childcare.

Read the full IndyStar article [here](#).

Visit the Fresh Start website to learn more about their programming and services.

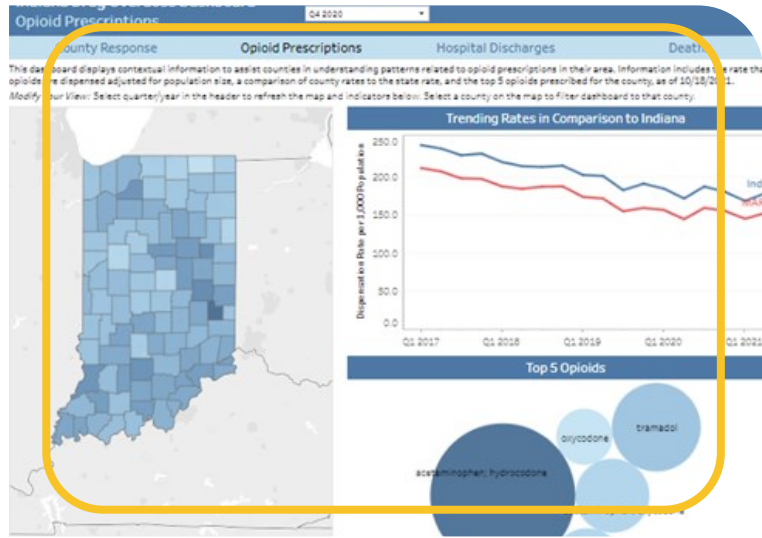
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Eskenazi Health Installs NaloxBoxes

Through a partnership with Overdose Lifeline, a NaloxBox has been installed near the front entrance of Eskenazi Health Center on West 38th Street. The NaloxBox will allow people from the public to grab naloxone for free to respond to overdose events, even outside of clinic operating hours. The clinic has recently installed a free naloxone vending machine, but unlike the NaloxBox, it can only be accessed when the clinic is open.

[A map of NaloxBox locations and naloxone distribution centers](#) can be found on the Overdose Lifeline website.

Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard



Please visit the Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard, where you will find data from 2017 up to provisional data for 2021. In this dashboard, you will find data regarding opioid prescriptions, hospital discharges, and drug-related deaths. You can use this dashboard to explore overdose data at the county and state levels.

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Upcoming Events

Substance Use Disorders

9:45 a.m. – Noon, Thursday, June 2

Understanding what drives someone to continue using substances will help address barriers to seeking help and successfully complete treatment. This class uncovers the nature of addiction and why treatment can be so difficult. The American Society of Addiction Medicine continuum is used as a framework for understanding how addiction professionals assess the person’s motivation to change, the situation and options for treatment.

To register for this event, please [click here](#).

SHIELD: Protecting Those who Serve During the Overdose Crisis

9 a.m. – Noon EDT, Tuesday, June 7, In-person at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy

Law enforcement officers are on the front lines of the overdose crisis. They are facing new occupational safety risks and are being asked to take on new roles and responsibilities – usually without adequate tools or training. These demands compound the stress officers accumulate from the day-to-day pressures of policing and today’s unprecedented levels of public scrutiny.

The SHIELD Training Initiative fills this gap, providing law enforcement with the tools they need to safeguard their physical and mental wellbeing, improve community relations, and more effectively accomplish their public safety mission.

For more information and to register, please visit: <https://behaviorhealthjustice.wayne.edu/shield> or <https://acadisportal.in.gov/AcadisViewer/Login.aspx>

To view the promotional flyer, visit [here](#).

Indiana Recovery Community Summit

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. EDT, Friday, June 17

The Indiana Recovery Network is hosting the first Indiana Recovery Community Summit. The goal of the summit is to provide information and resources to existing, new, and emerging recovery community organizations, recovery community centers, recovery engagement centers, recovery cafes, recovery residences, peer supports, and all areas of the Indiana recovery ecosystem.

Workshops will feature a variety of topics for the Indiana Recovery Community, including capacity building, advocacy, peer ethics, and recovery organizations in rural communities.

To learn more and register for this event, click [here](#).

INROC: MAT Waiver Training

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. EDT, Monday, June 27

Our Indiana Rural Opioid Consortium (InROC) is hosting a second Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Waiver training to help boost the number of professionals providing this service in Indiana.

Dr. Emily Zarse, MD, will present a 4-hour required training virtually; and then attendees will complete the additional 4 hours at their own pace. Upon completion, attendees will receive a certificate to then apply for a MAT Waiver. There is no cost to attend this training.

While this training is primarily aimed at physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants who want to become a Buprenorphine prescriber, it is not restricted to providers who want to become waived only. Participants will get CME credit for attending.

To register for this event, click [here](#).

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