The Indiana Medication Assisted Treatment Project (IMAP) aims to decrease barriers between providers and individuals with opioid use disorder living in the rural communities of Porter, Starke, and Scott counties through partnerships between the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction and Porter Starke Services and LifeSpring Health Systems. Through these partnerships, IMAP has worked to create increased access to evidence based addictions treatment.

IMAP utilizes medication assisted treatment, the use of medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapy, to address the needs of the individual in an effort to assist the individual to a long term recovery.

The treatment project is led by the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction and is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Administration.

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The evaluation of the first year of IMAP activities showed significant participant improvements in a number of important life areas.

**REDUCTION IN PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTION PROBLEMS**

Improvements in mental health were demonstrated by participants’ answers to the question: "How much have you been bothered by psychological or emotional problems in the past 30 days?"

“I FEEL LIKE THIS PROGRAM HAS CHANGED MY LIFE. IF I CAN DO IT, YOU CAN DO IT.”
IMAP Participant

Improvements in physical health were demonstrated by participants’ answers to the question: "How would you rate your overall health right now?"

“YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE ASHAMED HERE BECAUSE THEIR ONLY INTENT IS TO HELP YOU, NO MATTER WHAT.”
IMAP Participant

**BENEFITS**

**EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME**

14% of participants employed at intake vs. 43% after 6 months.

**MONTHLY INCOME**

Intake: $109; After 6 mo.: $448

**ILLEGAL DRUG USE DECREASED 42% BETWEEN INTAKE AND 6 MONTHS**

**OPIOID USE DECREASED 35% BETWEEN INTAKE AND 6 MONTHS**

**INJECTION DRUG USE DECREASED 26% BETWEEN INTAKE AND 6 MONTHS**