

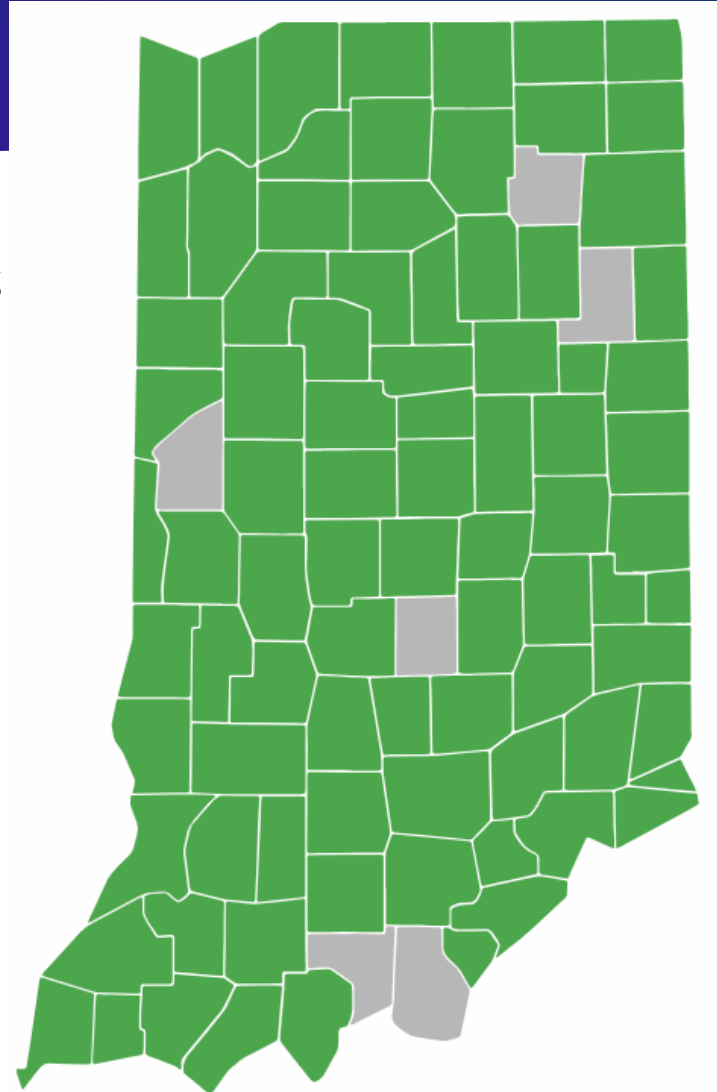


Porter County Health Department

HEALTH FIRST INDIANA UPDATES

Final Opt-In Update

- At September 1, 2023 deadline, 86/92 counties had opted-in to HFI funding.
- 95% of Hoosiers funded with HFI funding.
- Funds from 6 counties who chose not to opt-in redistributed.
- 2024 Porter Co funding from HFI:
 - **\$1,753,072.76**



