

The Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse



Behavioral Health Division

Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Lake

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Vision Statement

What is your Local Coordinating Council's vision statement?

SAFE strives to create a healthy, stable, and substance free community.

Mission Statement

What is your Local Coordinating Council's mission statement?

Fighting for substance free youth, families, and communities by bringing together individuals, organizations, and agencies from within our community to engage in community-based, risk-focused, partner-driven strategies for Lake County. For Life.

Membership List					
#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Adcore, Marissa	Fransican Health Crown Point	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
2	Bailey, Deja	HealthVisions Midwest	African American	F	Healthcare Professional
3	Bittorf, Kellie	Lake County Community Corrections	Caucasian	F	State, Local and Tribal agencies with expertise in substance abuse
4	Boland, Juanita	Hammond Education Foundation	Hispanic	F	Volunteer/Civic
5	Boone-Phillips, Irene	Tobacco Free Lake County	African American	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
6	Borsits, Amanda	Lake County Court Administered Alcohol & Drug Service Program	Caucasian	F	Government
7	Bowman, Eric	Heartland Recovery Center	African American	M	Health Care Professional
8	Bozich, Denise	Lake County Court Administered Alcohol & Drug Service Program	Caucasian	F	Government
9	Brittingham, Loni	Lake County Community Corrections	Caucasian	F	State, Local and Tribal agencies with expertise in substance abuse
10	Brooks, Tricia	Hope for a Future	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
11	Brown, Daniesha	Holistic Evolution	African American	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
12	Bunch, Joseph	Michigan City Area Schools/LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center	Caucasian	M	Healthcare Professional
13	Butkus, Lindsay	Franciscan Health – Dyer	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
14	Carreon, Erin	Gary Harm Reduction	Caucasian	F	Civic and volunteer groups
15	Carroll, James	Indiana Department of Health	African American	M	Government

16	Carter, Bradley	Lake County Prosecutors Office	African American	M	Government
17	Castanada, Sarah	Lake Central Schools	Caucasian	F	Schools
18	Charleston, Victoria	Regional Health Systems	African American	F	Health Care Professional
19	Chavez, Lourdes	Geminus Child Care & Resource Referral	Hispanic	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
20	Ciszewski, Garrett	Hobart Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
21	Clark, Jasmine	Aspin Health Navigator	African American	F	Healthcare Professional
22	Coleman, Latanya	WorkOne	African American	F	Civic and volunteer groups
23	Coen, Aaron	Geminus	Caucasian		Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
24	Collins, Kimberly	Merrillville Community School Corporation	African American	F	Schools
25	Comer, Brenda	Sojourner Truth House	African American	F	Healthcare Professional
26	Cooke, Chip	Drug Enforcement Administration	Caucasian	M	State, Local and Tribal agencies with expertise in substance abuse
27	Coulson, Dave	Crown Point Community Schools	Caucasian	M	Schools
28	Covaciu, Lorri	School City of Whiting	Caucasian	F	Schools
29	Cummings, Holly	Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ	Caucasian	F	Religious/Fraternal Organizations
30	Curley, Linda	Purdue University Extension Center, Lake County	Caucasian	F	Civic and volunteer groups
31	De-Rolf, Kate	WorkOne/CWI	Caucasian	F	Civic and volunteer groups
32	Dillard, Denise	Gary Drug Free Communities, Work Driven Strategies	African American	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
33	Donahue, Denise	Lighthouse Recovery	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
34	Drummond, Orlando	Boys & Girls Club of Greater NWI	African American	M	Youth Serving Organizations

