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PORTER COUNTY RECIEVES HEALTH FIRST INDIANA FUNDING

Porter County, Indiana- January 4th, 2024- The Porter County Health Department has received enhanced state funding in the amount of **\$1,753,072.76** for 2024 to focus on improving the health of the community through the Health First Indiana (HFI) initiative.

The Porter County Commissioners signaled their commitment to making Porter County a healthier place to live and work by opting into HFI last year. Created by the Indiana General Assembly in the [2023 session](#), HFI provides funding to help counties meet the needs of their communities by implementing evidence-based preventive programs and delivering core public health services.

“We at the Porter County Health Department are privileged to be a part of this state and county funded, long-term plan to transform public health services and delivery “, said Porter County Health Officer Dr. Maria Stamp.

This funding will expand core services focusing on a variety of public health challenges, such as maternal and child care, trauma and injury prevention and chronic conditions, such as obesity and heart disease. For example, heart disease is the leading cause of death in Porter County. Based on this information, a portion of Health First Porter County funding will be spent on chronic disease prevention and reduction initiatives.

Visit <https://www.in.gov/localhealth/portercounty/health-first-indiana/> to learn more about Porter County’s health metrics, funding and HFI initiatives going on all over the state. For more information on the Porter County Health Department and the services we offer, go to <https://www.in.gov/localhealth/portercounty/> for follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PorterCountyHealthDept/> or on Twitter-X https://twitter.com/county_porter

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