

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

Indiana

Indiana INdicators: Information about the Health of Your Community at Your Fingertips

"The website is driving greater use of data for reports and grant writing. Indiana residents are becoming better consumers of health information and now know the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is a resource for data."

Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH, State Health Commissioner
Indiana State Department of Health

Public Health Problem (Issue)

Indiana nonprofit hospitals and local health departments were in need of public health data for Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA) and Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP). No central platform existed for these data to be made public.

Taking Action (Intervention)

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) partnered to develop a website for health indicators. The website¹ was developed with vendor Indiana Business Research Center (IBRC). The website includes state level data and county level data. Users can also compare county level data to other counties. The website, www.indianaINdicators.org, provides the most current Indiana health information based on more than 90 key indicators including community health, the economy, education, environment and public safety. Features include:

- Comparisons of statewide and local indicator values to state and national health goals
- Relevant state plans, community health needs assessment and community health improvement plan guidance
- Mapping features for viewing data at the county, township and school district levels
- Demographic profiles for viewing data at the county, metro and health preparedness district levels
- Promising practices from across the nation that communities can implement based on health needs assessments

Impact

To date, the website has received over 25,000 hits with over 15,000 unique users. The partnership between ISDH and IHA was recognized as a success story by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). Requests from Australia about the coding of the website were forwarded to the IBRC to determine how the layout was done. Ohio Public Health Policy Institute also contacted ISDH about the development of the website.

In order to expand and develop the data profiles required for National Public Health Accreditation, ISDH has created an internal dashboard that allows transparency internally and externally within the agency. This dashboard allows the data collected internally from all program areas to be reflected outwardly on the Indiana Indicators website. Local Health Departments can now access up to date data that the state collect throughout the year. The Indiana INdicators website, along with the ISDH dashboard, will assist all interested parties in accomplishing their goals while also reducing staff time at ISDH for individual data requests. ISDH is also in the process of expanding the website to provide data on the agency's #1 Priority: Infant Mortality.

Footnotes

¹www.IndianaIndicators.org

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Healthy People Objective
Health Improvement Plans

PHHS Block Grant Funding
100% - Total source of funding

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Healthy People, go to** www.healthypeople.gov

[PHHS Block Grant Supports](#)
[Indiana Healthy People Priorities](#)

The PHHS Block Grant provides flexible funding that states can use to prevent and control chronic diseases, respond quickly to outbreaks of infections and waterborne diseases, and address their specific public health needs. States can align their programs with health objectives from [Healthy People](#).

Indiana uses its funds to address 14 health objective priorities, including

- Cardiovascular Health.
- Community Water Fluoridation.
- Accredited Public Health Agencies.
- Public Health Agency Quality Improvement Program.
- Health Improvement Plans.

For a complete list of funded health objectives, go to
<http://www.cdc.gov/phhsblockgrant/stateHPprior.htm>.