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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Whitley

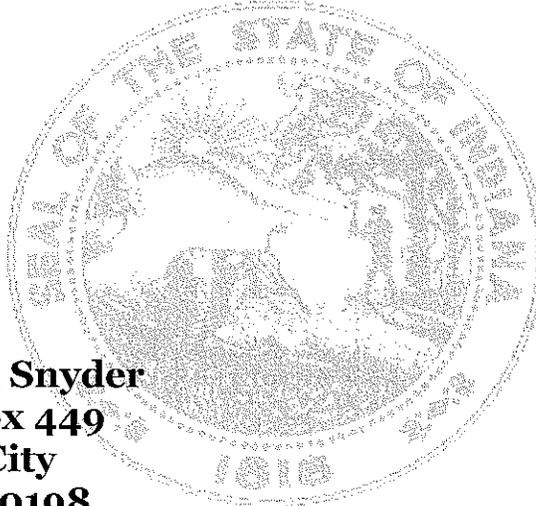
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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: To create a drug-free environment in Whitley County through education in our citizenry, formal assessment of needs, coordination of local and surrounding area services, strategic use of prevention plans, and incorporation of a consistent justice plan.

History: Whitley County Drug-Free Indiana Coalition was formed in and has attempted to include representatives from areas of interests such as youth, parents, religious, business, media, schools, youth-serving organizations, civil and volunteer groups, health care professionals, juvenile justice, Office of Family and Children, law enforcement (city, county and state), and treatment centers. The coalition works with these representatives to address substance abuse issues facing Whitley County. Since its formation, the coalition has held monthly meetings with an average attendance of 25 community members, which includes youth representatives from the three area high schools. The coalition serves as the recognized Local Coordinating Council (LCC) for the Governor’s Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana. The coalition operates primarily as a channeling agency for the distribution of funds to provide for drug and alcohol prevention, treatment and law enforcement activities. The council has been represented in community events targeting youth and adults in drug and alcohol prevention.

According to the most recent published census, the following data represents the make-up of Whitley County, which is a rural community in northeast Indiana:

Population	<u>33,294</u>
Households	<u>13,086</u>
Families	<u>7,387</u>
Median Age	<u>40.8</u>
Per Capita Income	<u>\$36,023</u>
Median Household Income	<u>\$52,081</u>
Average Household Size	<u>2.0</u>

The largest city in Whitley County is Columbia City. Other communities in the County include Churubusco, South Whitley, Larwill, and several small unincorporated areas. The County has three school systems consisting of:

Whitley County Consolidated in Columbia City and the surrounding area; Smith-Green Community Schools in Churubusco, which is joint with a Noble County township; and Whitko Community Schools in South Whitley, which includes two townships in Kosciusko County.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: Whitley County Drug-Free Indiana identified three problems to be addressed in the coming year. They are:

1. Substance abuse among youth and adults continues to be a problem in Whitley County (WC).
2. There continues to be a high rate of drug and alcohol related criminal activity in the county.
3. Individuals who abuse substances continue to seek affordable treatment, yet many people are uninsured or underinsured and lack the financial resources to obtain treatment.

Following approval by the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana, Whitley County Drug Free Indiana (WCDFI) will work with community organizations to plan and implement programs which address the problems and objectives identified in the plan. The County Commissioners will have final approval of funding allocations from the County Drug-Free Communities Fund to support such programs. Organizations and agencies receiving funding from WCDFI will be required to report their progress and use of funding at the monthly meetings. In addition, the organization reporting for the month will be required to submit a summary of their progress in writing to be entered on the Whitley County Drug Free Indiana webpage.

Membership List

County LCC Name:

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Anderson, Megan	Probation Department	W	F	Justice
2	Anspach, Brian	Columbia City Police Department	W	M	Law Enforcement
3	Archbold, Gary	Drug Task Force	W	M	Law Enforcement
4	Archbold, Marcella	Community Corrections	W	F	Justice
5	Brice, Bill	Drug task Force	W	M	Law Enforcement
6	Burney, Vicki	Community Corrections	W	F	Justice
7	Christie, Jen	Probation Department	W	F	Justice
8	Christie, Mike	Prosecutor's Department	W	M	Justice
9	Fletcher, Lavon	Bowen Center	W	F	Treatment
10	Gatton, Marcus	Sheriff's Department	W	M	Law Enforcement
11	Harrold, Karlie	Probation Department	W	F	Justice
12	Hockemeyer, Greg	Law Firm	W	M	Business
13	Hodges, Mark	Sheriff's Department	W	M	Law Enforcement
14	Holiday, Jane	Parkview Whitley Hospital	W	F	Treatment
15	Jensen-Kelley, Julie	Community Corrections	W	F	Justice
16	King, Brenda	Churubusco S.A.D.D.	W	F	Education
17	Martin, Sean	Sheriff's Department	W	M	Law Enforcement
18	Meyers, Ashley	Child Services Department	W	F	Other
19	Miller, Erica	YMCA/YWCA	W	F	Other
20	Moser, Dale	Pastor	W	M	Other

