

INDIANA NEURO-DIAGNOSTIC INSTITUTE AND ADVANCED TREATMENT CENTER

Support from State Leaders

Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush - Indiana Supreme Court

“Unmet mental health needs remain a persistent and growing problem in Indiana, particularly for children. The expansion of services as set out in the new Neuro-Diagnostic Institute to be built in Indianapolis will help towards meeting this need.”

Bruce Lemmon, Commissioner - Indiana Department of Correction

“In our efforts to reduce recidivism, appropriate treatment programs for the offender population is imperative. The Department of Correction looks forward to the partnership with FSSA for the treatment of offenders with severe mental illness. The planned forensic treatment unit at the new Neuro-Diagnostic Institute will provide an opportunity for stabilization and expert treatment planning for some of the most ill offenders. Ongoing consultation with the clinical staff at the institute will support the continuing treatment upon the offender’s return to DOC.”

Judge Mary Beth Bonaventura, Director - Indiana Department of Child Services

“Over the 31 years as Juvenile Court Judge, and during my three years as director of the Indiana Department of Child Services, it has become increasingly clear that Indiana is in need of additional diagnostic opportunities for children suffering from mental illness. The necessity for residential treatment for high needs children suffering from complex mental health issues is critical.”

Support from Advocacy Groups

Matthew G. Brooks, President and Chief Executive Officer - Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, Inc.

“The Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers supports the state of Indiana’s effort to develop a Neuro-Diagnostic Institute in order to improve access to mental health and substance use care for our most vulnerable citizens. The Family and Social Services Administration should be commended for pursuing innovative treatment options that will enhance access to mental and health and substance use services while managing costs to the health care system.”

Stephen C. McCaffrey, President and Chief Executive Officer - Mental Health America of Indiana

“Mental Health America of Indiana considers itself a strong partner with FSSA and DMHA to promote mental wellness in Indiana. This is very much the case as it relates to the planned Neuro-Diagnostic Institute. The Institute is expected to make systems change throughout the Indiana service delivery system as a center of excellence for treatment expertise and consultation—as well as a training ground to respond to the behavioral health workforce development shortage. MHAi sees this as an opportunity to make significant strides in mental health as well as addiction treatment in both the health care arena as well as the criminal justice setting. Given the focus on crisis intervention, stabilization and treatment planning, the Institute is expected to make a significant contribution in the area of treatment in lieu of incarceration and reducing recidivism. Mental Health America of Indiana provides its strong support for any and all efforts to make the planned Neuro-Diagnostic Institute a reality in Indiana.”