35	Dubois, Shirley	Indiana Department of Health	Caucasian	F	Government
36	Duncan, Patricia	Gary Harm Reduction	Caucasian	F	Civic and volunteer groups
37	Emerson, Becca	Fair Haven	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
38	Enslin, Suzanna	Hobart Police Department	Caucasian	F	State, Local and Tribal agencies with expertise in substance abuse
39	Epperson, Joe	Landmark Recovery	Caucasian	M	Healthcare Professional
40	Erdelac, Ryan	School Town of Highland	Caucasian	M	Schools
41	Fesko, Rachel	Lake Cnty Juvenile Court	Caucasian	F	Government
42	Flanagan, Diana	Lake Station Schools	Caucasian	F	Schools
43	Flynn, Renee	Family and Community Engagement Specialist	African American	F	Parent
44	Fronek, Justin	School Town of Highland	Caucasian	M	Schools
45	Fultz, Ian	Merrillville Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
46	Gagliano, Michael	HealthLinc	African American	M	Healthcare Professional
47	Garcia, Chantal	Purdue Extension	Hispanic	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
48	Garcia, Mona	Griffith Police Department	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
49	Gonlag, Halie	Griffith Police Department	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
50	Gorby, Ronda	Footprints to Recovery	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
51	Gossman, Kelly	School Town of Highland	Causasian	F	Schools
52	Grady, Dara	Heartland Heartbeats & Veterans Village	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
53	Grant, Tavell	North Township	African American	M	State, Local and Tribal agencies with expertise in substance abuse

54	Gruhlke, Chris	Heartland Recovery	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
55	Harris, Tionna	Elevation Individual and Family Therapy LLC	African American	F	Healthcare Professional
56	Hehr, Rebecca	Merrillville Community School Corporation	Caucasian	F	Schools
57	Hein, Regan	Lake County Community Corrections	Caucasian	F	Government
58	Hendley, Regina	Semoran Treatment Center	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
59	Henry, Gregory	Gary City Court	African American	M	Law Enforcement
60	Hensley, Wendy	Mental Health America of Northwest Indiana	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
61	Heskett, Matt	Groups Recover Together	Caucasian	M	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
62	Hilliard, Candy	Cleanslate Center	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
63	Homan, Jennifer	Franciscan Health	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
64	Hunt-McCormick, Leslie	Lighthouse Recovery	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
65	Huseman, Kristin	Lake County Sherrif's Department	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
66	Ipema, Julie	Sheltered 91	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
67	Jamerson, Alan	Indiana State Police, Lowell District	African American	M	Law Enforcement
68	James, Lisa	HAST	Caucasian	F	Schools
69	Janda, Jim	Crown Point Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
70	Janson, Scott	Gateway Foundation	Caucasian	M	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse

71	Johnson, Adam	Crown Counseling	Caucasian	M	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
72	Johnson, Chantelle	Anthem	African American	F	Healthcare Professional
73	Johnson, Enrika	Lake County Criminal Probation	African American	F	Government
74	Kawa, Jessica	Drug Enforcement Administration	Caucasian	F	State, Local and Tribal agencies with expertise in substance abuse
75	Key, Pamela	Sojourner Truth House	African American	F	Healthcare Professional
76	Kirova, Marina	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater NWI	Caucasian	F	Youth Serving Organizations
77	Kissinger, Brian	Lake Central Schools	Caucasian	M	Schools
78	Land, Margaret	Michiana Behavioral Health	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
79	Langton, Lynn	Haven House	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
80	Lewis, Esther	Holistic Evolution, Inc.	Hispanic	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
81	Lewis, Tracy	Community Advocate for Northern IN	African American	F	Volunteer/Civic
82	Magallanes, Estrella	Health Visions Midwest	Hispanic	F	Volunteer/Civic
83	Malden, Ephphatha	HealthLinc	African American	F	Healthcare Professional
84	Manfredy, Yvette	Lake County Coroner's Office	Caucasian	F	Government
85	Markle, Jim	Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
86	Martin, Connie	The Papa House	African American	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
87	Martin, Kristen	Gary Harm Reduction	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
88	Matthys, Debbie	School City of Hobart	Caucasian	F	Schools