21	Motter, Amy	Probation Department	W	F	Justice
22	Noble, Jan	Addiction Recovery Center	W	M	Treatment
23	Parker, David	Whitko S.A.D.D.	W	M	Education
24	Patrick, Cory	Sheriff's Department	W	M	Law Enforcement
25	Persons, Sharon	Child Services Department	W	F	Other
26	Pope, Krista	Troy Center	W	F	Education
27	Slone, Sandy	Literacy Council	W	F	Education
28	Smeltzer, Ryan	Community Corrections	W	M	Justice
29	Snyder, Jill	LCC Coordinator	W	F	Other
30	Spencer, Jason	Sheriff's Department	W	M	Law Enforcement
31	Trier, Nicole	Troy Center	W	F	Education
32	Walker, Emily	Troy Center	W	F	Education
33	Walters, Rhonda	Churubusco S.A.D.D.	W	F	Education
34	Wike, Jeff	The Center	W	M	Education

Problem Identification

A. Problem Statement #1: Substance abuse among youth and adults continues to be a problem in Whitley County (WC).

B. Supportive Data:

1. WC Prosecutor's Office reported from formal juvenile petitions in 2012, 62 case filings.
2. WC Probation reported the number of juveniles referred to the department in 2012: 210
3. WC Probation reported the following number of juveniles referred to the department for drug and/or alcohol use in 2012: 64
4. Whitley Superior Court Alcohol and Drug Program (WSCADP) reported the number of adults referred to the program in 2012: 482
5. WSCADP reported the number of indigent adults in substance abuse programs for 2012: 220.

End of Year Update:

1. The WC Prosecutor's office reported 62 formal juvenile petitions filed in 2013.
2. The WC Probation Department reported 186 juveniles were referred to the probation department in 2013.
3. The WC Probation Department reported that of the 186 juveniles referred in 2013, 67 were referred for drugs and alcohol.
4. Whitley Superior Court Alcohol and Drug Program (WSCADP) reported 402 adult in the substance abuse programs in 2013.
5. WSCADP reported the number of indigent adults in substance abuse programs for 2013 was 209 referred for drugs and/or alcohol.

End of Year 2 Update:

1. The WC Prosecutor's Office reported a 1.161% increase in juvenile petitions in 2012.
2. WC Probation Department's number of juveniles referred to their department was 210 filed in 2012 and 186 filed in 2013.
3. WC Probation Department's number of juveniles referred to the department for drug and/or alcohol use as compared to the total number was 30%, which is 9% less than last year.
4. The WSCADP reported that in 2012 there were 29 more adults participating in the substance abuse program than in 2011.

Final Update (end of Year 3):

C. Goals:

1. There will be a reduction of substance abuse referrals among youth and adults by 10%.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

1. The WC Prosecutor's Office reported having 10 less juvenile petitions filed in 2013 than in 2012.
2. The WC Probation Department has shown a 1.129% decrease in the number of juvenile referrals in 2013 when compared to the number of referrals in 2012.
3. WC Probation Department's number of juveniles referred to the department for drug and/or alcohol use in 2013 is 6% less when compared to 2012.
4. The WSCADP reported a decrease of 80 individuals who participated in the substance abuse program in 2013 when compared to 2012.

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

1. The WC Prosecutor's Office reported a 1.161% increase in juvenile petitions in 2012.
2. WC Probation Department's number of juveniles referred to their department was 210 filed in 2012 and 186 filed in 2013.
3. WC Probation Department's number of juveniles referred to the department for drug and/or alcohol use as compared to the total number was 30%, which is 9% less than last year.
4. The WSCADP reported that in 2012 there were 29 more adults participating in the substance abuse program than in 2011.

