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.

**Our Approach**

**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**

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**Source:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
ACCESS TO TREATMENT

88,139
Medicaid members have accessed treatment since 2018

156%
increase in residential treatment beds since 2017

57,525
Hoosiers served by opioid treatment programs since 2017

OPENBEDS AND INDIANA 2-1-1
- Hoosiers seeking treatment for substance use disorder can immediately connect with available inpatient or residential treatment services.
- This partnership brings together OpenBeds technology with Indiana 2-1-1’s database of service providers to give Hoosiers access to addiction treatment options in real time.
- Since the launch of the partnership in March 2018, OpenBeds and Indiana 2-1-1 have recorded 1,878 digital referrals to treatment services.
- With state support, Indiana 2-1-1 has offered more than 18,842 free rides to substance use treatment through ride-sharing service, Lyft.

OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS
- Opioid treatment programs (OTPs) provide medication-assisted treatment in combination with counseling and behavioral therapy. These programs provide a whole-patient approach to the treatment of opioid use disorders.
- Since 2017, Indiana has opened seven additional OTPs statewide, with five more on the way.

PEERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS
- 28 Indiana hospitals have Peers in ED programs and have engaged more than 1,560 patients since February 2018.
- 63% of those patients engaged in some form of treatment following their interaction with a peer.

MOBILE RESPONSE
- Mobile response teams connect individuals to treatment in areas lacking treatment capacity.
- Currently, nine mobile response providers serve 24 Indiana counties.

1.6 MILLION
Hoosiers have access to addiction treatment under a Medicaid waiver

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NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION
• Indiana has experienced a 68% increase in naloxone administration by EMS this year compared to January through September 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 13,000 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, 1,517 offenders have been referred to a MAT program, with 1,199 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.

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.
• The IDOC Transitional Healthcare Division has linked over 2,300 released offenders with community-based addiction treatment providers in 2020. 176 of those individuals were specifically referred to the state’s new peer recovery hubs.
• Beginning in Fall 2020, every offender with a history of substance use disorder is offered a naloxone kit upon release.

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.
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 August 2021.

ENFORCEMENT

DRUG TAKE BACKS
Indiana State Police, in partnership with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, has collected over 185 tons of unused medication since April 2017.

HEA 1540
Enacted in 2017
Enhances penalties for those who commit pharmacy

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.

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

REGIONAL RECOVERY HUB NETWORK

• More than 60 Indiana recovery-based organizations provide peer supports as part of the Indiana Recovery Network.

• 6,500 Hoosiers have been served by one of Indiana’s 16 recovery hubs since April 2020.

• These regional hubs 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 43 Oxford houses with 322 beds.

• More than 1,100 Hoosiers have been served.