89	Maupin, Jason	Crown Point Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
90	McFerrin, Angela	Lake County Probation	African American	F	Law Enforcement
91	McGregor, Rachel	LADOS Div 2	Caucasian	F	Government
92	Melendez, Dominique	Celebrate Recovery the Restoration House	Hispanic	F	Religious/Fraternal
93	Miller, Jeff	Hammond Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
94	Moore, Sarah	Cedar Lake Police Department	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
95	Mora, Stefanie	Merrillville Community School Corporation	Hispanic	F	Schools
96	Mucha, Terry	Lake Central School Corporation	Caucasian	F	Schools
97	Munsie, Angela	Clean Slate	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
98	O'Donnell, Michael	School City of Hanover	Caucasian	M	Schools
99	Otis, Nicole	Community Advocate for Northern IN	African American	F	Volunteer/Civic
100	Pastrick, David	Lake County Coroner's Office	Caucasian	M	Government
101	Parham, Darcia	Merrillville Community School Corporation	African American	F	Schools
102	Peterson, Lauren	Franciscan Alliance	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
103	Phillips, Irene	Tobacco Free Lake County	African American	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
104	Pohlman, Lacey	Child Care & Resource Referral	Caucasian	F	Business
105	Potter, Jennifer	Fair Haven RCC	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
106	Quarles, Michelle	Indiana Army National Guard	African American	F	State, Local and Tribal agencies with expertise in substance abuse
107	Rechlicz, Beth	Family Recovery Court, Juvenile Probation	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement

108	Redus, Alexis	Bowen Center	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
109	Reillo, Alex	Munster Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
110	Reitz, John	Hobart Fire Dept.	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
111	Repay, Rob	Hammond Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
112	Retic, Alexander	Hollistic Evolution	African American	M	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
113	Rhodes, Maritza	Sheltered 91	Hispanic	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
114	Rigual, Megan	Campagna Academy	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professionals
115	Rios, Erica	Griffith Police Department	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
116	Robertson, Shana	Fair Haven RCC	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
117	Rogers, Jaime	Heartland Wellness Center	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
118	Rosales, Maya	Fair Haven RCC	Hispanic	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
119	Rushing, Michelle	Merrillville Community School Corporation	African American	F	Schools
120	Rutschmann, Sarah	Cedar Lake PD	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
121	Russo, Ronald	Hobart Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
122	Rysiewicz, Edward	Drug Enforcement Administration	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
123	Schaufbuch, Jason	Hammond Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
124	Sefton, Scott	Community Advocate for Northern IN	Caucasian	M	Volunteer/Civic
125	Shostok, Stephanie	Alkermes	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse

126	Sines, Paul	Griffith Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
127	Smith, Cheryl	Merrillville Community School Corporation	African American	F	Schools
128	Smith, Jasmine	WorkOne	African American	F	Civic/Volunteer
129	Smith, Michelle	Mental Health of America of NWI	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
130	Sterna, Bernice	Franciscan Alliance	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
131	Stevens, Dana	Lake County Community Corrections	African American	F	State, Local and Tribal agencies with expertise in substance abuse
132	Thomas, Crystal	Sojourner Truth House	African American	F	Healthcare Professional
133	Tsilimos, Jennifer	Crown Counseling	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
134	Turner, Karen	Clean Slate	African American	F	Healthcare Professional
135	Valuckis, Matt	V as in Victor	Caucasian	M	Media
136	Vondrak, Ryan	Lake Station Community Schools	Caucasian	M	Schools
137	Vassar, Ryan	Munster Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
138	Walters, Nicole	Gatehouse Hammond Inc.	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
139	White, Monte	School City of Hobart	African American	M	Schools
140	Williams, Lydia	The Gatehouse Woman's Recovery Home	Caucasian	F	Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse
141	Wojtala, Marek	United Way of Porter County	Caucasian	M	Civic/Volunteer Groups
142	Wright, Beth	Semoran Treatment Center	Caucasian	F	Healthcare Professional
143	Wright, Nick	Merrillville PD	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement

LCC Meeting Schedule:

Please provide the months the LCC meets throughout the year:
January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October, November

