

PROGRESS REPORT

AUGUST 2020

OUR APPROACH

An important pillar in his Next Level Agenda, attacking the drug crisis is a top priority for Governor Eric Holcomb. On the day he took office, he called for an “all hands on deck” approach to address the rising occurrence of substance use disorder in Indiana. Every day since, Governor Holcomb has been taking steps to prevent more people from becoming dependent on illicit substances, help Hoosiers access treatment and recover from substance use disorder, arrest and prosecute dealers whose actions cause harm, and reduce the risk of a future crisis of similar magnitude.

When COVID-19 arrived in Indiana, the state was tasked with restructuring the traditional treatment model to ensure Hoosiers could still receive the support they needed while at home. Partner organizations went virtual to continue providing peer recovery support, community outreach, telemedicine, naloxone and suicide prevention training. Residential substance use disorder providers and recovery residences kept their doors open. Thanks to the quick work at the Division of Mental Health and Addiction and remarkable flexibility from Indiana’s federal partners, access to life saving medication-assisted treatment was preserved. It’s imperative that Hoosiers continue to stay connected and share resources as we find new ways to support individuals with a substance use disorder during this unprecedented time.

In response to Governor Holcomb’s call to action, many public and private partners have joined forces with us. Our Next Level Recovery initiatives have been amplified with federal support and funding. While we’ve seen encouraging signs of progress that demonstrate our efforts are having an impact, one life lost is too many, and there’s still much more to do.

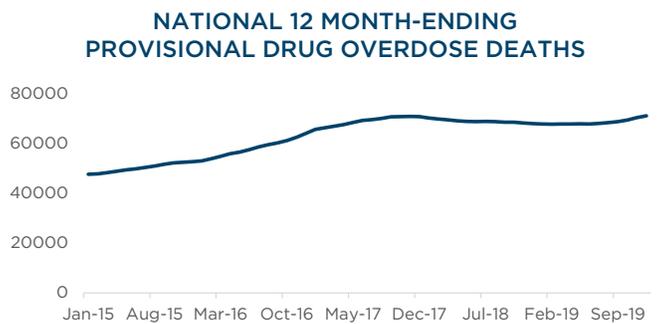
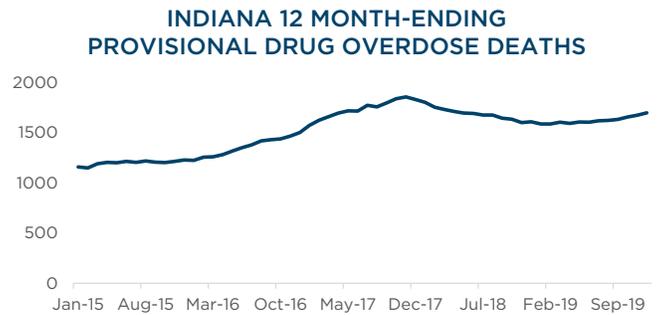
KEY HIGH-LEVEL OUTCOMES AND IMPACT INDICATORS