Public Health Needs Assessment Update

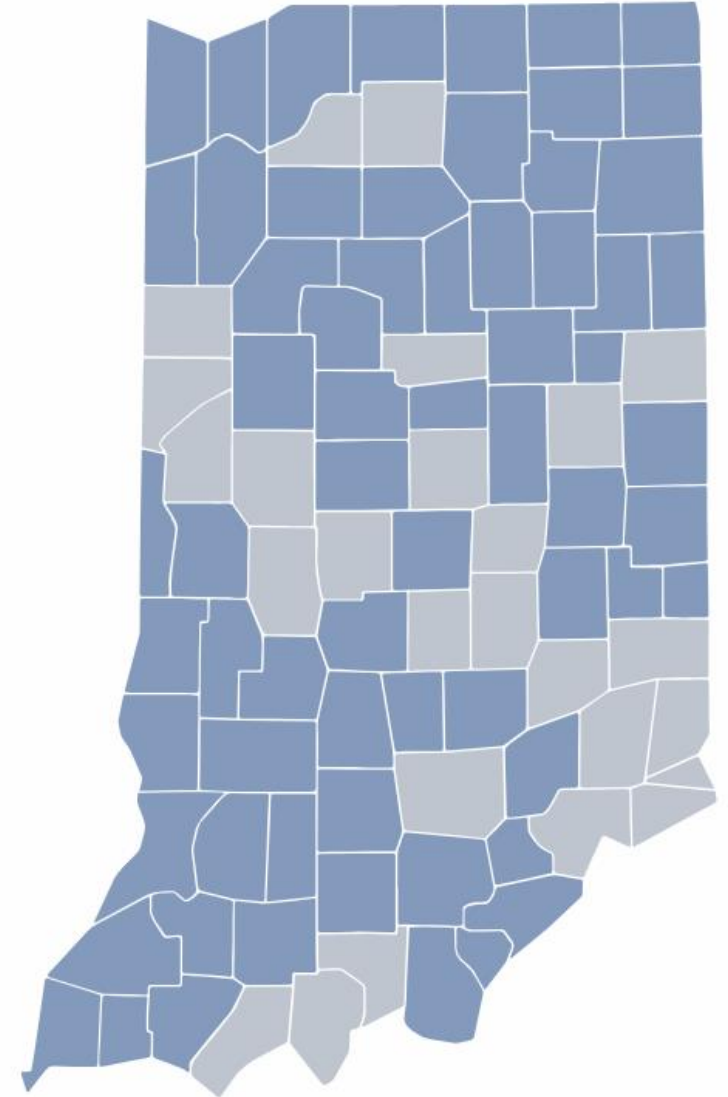
- Strategy Session 8/09/2023
- SWOT analysis with Community Resource Network 08/25/2023
- One-on-one interview candidates and stakeholder group participants were identified and Pyrce group intro letter were sent 9/13/2023
- As of today, **35** one-on-one interviews have been scheduled or conducted, including:
 - Healthcare Systems, Providers, Porter Starke Services
 - 8 community partners, School Systems, Faith-Based Organizations
 - Porter County Trustees
- Final report to the Board of Health scheduled for 12/05/2023

Care Coordinator Update

- Position approved on September 19th to be hired in 2023 our General Health Fund
- Position was posted on September 25th
- We have received over 50 applications
- All current applicant submissions have been reviewed and we have interviewed 8 candidates with 2 more scheduled tomorrow.
- We will bring top candidates back in for second interview and hope to have someone in place by the beginning of December.
- **UPDATE: Carrie Honeycutt was hired as Care Coordinator and will begin on December 4th.**

Fetal-Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)

- Fatality Review Teams as Core Service (CFR and SOFR Teams already established)
- PCHD will oversee FIMR team in Porter County.
- Porter County Infant Mortality Rate 5th Lowest in Indiana (5 year average- 3.8 deaths/1000 live births).
- Have identified FIMR team lead (**Hayley**) who will train through IDOH for the next few months.



FIMR Continued

- Working to identify the remainder of the team to begin case reviews in 2024.
- FIMR team members: LHD, Physicians (OB, Pediatrician, Family Practitioner), Social Services Divisions (Medicaid, WIC, DCS), Nurses, Hospital Grief Counselor, Health Educators, Community Healthcare Workers, etc...
- Through medical review and maternal interviews, goal is to understand how the following issues relate to infant mortality and effect change:
 - Social
 - Economic
 - Environmental
 - Educational
 - Health and Safety

Leading Cause of Death

- ▶ Heart Disease is leading cause of death in Porter County
- ▶ Porter County Ranks: 47/92 adult obesity
- ▶ Porter County Ranks: 33/92 smoking rate
- ▶ Focus on nutrition assistance/programming
 - ▶ Ensure access to fresh foods for residents
 - ▶ Evidence based nutrition initiatives
 - ▶ Partnerships with local restaurants
- ▶ Focus on recreation/community
 - ▶ Recreation/movement initiatives
 - ▶ Creating community through campaigns and initiatives

Leading Cause of Trauma and Injury Related Death

- ▶ Drug Related Deaths are leading cause trauma and injury related death in Porter County
- ▶ Porter County Ranks: 44/92 in potential years lost due to injury
- ▶ Focus on an anti-stigma campaign to begin talking about Substance Use Disorder
- ▶ Continued and increased harm reduction initiatives