Community Needs Assessment: Results

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

County Name – Lake
County Population – 498,558 (2021 census)
Schools in the community – 16 public school corporations, 20 number of schools in the Diocese of Gary, 3 High Schools and 17 Elementary, we also have 9 Charter Schools in Gary, IN
Medical care providers in the community (hospitals, health care centers, medical centers/clinics, etc.) We have many hospitals that serve Lake County; Community Health Care System, Pinnacle Hospital, Vibra Hospital, Franciscan Alliance Crown Point, St. Mary Medical Center, Methodist Hospital Northlake, Methodist Hospital Southlake, St. Catherine Hospital, Kindred Hospital, Franciscan Health Munster, Franciscan Alliance Dyer, Adam Benjamin Jr. VA Clinic, Nuero Behavioral Health Hospital, Community Stroke and Rehabilitation Center Immediate Care. We also have numerous health care centers, health clinics as well as urgent care centers.
Mental health care providers in the community (hospitals with psychiatric/behavioral health units, mental health clinics, private/public providers, etc.) Regional Health Systems, Edgewater Behavioral Health, Franciscan Alliance Dyer, Northwest Indiana Treatment Center, Semoran Treatment Center, Recovery Works, CleanSlate Outpatient Addiction Medicine, Never Alone Recovery, Tradewinds Residential Services, Crown Counseling, Addiction and Family Counseling, Inc., Heartland Wellness Center, Lake Area Recovery Club, Keys to Freedom, Portage Recovery, Mental Health America of Northwest Indiana, Lighthouse Recovery, HealthLinc, Gateway Foundation, Landmark Recovery, Footprints to Recovery, Serenity House, Addiction and Behavioral Counseling Services, New Season Treatment Center
Service agencies/organizations Catholic Charities, St. Jude House, Greater Hammond Community Service, NWI Community Action, Anglican Social Services, Dockside, Salvation Army, Goodwill, North Township, Meals on Wheels, Sojourner Truth House, Emma's House, Haven House, The Papa House, Gary Harm Reduction, Groups Working Together
Local media outlets that reach the community We have two newspapers, The NWI Times and The Post Tribune, and we also have NWIlife.com; an on-line newspaper. We also have communities/towns with local papers; Hobart, Crown Point, Winfield, Griffith, Highland and Hammond. Lake County also has 7 local radio stations, in particular Lakeshore Radio that works with us quite a bit.

What are the substances that are most problematic in your community?

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in past 30-day use, perception of parent, guardian disapproval, and perception of peer disapproval in middle and high school students in the past couple of years. The only decrease we have seen is a decrease in perception of risk. We attribute a lot of these results to the years during the pandemic and the kids being out of school and isolated, just as with the adult population. The usage of marijuana, binge drinking, smoking and vaping among the 7-12 grade population is very concerning and something we are working towards with all of our programs, media campaigns, and initiatives. According to IPRC data, with the adult population in this order; alcohol, (and now that Illinois has made recreational marijuana legal, so this is more concerning), marijuana, heroin, cocaine, opioids and meth. There have been more overdoses because of drugs laced with fentanyl than ever before, almost 87% of overdoses included fentanyl. We also saw about 10 overdoses where xylazine was present. That is why we will continue working towards decreasing adult alcohol and illicit drug use as well as youth alcohol and marijuana use. We are seeing an increase of use of vaping within our school districts as well.

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

All would be too numerous to mention but some of the programs that Lake County has are; AA and NA meetings, Recovery Matters (suboxone treatment) in various locations. Some Prevention programs are; Too Good For Drugs, random drug testing in schools, Class Catalyst and Strengthening Families. Lake County also has random DUI checkpoints throughout the year. There are also services with our probation and corrections departments. Police Departments have really upped the anti with what they request funding for, really thinking outside of the box when it comes to the needs of their communities. We have local coffee shops participate in Recovery Month projects. We advertise our 6 media campaigns (Vaping, Talk. They Hear You., Let's Be Blunt, Don't Flip Your Script, Your Worth It. Deterra – Proper Disposal) on various Social Media platforms, placemats in restaurants and billboards along 80/94, on the South Shore Trains, bus ads, YouTube Bumper ads, etc. For our Did You Know campaign, we have partnered up with local liquors stores to raise awareness on underage drinking and the affects it can cause on our youth. We also offer Deterra Drug Deactivations Disposal packs, Narcan distribution, and Narc Kits distribution. We offer trainings for drug and alcohol awareness, such as Hidden in Plain Sight. We offer trainings in Mental Health First Aid (youth and adult) and Question, Persude, Refer (QPR). We attend Vendor Fairs and school nights, anywhere we can promote ourselves, we do. Lake County is fortunate to have had many nalxboxes installed throughout the county and a Narcan vending machine in Griffith.