1 Number of persons with overdoses admitted to hospitals

2 Deaths from overdoses

3 Opioid prescription rates

4 Number of babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

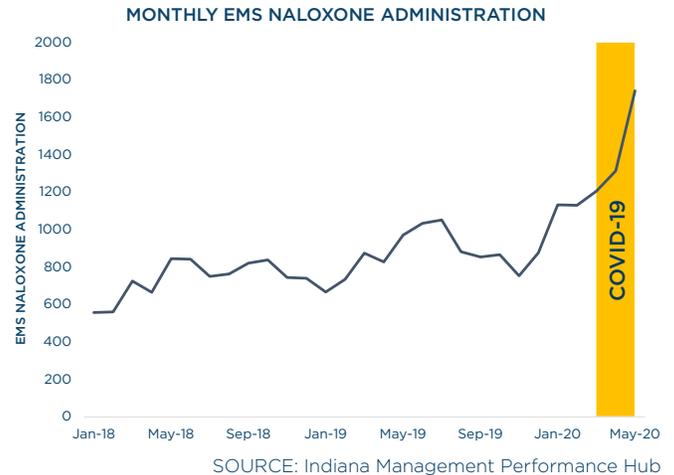


SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

NALOXONE

NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION

- Indiana has experienced a nearly **60% increase** in naloxone administration by EMS this year compared to January through May 2019, largely due to the impact of COVID-19.
- In August 2018, the state launched a naloxone administration heat map, providing first responders and government partners with information to make more informed decisions about where to place resources.
- On July 1, 2020, Indiana became the first state in the nation to fully reimburse EMS providers for the administration of naloxone and the medication itself through the state's Medicaid program.



OVERDOSE LIFELINE PARTNERSHIP

- Governor Holcomb announced in May 2020 a partnership with Overdose Lifeline, Inc. to distribute **25,000 naloxone kits** to Hoosiers at risk of overdose, totaling \$1 million.
- Overdose Lifeline has fulfilled more than **2,200 requests** for naloxone since June 1.

“Making potentially **lifesaving treatments** more readily available is one of the top ways we can address this crisis.”

- Governor Eric Holcomb

JUSTICE-INVOLVED SETTINGS

EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT IN JAILS

- In partnership with the Indiana Sheriffs' Association, the state is investing **\$4.6 million** in implementing evidence-based treatment into jails across the state.
- Since 2017, **1,446 offenders** have been referred to a MAT program, with **1,129 offenders** having started Naltrexone while in the Indiana Department of Correction.
- Access to medication-assisted treatment in jails is associated with reduced recidivism, decreased overdose rates and improved health outcomes.

RECOVERY COURTS

- Next Level Recovery has committed to providing **\$3 million** over the current biennium to initiate development of more evidence-based family recovery courts.
- Family recovery courts serve families involved in Department of Child Services proceedings involving substance use disorders to improve treatment completion, family reunification and reduce out-of-home placement costs.

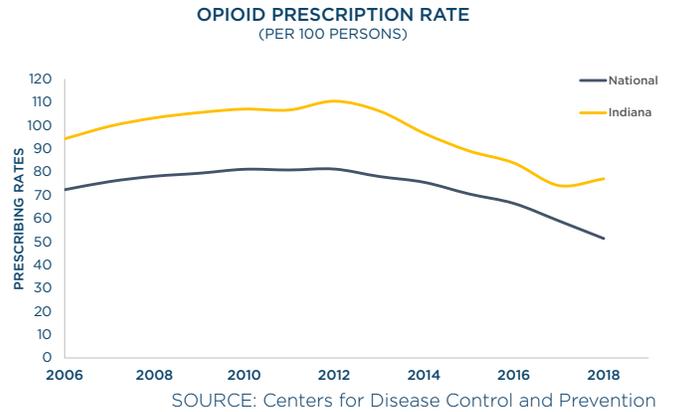
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

- Approximately two-thirds of Hoosiers committed to the Indiana Department of Correction have a significant history of problematic substance use. The DOC provides addiction treatment services to almost **6,000 incarcerated Hoosiers daily**, more than double the amount of offenders receiving treatment in June 2019.
- The Indiana Department of Correction has added over **700 residential style treatment beds** across the system since September 2017, using updated evidence-based clinical treatment models.
- DOC Transitional Healthcare Division has linked over **1,000 released offenders** with community-based addiction treatment providers in 2020, including **301 offenders** on medication-assisted treatment.
- Beginning in August 2020, every offender with a history of substance use disorder will receive a supply of naloxone upon release.

PREVENTION

PRESCRIBER REPORT CARDS

- Launched in 2020 to combat the rising trend in Indiana’s prescription rate, prescriber report cards provide prescribers with an understanding of where they rank in terms of the number of opioid prescriptions in comparison to all other prescribers within a particular specialty.
- Research shows prescriber report cards are likely to result in decreased prescribing rates statewide.