Final Report (end of Year 2):

Provided funding to The Center After-School Central Project Alert curriculum to motivate students against drug use, provide skills and strategies to resist drugs, and establish new non-use attitudes and beliefs. Increased assets decrease a young person's chances of becoming involved in high risk behaviors, including drug and alcohol use.

1. Provided funding to Whitko, Columbia City and Churubusco High School SADD chapters for in-school drug and alcohol prevention activities.
2. Provided funding to the Whitley County Literacy Council to assist adults with drug and alcohol issues in obtaining their GED.
3. Provided funding to local area SADD Chapters for the implementation of a county wide student-oriented event known as "The SADD Experience."
4. Purchased lunch for all Youth Council members in attendance at monthly D-FI meetings. During this meeting, they coordinate the SADD Experience and share ideas for how to combat drug and alcohol issues at their respective schools and within the community.

D. Objectives:

1. Support alternative activities for youth.
2. Support prevention and education programs provided through schools and other community organizations.
3. Continue to support alternative education.
4. Continue to support school based activities.
5. Support community initiatives and program planning that identify and prevent substance abuse problems in youth and adults in Whitley County.

A. Problem Statement #2: There continues to be a high rate of drug and alcohol related criminal activity in the county.

B. Supportive Data:

1. WC Prosecutor's Office reported the following number of adult OWI arrests:

2012 - 181

2013 - 166

2. WC Prosecutor's Office reported the following number of adult drug arrests:

2012- 107

2013 - 100

3. WC Prosecutor's Office reported the following number of public intoxication arrests:

2012 - 12

2014- 6

4. WC Law Enforcement reported the following number of crashes involving drugs and/or alcohol:

2012 - 32

2013 - 30

5. WC Law Enforcement reported involving drugs and/or alcohol:

Fatal crashes: 2012 - 1

Fatal crashes: 2013 - 1

6. WC Drug Task Force reported the total number of cases investigated worked;

2012 - 122

2013 - 98

6. WC Prosecutor's Office reported 12 minor (18-20) in possession of alcohol cases filed in 2012.

End of Year 1 Update:

1. WC Prosecutor's Office reported 194 OWI arrests in 2013.
2. WC Prosecutor's Office reported 100 adult drug cases filed in 2013.
3. WC Prosecutor's Office reported 6 public intoxication cases filed in 2013.
4. WC Law Enforcement reported 30 crashes involving drugs and/or alcohol in 2013.
5. WC Law Enforcement reported 1 fatal crash in 2013 involving drugs and/or alcohol.

WC Drug Task Force reported 122 total cases filed in 2013.

- a. 8 meth labs;
 - b. 13 Meth lab dumps;
 - c. 29 dealing or possession of marijuana;
 - d. 33 possession of paraphernalia;
 - e. 3 prescription frauds;
 - f. 30 Dealing or possession of a Controlled Substance I, II, III or IV,
1dealing a legend drug
 - g. 6 Minor in possession of alcohol.
6. WC Prosecutor's Office reported 49 minor (18-20) Minor in possession of alcohol cases were filed in 2013.

Final Update (end of Year 3):

1. WC Prosecutor's Office reported 166 OWI arrests in 2013 showing a decrease of 1.09% when compared to 2012.
2. WC Prosecutor's Office reported 100 adult drug arrests in 2013 showing a decrease of 1.07% compared to 2012.
3. WC Prosecutor's Office reported 6 public intoxication cases filed in 2013. This is a decrease of a 50% decrease of cases compared to 2012.
4. WC Law Enforcement reported 30 crashes involving drugs and/or alcohol. An increase of 1.065 % of the 32 crashes reported in 2012.
5. WC Law Enforcement reported 1 fatal crash in 2013 involving drugs and/or alcohol. There was no change in the number of fatal crashed reported for 2012.

6. WC Drug Task force reported 98 cases resulting in 193 criminal charges being filed in 2013.

Cases worked involved:

- 73 methamphetamine cases;
- 29 marijuana cases;
- 28 controlled substance cases;
- 33 paraphernalia cases;
- 9 miscellaneous cases

7. WC Prosecutor's Office reported 49 minor (18-20) in possession of alcohol cases were filed in 2013. An increase of 1.361% of the 36 MIP cases reported in 2012.