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
1. Community Norms Favorable towards Drug/Alcohol Use	1. Strong collaborative history and reputation. 2. Self-awareness of the problems through surveys and workshops. 3. Existing policies, laws and regulations.	1. Availability of treatment options. 2. Proximity to Illinois, Michigan and Ohio (recreational marijuana use). 3. Lack of parent involvement in prevention programming.
2. Family Conflict	1. Quality education 2. Numerous educational and informative resources available. 3. Opportunities for connectedness.	1. Lack transitional housing from treatment to recovery. 2. Creating programs and materials in Spanish as 19% of the minority population is Hispanic and may not speak English in the home. 3. Lack of evidence based programming in early childhood development.
3. Adult Household Instability	1. Employment opportunities.	1. Lack of childcare options, price.

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Community events. 3. Social norms campaigns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Increased gang presence in some cities, crossroads for drug/human trafficking. 3. Homelessness/housing prices.
Protective Factors	Resources/Assets	Limitations/Gaps
1. Access to community healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of places to receive services. 2. Culturally competent services. 3. Multiple options for services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation to services. 2. Limited youth services in regards to treatment options. 3. Stigma about treatment and mental health.
2. Anti Drug Use Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School drug testing policies 2. Evidence based programming in schools. 3. Positive connection with law enforcement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proximity to Michigan, Ohio and Illinois that have recreational marijuana laws. 2. Varied school policies. 3. Not all schools have tobacco policy.
3. Meaningful youth engagement opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boys and Girls Club, YMCAs, Girls on the Run, Boy Scouts, etc. 2. Recreational sports through cities and towns 3. Opportunities for evidence based programming within schools and youth organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cost of activities. 2. Transportation to activities. 3. Lack of preventative efforts within opportunities presented to youth.

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)
1. Community Norms Favorable towards Drug and Alcohol Use	1. Lake County is 25 miles away (proximatey) from Illinois and Michigan borders where recreational marijuana is legal. 2. Lake County adults 21+ has the highest risk of alcohol misuse in the State of Indiana. 3. Lake County sees more gang activity, especially drug and human trafficking than the state.
2. Family Conflict	1. Lake County youth’s use of alcohol and marijuana is higher than the State of Indiana. 2. Lake County sees a high number of juvenile delinquency cases. 3. Lake County youth perceive the risk of drug use lower than the state average.
3. Adult Household Instability	1. Lake County youth have a parent that has been incarcerated at a higher average than the state. 2. Lake County sees a high number of youth living in poverty. 3. Lake County adult illicit drug use rates are higher than the state.

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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
<p>1. Lake County adults 21+ has the highest risk of alcohol misuse in the State of Indiana.</p>	<p>Lake County saw 32 child removals from the household in 2022 due to parental alcohol use, the 4th highest in the state.</p> <p>Lake County had 383 alcohol-related collisions (3rd highest in the state) and 9 alcohol-related fatal collisions (2nd highest in the state) in 2022.</p> <p>Lake County had the fourth highest rate of alcohol use reported at treatment admission in the state (61.5%) in 2022 and is significantly higher than the state which is 42.5%.</p>	<p>2023 Indiana State Epidemiology and Outcomes Workgroup’s published report “The Prevalence, Consumption, and Consequences of Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana, Opioids, Stimulants, Mental Health, Problem Gambling, and Viral Hepatitis/HIV/AIDS in INDIANA, SFY 2023.” A State Epidemiological Profile (2023 SEOW Report)</p> <p>2023 SEOW Report</p> <p>2023 SEOW Report</p>
<p>2. Lake County youth’s use of alcohol and marijuana is higher than the State of Indiana.</p>	<p>Lake County saw 523 school suspensions/expulsions due to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use in 2022.</p> <p>Lake County saw higher rates of monthly alcohol use than the state in grades 6th, 8th, 9th and 11th.</p> <p>Lake County saw 32 child removals from the household in 2022 due to parental alcohol use, the 4th highest in the state.</p>	<p>2023 SEOW Report</p> <p>2023 SEOW Report</p> <p>2023 SEOW Report</p>

