

Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care
FY2022 CoC Program Funding Competition
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Local Competition Deadline

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Community Services Notice



August 2022 Issue: September Is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Important Dates, Reminders, Opportunities, and Resources

- August 15-September 26: NAEH's Homelessness and Housing First Webinar Series - Register at: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- August 17:
 - Housing Rights for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking Webinar - Register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlqcOmrqz4qEt0HrepY7g7B_1OW8ci2GcT4.
 - IDIS for HOME-APR Supportive Services Webinar - Register at: [IDIS for HOME-ARP Supportive Services Webinar - HUD Exchange](#)
- August 18:
 - HMIS and DV ClientTrack 301 Reports Training - Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/2378542038110015499>
 - August 18 or October 31 - HMIS Data Quality Coffee Talk on Transitional Housing -

Register at: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)

- August 22: Housing and Services Resource Center's Working Together to Empower Community Inclusion with Health/Housing/Independent Living Partnerships Webinar - Register at: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- August 23:
 - VI-SPDAT Taskforce Meeting
 - CE Committee Meeting
- August 26: Regional Chair Support Meeting
- September 1:
 - Regional Chair and CE Lead Monthly Meeting
 - Funding and Resource Committee Meeting
- September 6: VI-SPDAT Taskforce Meeting
- September 14: Youth and Families Committee
- September 15: IN BOS CoC Board of Directors Meeting
- September 16 or November 3 - HMIS Data Quality Coffee Talk on Permanent Supportive Housing - Register at: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)
- September 20: VI-SDPAT Taskforce Meeting
- September 22: Executive Committee Meeting
- September 23 or October 10 - HMIS Data Quality Coffee Talk Office Hours - Register at: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)
- September 27: CE Committee Meeting
- On Your Own Time:
 - All 12 discussions of the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Table Talks Series are now available on HUD Exchange at: [FHEO Table Talks Series - HUD Exchange](#).
 - HUD Exchange released toolkits on e-snaps. The 101 Toolkit is available at: [e-snaps 101 Toolkit - HUD Exchange](#), and the 201 Toolkit is available at: [e-snaps 201 Toolkit - HUD Exchange](#).
 - HUD Exchange also made available the recordings of their webinar series on EHV Landlord Engagement that took place in June.

Regular NOFO Dates to Keep In Mind:

- August 12: Direct HUD Recipients Renewal Project Applications ESNAPS Support Webinar at 1:30 pm Eastern Time - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83939669838?pwd=QlI2cXM1TEwvWm82UmNHFFSRm5sZz09>
- August 15: NOFO New Projects Webinar at 1:30 pm Eastern Time - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81361192562?pwd=Z1paWENpRjBCSnJDQzYrUmZqUlo4Zz09>
- August 29: Projects will be submitted to CommunityServices@ihcda.in.gov before 5 pm Eastern Time
- September 15: Ranking notification



How Can You Support Our Supplemental NOFO Taskforces?

In preparation for the applications for the two Supplementary NOFOs (Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside and Rural Homelessness Set-Aside), we are forming two taskforces. We need your help seating both! Here's a brief summary of the goals and type of members needed for each:

Supplemental NOFO Taskforce: This taskforce will include seven to nine members who work in housing, homelessness, healthcare, community development, and other fields with a focus on underserved populations. We are hoping to have a diverse group of individuals from across BOS with a variety of backgrounds, and these members must be non-conflicted. (If your agency/organization is applying, this may not be the task force for you.) This short-term taskforce will be active primarily in August and September and will be responsible for helping us oversee the project competition and

ranking of projects for each funding opportunity. We will provide training to folks without experience in HUD funding to assist them in supporting the process. If you're interested in joining, please email rsample@ihcda.in.gov or lgreene@ihcda.in.gov for more information.