C. Goals:

1. There will be a 10% increase in arrests for drug-related crimes.
2. There will be a 10% increase in arrests for alcohol-related crimes.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks

1. The WC Prosecutor's Office reported a decrease of 1.07% in drug arrests when compared to 2012. WC Drug Task Force reported a decrease in cases filed in 2013 (98) when compared to 2012 (122).
2. The WC Prosecutor's Office reported a decrease of 15 cases involving OWI arrests.
3. The WC Prosecutor's Office reported an increase of 13 minor (18-20) in possession of alcohol cases.
4. The WC Prosecutor's Office reported a decrease of 6 public intoxication arrests than in 2012.

D. Objectives:

Support jail programs.

2. Continue to support efforts of the Whitley County Work Release Center.
3. Support local law enforcement agencies in addressing drug and alcohol offenses.
4. Support local judicial agencies in addressing drug and alcohol offenses.

End of Year 1 Update:

1. Provided funding to the Whitley County Literacy Council to assist in the preparation for individuals incarcerated in the WC Jail to help obtain their GED.
2. Provided funding for programming fees for assessments, MRT & cognitive behavioral program at the Whitley County Work Release Facility
3. Provided funding to Whitley County Sheriff's Department in an effort to monitor illegal drug activity from a remote location through the use of a web-based surveillance camera.
4. Provided funding to the WC Sheriff Department's K-9 Unit to help combat drug offenses, and intercept narcotic shipments and distributors.
5. Provided funding to the Drug Task Force to help combat drug offenses.
6. Provided funding to the Whitley Superior County Alcohol/Drug Program for Prime for Life education workbooks and Change Company journals.

- A. Problem Statement #3: Problem Statement #3: Individuals who abuse substances continue to seek affordable treatment, yet many people are uninsured or underinsured and lack the financial resources to obtain treatment.**

B. Supportive Data:

1. The Bowen Center Treatment Facility reported 208 adults in the substance abuse programs in 2012.
2. The Bowen Center Treatment Facility reported 21 juveniles in the substance abuse program in 2012.
3. The Addictions Recovery Center reported 8 adults in the substance abuse programs.
4. The Bowen Center reported 118 individuals reported being at 100% of the poverty level; 43 at 150% poverty level; 32 at 200% poverty level and 35 were below 200% of the poverty level in 2012.
5. The Addiction Recovery Center reported 1 individual reported being at 100% of the poverty level; 3 at 150% poverty level; 3 at 200% poverty level and 3 were below 200% of the poverty level in 2012.

End of Year 1 Update:

1. The Bowen Center Treatment Facility reported 204 adults in the substance abuse programs in 2013.
2. The Bowen Center Treatment Facility reported 72 juveniles in the substance abuse program in 2013.
3. The Addictions Recovery Center reported 24 adults in the substance abuse programs.
4. The Bowen Center reported 104 individuals reported being at 100% of the poverty level; 39 at 150% poverty level; 31 at 200% poverty level and 30 were below 200% of the poverty level in 2013.
5. The Addiction Recovery Center reported 4 individuals reported being at 100% of the poverty level; 3 at 150% poverty level; 10 at 200% poverty level and 7 were below 200% of the poverty level in 2013.

C. Goals:

1. The number of adults in substance abuse treatment will increase by 10%.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

1. Bowen Center: There was a decrease of 1.1019% in the number of adults in substance abuse treatment programs at treatment facilities in 2013. We did not meet our goal.
2. Addiction Recovery Center: There was an increase of 2.4.% in the number of adults in substance abuse treatment programs at treatment facilities in 2013. We did not meet our goal.

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

1. The Bowen Center reported a decrease of 1.1019%. when compared to 2012. ARC reported a reported an increase of 2.4% when compared to 2012.

D. Objectives:

1. Continue to support effective outcome-based treatment initiatives. This objective was not discussed at the DFI Committee meetings. A new Coordinator was needed in the month of October. The new Coordinator was not aware of the need for discussion. This objective will be addressed in the coming year.
2. Support community initiatives related to housing individuals with drug and alcohol related problems.
3. Support programs that provide treatment services to the financially disadvantaged.
4. Support AA and NA .
5. Support treatment of incarcerated individuals.
6. Raise awareness of the treatment services available in Whitley County.

End of Year 1 Update:

1. Provided funding to Bowen Center and ARC for treatment of substance abuse for adults and juveniles who are unable to pay for such treatment. They use evidenced based treatment programs.
2. Provided funding to the Bowen Center for substance abuse counseling to individuals who are unable to pay for such treatment. Provide funding to ARC for substance abuse programs for adults and juveniles who are at or below 150% of the poverty level.
3. Treatment of incarcerated individuals is not taking place at this time.

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