INSPECT (PDMP)

- In 2018, Governor Holcomb signed **SEA 221** into law, requiring prescribers to check INSPECT, Indiana’s prescription drug monitoring program, before prescribing opioids or benzodiazepines to reduce dangerous drug interactions, doctor shopping and substance dependency.
- Over **3,000 Indiana hospitals, doctors offices and pharmacies** are using a state-funded integrated solution.
- Over **21,000 Indiana prescribers** are using a state-funded integrated solution.

SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAMS

- Governor Holcomb signed **HEA 1438** into law in 2017, allowing municipalities to establish syringe service programs without state approval.
- Indiana currently has **nine counties** with active syringe service programs and **13 counties** with harm reduction programs.
- The programs work to prevent disease, serve as a gateway to public health and social services, and have helped more than 10,000 people since April 2015.

FIX: HEARTBREAK AND HOPE INSIDE OUR OPIOID CRISIS

- Launched on Feb. 1, 2020, at the Indiana State Museum, **FIX: Heartbreak and Hope Inside Our Opioid Crisis** invites visitors to explore the science behind opioid addiction, discover personal stories of recovery, and learn how to affect positive change in the drug epidemic.
- The goal of FIX is to remove the shame and isolation surrounding substance use disorder and prove that anyone can play a pivotal role in managing the drug epidemic.
- The exhibit runs through **Feb. 7, 2021**.

ENFORCEMENT

DRUG TAKE BACKS

Indiana State Police, in partnership with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, has collected over **165 tons** of unused medication since April 2017.

HEA 1540

Enacted in 2017

Enhances penalties for those who commit pharmacy robberies

HEA 1359

Enacted in 2017

Increases penalties for those who manufacture or distribute drugs that result in an overdose death

NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME

- Indiana began testing babies for drug-exposed newborns at four hospitals in 2016. Currently, testing is being performed at **41 hospitals**.
- About **21% of newborns** delivered at the participating hospitals in 2019 were tested for drug exposure compared to 16% in 2018. Of those tested, **37% of newborns** were positive for drug exposure in 2019 compared to 36% in 2018.
- In 2019, Governor Holcomb signed **HEA 1007**, requiring prenatal care providers to implement a validated and evidence-based verbal screening tool to assess substance use disorder in pregnancy for all pregnant women who are seen by the health care provider.
 - Indiana is among the first states to require such screening.

neonatal abstinence syndrome -

A withdrawal syndrome infants experience after birth due to the sudden discontinuation of substances that were used or abused by the mother during pregnancy.



84,000

babies are born in Indiana annually

RECOVERY

LOCAL COALITIONS

- In 2019, Indiana committed to provide **\$1.5 million** in support for 10 coalitions throughout 2019 and 2020.
- Our goal is to foster and support strong local coalitions to help attack the drug epidemic in communities around the state and promote recovery on the front lines of the crisis.

COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTERS

- These centers link treatment to recovery supports like housing, employment training and child care.
- The American Legislative Exchange Council recognized Indiana's CARCs program as a model law.
- Centers are located in Lake, Marion and Dearborn counties with one on the way in Allen County.

REGIONAL RECOVERY HUB NETWORK

- More than 60 Indiana recovery-based organizations provide peer supports as part of the Indiana Recovery Network.
- At least 40 additional peer recovery specialists will be hired at 16 of the network's participating organizations.
- These regional hubs will provide access to medication-assisted treatment, recovery housing, outreach programs, transportation assistance, and education and workforce development.

RECOVERY RESIDENCES

- In 2019, Indiana committed **\$1.4 million** through 2021 to expand recovery housing for Hoosiers dealing with substance use disorder.
- Indiana currently has **130 certified recovery residences** and a total of **818 beds**. The state also has **39 Oxford houses** with **239 beds**.
- More than **1,100 Hoosiers** have been served.