Lived Experience Taskforce: We are also recruiting a nine-member taskforce of individuals who have experienced homelessness. (These individuals should also be non-conflicted if they work for an agency/organization submitting an application.) We are hoping to have diverse representation from across the BOS. This short-term taskforce will be active primarily in August through October and will be responsible supporting the scoring, ranking process, and overseeing the development of the CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families with Severe Service Needs—which is a requirement of the application. We will provide training to folks to assist them in supporting the process and may be able to offer some form of compensation for their commitment. If you're interested in joining or know someone who might be, please email rsample@ihcda.in.gov or lgreene@ihcda.in.gov.



September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

In the United States, someone dies by suicide every 11 minutes, according to the CDC. The CDC also reports in 2020, over 45,000 Americans died by suicide. Of those 45,000, 1,024 were Hoosiers. Men, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, American Indians, people who live in rural areas, and veterans are far more likely to die by suicide in our country. So are people who are about to lose housing or have just become "unhoused." These statistics are hard to fathom and can be difficult to discuss, but we shouldn't remain silent... especially if we think someone might need help.

There are many ways your agency's staff can help a client who is considering suicide. The newest resource is the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. In addition, NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) of Indiana offers QPR, Mental Health First Aid, and Youth Mental Health First Aid courses. These trainings educate the general public on the common warning signs, so anyone can intervene and guide a person in crisis to professional help.

Since 1975, Americans have recognized September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Most national campaigns in 2022 will run from September 4 through 10, and every year September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day. On the tenth, people around the world are encouraged to light a candle in memory of those we've lost to suicide and support those who grieving loved ones. In addition, the International Suicide Prevention Association is hosting their ninth annual Cycle Around the Globe event. From September 10 to October 10, teams and individuals register the miles they ride to raise awareness and funds to reduce the stigma and prevent suicide.

Check out the these links to learn more about ways your agency can prevent suicide and raise awareness: [Training Courses \(namiindiana.org\)](https://namiindiana.org), [FSSA: DMHA: Update on 988 in Indiana](#), [Cycle Around the Globe - IASP](#).



Regional Spotlight: Region 5's New Clinical Program is Preventing Suicide One Client at a Time

About 20 years ago, Stephen Nichols was struggling with depression and psychosis. He was also unemployed and experiencing homelessness. On top of that, he is a male and a veteran. During this difficult time, Stephen attempted suicide. Every study would suggest Stephen should not be alive today. We've all seen the data. According to the CDC, veterans are 1.5 times more likely to die by suicide than members of the general population. The Veterans Administration reported in 2019 alone over 6,000 veterans died by suicide. Moreover, the CDC reports men are four times more likely than women to die by suicide. What's more, a study done by experts at Yale found veterans with a history

of homelessness are five times more likely to attempt suicide while the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council purports those experiencing homelessness are ten times more at risk. But Stephen defied the odds, and now he has partnered with Family Service Association of Howard County (FSAHC) to help others do the same.

Last year, Stephen pitched an idea to FSAHC's Executive Director, Tracy Martino, and Director of Community Services, Angie Ciski, to set up a Clinical program to provide mental health care for their clients. As a PhD student pursuing his doctorate in counselor education and supervision, Stephen needed an opportunity to oversee mental health care interns. He explained he wanted to oversee a small team of interns pursuing their Masters in counseling or social work to provide care for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness at FSAHC. Immediately, Tracy and Angie jumped at this opportunity. In fact, Tracy said she only needed to listen to about 20 seconds of his pitch before she knew she was going to say yes. And the best part of his plan was the program would be completely free for the clients.