	<p>Lake County saw 91.29% of treatment admissions for marijuana for youth 18 and under.</p> <p>Lake County saw higher rates of monthly marijuana use than the state in grades 8th, 9th, 11th (significantly higher), and 12th (significantly higher).</p>	<p>2023 SEOW Report</p> <p>2023 SEOW Report</p>
<p>3. Lake County adult illicit drug use rates are higher than the state.</p>	<p>Lake County had 167 overdoses in 2023 and of those overdoses 127 or 78% involved fentanyl.</p> <p>Of the 167 overdoses in 2023, Lake County saw xylazine present in 11 of those overdoses.</p> <p>Lake County 566 opioid prescriptions dispensed per 1,000 individuals.</p> <p>Lake County sees 17.4% of treatment admissions for Herion Use and 6.5% for Rx Opioid Use.</p>	<p>Coroner’s Office Overdose Data</p> <p>Coroner’s Office Overdose Data</p> <p>2023 SEOW Report</p> <p>2023 SEOW Report</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. Lake County adults 21+ has the highest risk of alcohol misuse in the State of Indiana.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create and disseminate social norms campaigns about drinking and driving throughout the county. In particular, focusing on the health disparate communities that are at a higher risk for alcohol use. 2. Equip our first responders with equipment and training necessary to enforce impaired driving, public intoxication, and liquor law violations. 3. Support diverse treatment modalities that will help to empower those that are in need of recovery services.

<p>2. Lake County youth’s use of alcohol and marijuana is higher than the State of Indiana.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create and disseminate an underage drinking and marijuana social norms campaign. In particular, focusing on the health disparate populations that are at a higher risk for marijuana use. 2. Equip officers with necessary equipment and training to patrol the borders of Michigan and Illinois that have passed recreational marijuana laws. 3. Support programs that decrease barriers and address service gaps to the access of treatment and prevention programs for youth especially Black and Hispanic youth.
<p>3. Lake County adult illicit drug use rates are higher than the state.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support environmental strategies that work to decrease illicit drug use 2. Fund drug interdiction training and new/best practice equipment for officers in Lake County. 3. Support the implementation of effective, outcome-based and culturally competent treatment programs that show a measurable difference.

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.

<p>Problem Statement #1</p>
<p>Goal 1 By 2025, decrease the number of alcohol related crashes by 5% from 383, the 3rd highest in the state (2023 SEOW Report) to 364.</p>
<p>Goal 2 By 2025, decrease mortality rates relating to alcohol in Indiana to 12% from 14.8%, as measured by the 2023 SEOW Report.</p>
<p>Problem Statement #2</p>
<p>Goal 1 Decrease the percentage of past 30-day alcohol use among 10th grade students from 16.3% in 2022 to 13% by 2025, as measured by the Indiana Youth Survey (IYS).</p>
<p>Goal 2</p>

Decrease the percentage of past 30-day marijuana use among 12th grade students from 15.3% in 2022 to 12% by 2025, as measured by the Indiana Youth Survey (IYS).

Problem Statement #3

Goal 1

By 2026, increase organizations offering MAT and mobile crisis services in the county by 3 as measured by the organizations offering the services.

Goal 2

By 2025, increase the number of individuals going to treatment for heroin use by 3% from 166 to 171, as measured by the SEOW Report.

Step 5: Plans to Achieve Goals

For each goal, list the steps required to achieve each

Problem Statement #1	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>By 2025, decrease the number of alcohol related crashes by 5% from 383, the 3rd highest in the state (2023 SEOW Report) to 364.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Justice Services/Supports – Fund training and equipment to help with accident reconstruction sites and impaired driving checkpoints. 2. Intervention/Treatment – Fund organizations that provide detox, treatment, and recovery services for alcohol and other drug use. 3. Prevention/Education – Fund programs for youth that help disseminate the social norms and marketing messages of the risks of impaired driving or driving with someone that is impaired.
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>By 2025, decrease mortality rates relating to alcohol in Indiana to 12% from 14.8%, as measured by the 2023 SEOW Report.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Justice Services/Supports – Fund training and equipment related to the arrest and prosecution of impaired drivers. 2. Intervention/Treatment – Fund organizations that provide detox, treatment, and recovery services for alcohol and other drug use. 3. Prevention/Education – Fund community education programs/projects for youth that support understanding of social alcohol use among adults and how