In January, Stephen started, and the Masters student from Ball State joined the program in October. So far, they have provided care for 72 clients at FSAHC. They've also responded to 19 after-hours crisis calls. Stephen is especially proud to report no one who reaches out for help has to wait more than 24 hours for an initial assessment, and, those who become patients, receive ongoing therapy on a weekly basis without waiting several weeks or even months for follow-up appointments. In addition, Stephen meets with clients who tell a staff member they are having suicidal thoughts or are identified by staff because they are displaying worrisome behaviors. He even assesses them in person, so he can accurately evaluate their risk and direct them to the care they need. Stephen knows, maybe better than anyone, the importance of this program. He also knows from firsthand experience that some mental healthcare providers "see a patient who doesn't smell very good, has very few possessions, and is talking to themselves, and they just assume that person will be chronically homeless."

Primarily, he and his team serve FSAHC's clients who live at Jackson Street Commons, the shelter for those fleeing domestic violence, and the Healthy Families Program. This means they offer care to a wide variety of individuals and families who have or are experiencing trauma and homelessness. Jackson Street Commons is a PSH that provides housing and supportive services for veterans who were chronically homeless. On the other hand, those who enter the shelter often arrive with visible signs of abuse. Participants of the Healthy Families Program are navigating a different set of challenges as new parents seeking both financial and emotional support. The team's clients have often experienced neglect, abuse, and even rape. Many also struggle with panic attacks while some have psychotic episodes. As a suicidologist, Stephen is equipped to intervene when someone is suicidal and help them stabilize. He's also established a partnership with a neighboring agency that can prescribe and manage medications for those who need them.

Since October, this program has been beneficial in countless ways. While Stephen himself is gaining valuable experience, his intern graduated from her master's program in July with loads of professional experience as well. He is now preparing to welcome two or three more interns and has been able to help FSAHC employees who reach out with concerns about burnout, vicarious trauma, or a personal loss. Plus, other agencies have asked Stephen to intervene when their clients are in crisis. He's provided assessments for a nearby Air Force base, a juvenile correctional facility, and for families involved with DCS.

Stephen's excitement about the program is palpable, and he hopes other agencies can emulate what he's doing with FSAHC. He is also just as willing to share memories of his own experiences with homelessness and seeking help when he was suicidal. He remembers how difficult it was to find dry cardboard to use as a tent on rainy nights. He still feels triggered when he fills out paperwork. It reminds him of how inadequate he felt when he applied for jobs and had to report he had no work history or home address. But Stephen also remembers an emergency room nurse who set aside her clipboard to give him her full attention when he was suicidal. She looked him in the eye and

compassionately told him, "I can see you're really hurting. Let's get you some help." He credits this simple act of kindness with saving his life, and it's what he does for his clients today. Stephen marvels at all FSAHC and other agencies in the area offer those experiencing homelessness and/or mental health crises. Stephen is certain, "If I had lived in Howard County (when I was experiencing homelessness and depression), I would have received the help I needed much sooner than I did. People would not give up on me here, and I would have got better much faster."



Did You Know?

In July, the Indiana Department of Health provided an update on monkeypox:

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) announced that a total of 45 monkeypox cases have been reported across the state between June 18 and July 28, including two pediatric cases. No additional information about the cases will be released at this time due to patient privacy.

To date, Indiana has received 3,232 doses of Jynneos vaccine. Due to limited vaccine supply, vaccines are initially being prioritized for close contacts of positive cases to prevent severe disease. Additional vaccine is expected soon, and eligibility will be expanded to groups at high risk for exposure as supplies increase.

"Like many other states, Indiana has seen an increase in monkeypox cases over the past month," said State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG. "Monkeypox does not easily spread through brief casual contact, but it's important to remember that anyone can be affected if they are a close contact of a positive case. Hoosiers who believe they may have been exposed or who develop symptoms consistent with monkeypox are urged to contact a healthcare provider."

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus, which is part of the same family of viruses as smallpox. Symptoms are similar to smallpox, but milder, and monkeypox is rarely fatal. The illness typically begins with fever, headache, chills, muscle aches and exhaustion about five to 21 days after exposure. Within one to three days (sometimes longer) after the appearance of fever, the patient develops a rash. The rash may start in the mouth or any part of the body before spreading. Some people may only develop the rash. The illness typically lasts for two to four weeks. People are considered infectious until all scabs from the rash have fallen off and a fresh layer of skin has formed.