	to cope with external and environmental factors leading to abuse.
Problem Statement #2	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>Decrease the percentage of past 30-day alcohol use among 10th grade students from 16.3% in 2022 to 13% by 2025, as measured by the Indiana Youth Survey (IYS).</p>	<p>1. Justice Services/Supports – Fund training and equipment related to the arrest and prosecution of underage drinking or alternatives such as Teen Court.</p> <p>2. Intervention/Treatment – Fund organizations that decrease barriers and address service gaps to the access of treatment for youth.</p> <p>3. Prevention/Education – Fund programs for youth that educate on the dangers of underage and excessive drinking.</p>
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>Decrease the percentage of past 30-day marijuana use among 12th grade students from 15.3% in 2012 to 12% by 2025, as measured by the Indiana Youth Survey (IYS).</p>	<p>1. Justice Services/Supports – Fund training and equipment related to the arrest and prosecution of youth marijuana use or alternatives such as Teen Court.</p> <p>2. Intervention/Treatment – Fund organizations that decrease barriers and address service gaps to the access of treatment for youth.</p> <p>3. Prevention/Education – Fund programs for youth that educate on the dangers of marijuana use.</p>
Problem Statement #3	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>By 2026, increase organizations offering MAT and mobile crisis services in the county by 3 as measured by the organizations offering the services.</p>	<p>1. Justice Services/Supports – Fund training and equipment related to the arrest and prosecution of youth and adult drug use.</p> <p>2. Intervention/Treatment – Support and increase access for adolescents and adults to treatment and aftercare services for substance abuse addictions.</p> <p>3. Prevention/Education – Fund evidence based programs for youth that educate on the dangers and risk associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.</p>

<p>Goal 2</p> <p>By 2025, increase the number of individuals going to treatment for heroin use by 3% from 166 to 171, as measured by the SEOW Report.</p>	<p>1. Justice Services/Supports – Fund police departments in implementing treatment plans for individuals that have overdosed.</p> <p>2. Intervention/Treatment – Support the implementation of effective, outcome-based and culturally competent treatment programs that show a measurable difference.</p> <p>3. Prevention/Education – Fund environmental strategies that work to decrease illicit drug use.</p>
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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

Amount of funds deposited into the County Drug Free Community Fund from fees collected last year (\$100.00): \$251,557.98
Amount of unused funds that rolled over from the previous year (\$100.00): \$0.00
Total funds available for programs and administrative costs for the upcoming year (\$100.00): \$251,557.98
Amount of funds granted the year prior (\$100.00): \$273,780.71
How much money is received from the following entities (if no money is received, please enter \$0.00):
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):
Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA):
Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP): \$125,000 DFC Year 9
Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH):
Indiana Department of Education (DOE):
Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA):
Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA):
Local entities:
Other:
Funding allotted to prevention/education; intervention/treatment; and criminal justice services and activities (\$100.00):

<i>Prevention/Education:</i>	<i>Intervention/Treatment:</i>	<i>Justice:</i>
\$62,889.50	\$62,889.50	\$62,889.50
Funding allotted to Administrative costs:		
<i>Itemized list of what is being funded</i>		<i>Amount (\$100.00)</i>
Salary		\$32,000.00
Fringe (30.14% of salary)		\$9,644.80
Operating Costs		\$2,000.00
Administrative Costs		\$1,500.00
Travel/Staff Development		\$2,500.00
Contractual		\$6,882.42
Overhead Distribution (20.08% of salary+fringe)		\$8,362.28
Total		\$62,889.50
Funding allotted by Goal per Problem Statement:		
Problem Statement #1	Problem Statement #2	Problem Statement #3
Goal 1: \$31,444.75	Goal 1: \$31,444.75	Goal 1: \$31,444.75
Goal 2: \$31,444.75	Goal 2: \$31,444.75	Goal 2: \$31,444.75