Person-to-person transmission is possible either through skin-to-skin contact with body fluids, monkeypox sores or contaminated items, such as bedding or clothing, or through exposure to respiratory droplets during prolonged face-to-face contact.

To learn more about monkeypox, visit www.monkeypox.health.in.gov or the CDC's monkeypox [website](#). The CDC updates case counts Monday through Friday [here](#).

Visit the Indiana Department of Health at www.health.in.gov for important health and safety information or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StateHealthIN.

In addition, the CDC declared monkeypox a public health emergency on August 4, 2022. This announcement was coupled with guidance on prevention and treatment for individuals with HIV:

CDC has released [Interim guidance for Prevention and Treatment of Monkeypox in Persons with HIV Infection](#).

On August 4, 2022, the United States declared monkeypox a public health emergency. The current outbreak disproportionately affects gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM). MSM are also disproportionately affected by HIV. A [recent study](#) provides insights into the epidemiologic

and clinical characteristics of monkeypox cases, and helps provide a roadmap for a prioritized, equitable response.

People with advanced HIV infection or who are not taking antiretroviral drugs might be at increased risk for severe disease if they get monkeypox. Monkeypox can be treated with the antiviral drug [tecovirimat \(TPOXX\)](#). No identified drug interactions would prevent someone with HIV from taking tecovirimat with antiretroviral drugs. Pre- and postexposure prophylaxis can be considered with the JYNNEOS vaccine. Although there are little data about monkeypox in patients with HIV, prompt diagnosis, prevention, and treatment might help prevent adverse outcomes and limit the spread of monkeypox.



In Case You Missed It... HMIS Data Quality Coffee Talks

Daniella Jordan Gonzales, HMIS Data Analyst, doesn't want you to miss out on her new Data Quality Coffee Talk Series, which started on July 15. The series of 12 total sessions features specially customized sessions for each of the following programs: street outreach, emergency shelters, rapid rehousing, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. There are also two sessions for general office hours. Don't fret if you missed a session. They are recorded! Plus, there are more live sessions through November 3. The series schedule is listed at the beginning of this newsletter. To access the recorded sessions, visit the IHCDCA website. Grab a cup of coffee and get ready to improve your data quality with Daniella!



Meet Our Team: CE Specialist, Karol, Is Eager to Offer Support and Loves Being Part of the Team

Karol Canada became our CE Specialist in mid-March, but she has actually been a member of the Community Services team since December of 2020. Prior to her time at IHCDCA, Karol worked in the world of accounting and finance. She has a degree from Indiana University in Business Administration and Management and worked in banking, for the Social Security Administration, and with a publishing company. Like so many of us, COVID-19 changed the course of her career. She joined our team back in December of 2020 to help with the unexpected demands of the ESG-CV rental assistance program. Karol did everything from liaising with landlords across the state to verifying client eligibility to reconciling accounts. Her background in accounting made her a tremendous asset, and soon she was managing multiple tasks. Karol recalls she loved being part of such a supportive team and being part of IHCDCA's important mission. The only problem was her ESG-CV work was coming to an end. So when Kristin Garvey, Director of Homeless Services, told her she should think about applying for the CE Specialist position, Karol jumped at the chance to stay with us. She feels this is first place she's ever worked where people are really committed to teamwork and encourage each other to ask questions. Karol is eager to foster that same supportive environment with the CE Leads and staff across the BOS CoC Network. While she feels she still has a lot to learn, she wants them to know, "I am your partner. If you don't understand or need help with an issue, reach out. We can all work together." She's also connecting with other CE Specialists across the country to trade ideas and help us improve. In addition, she is excited to be part of our work to reimagine the CE process and assessment tool. On a personal note, Karol loves being with her family, especially her children and grandchildren. Her teammates will tell you she has a "summer spirit." She thoroughly enjoys the warm weather, sunshine, flowers, and gardening. When Karol isn't working, she's curled up on her deck reading and soaking up some rays.



Other Ways IHEDA Supports Hoosiers

Housing First is not just a philosophy; it's also an IHEDA program. Since 2017, the Indiana Housing First Program has provided rental assistance and supportive services to individuals and families who are exiting a residential treatment program or facing a housing crisis and have "a serious and persistent mental illness, a chronic chemical addiction, or a serious and persistent mental illness with a co-occurring chronic chemical addiction." Because the program also adheres to the housing first philosophy, participation in services is voluntary and self-selected. This program offers a tenant-based subsidy, so eligible Hoosiers also get to live in the qualified unit of their choice. As a result, the subsidy is adjusted based on the required rent of the unit and the household's income. Rental assistance and/or supportive services are available to eligible individuals and families for up to 24 months.

Currently, the program providers serving as subrecipients of IHEDA include:

- Aurora, Inc. – Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warren Counties
- Community Health Network - Clinton, Howard, and Tipton Counties
- Family Promise of Hendricks County – Hendricks and surrounding Counties
- Housing Opportunities - Porter, LaPorte, Starke, Pulaski, Jasper, and Newton Counties
- Human Services, Inc. – Bartholomew, Decatur, Jackson, Johnson, and Jennings Counties
- InteCare, Inc. - Boone, Hamilton, and Madison Counties
- Volunteers of America of Indiana, Inc. - Marion County



Is your agency or region doing something fantastic? Want us to spotlight it next month? Shoot Liz an email at lgreene@iheda.in.gov.

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Good afternoon-

Thank you for submitting your Internal Renewal Program Application (IRPA). I am reaching out on behalf of IHCDA and the Indiana Balance of State CoC about the CoC Program Competition. Your agency has a CoC project that is direct-HUD funded. Apologies if you are receiving several emails, but our team wanted to make sure everyone was informed about the CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity.

The NOFO dropped this week and will be due September 30, 2022. Yes, that's right—it's very fast this year.

Because of the limited time we have to prepare and submit materials, we scheduled the call with our consultant on **August 12, 2022 at 1:30-3 PM**. Howard Burchman will be available to walk everyone through the expectations this year for renewal program applications submitted in ESNAPS. We are working diligently to complete the IRPA scoring and ranking, and will have more information on that soon, but in the meantime we want to make sure you have what you need to submit the ESNAPS materials to HUD.

As a direct-HUD funded project recipient, you will need to submit the ESNAPS materials yourself, so Howard can provide guidance on that during the call. If you receive multiple grants, and some are awarded through IHCDA, then our team will assist in submission for those projects. Thank you!

Here is the Zoom webinar information:

August 12, 2022 1:30-3 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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We will record the session if you are unable to attend.

Thank you!

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INTERNAL COMPETITION

The Continuum of Care Program Competition covers the application and award process for annual CoC Program funding.

The Indiana Balance of State CoC is announcing the opportunity for funding through for new projects through the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition. The Request for Applications, application materials, and budget template are provided below. If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact communityservices@ihcda.in.gov.

A webinar for new applicants will be held on August 15, 2022 at 1:30 PM Eastern Time. Click [here](#) to register to join the webinar.

Applications are due by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on August 29, 2022. Renewal projects must submit their renewal application in ESNAPS by due August 30, 2022.

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FORMS & GUIDES <ul style="list-style-type: none">2022 New Project ApplicationFY2022 Budget Template	POLICIES & PROCEDURES <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ranking and Reallocation Policy 2022CoC Application Appeals Procedure	WEBINARS & FINAL COC NOFA APPLICATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">	DEADLINES <p>August 29, 2022 - 5:00 PM Eastern Time Deadline for new projects submitted to communityservices@ihcda.in.gov</p>
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