

The Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse



Behavioral Health Division

Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Fayette

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Vision Statement

What is your Local Coordinating Council's vision statement?

Fayette County strives to change community attitudes about substance use and abuse.

Mission Statement

What is your Local Coordinating Council's mission statement?

The Fayette County Drug Coalition serves as a liaison between the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Community and the citizens of Fayette County. The coalition exists to promote and support the community in making healthy, responsible and legal choices about substance abuse.

Membership List					
#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Jessica Burton	Meridian	W	F	Treatment
2	Charmin Gabbard	Harm Reduction	W	F	Prevention
3	Paula Maupin	Reid Health	W	F	Treatment
4	Brandon Burgess	Drug Court	W	M	Law Enforcement
5	Jennifer Horning	Freedom House	W	F	Treatment
6	Joel Conaway	CERT	W	M	Treatment
7	Amy Hicks	House of Ruth	W	F	Treatment
8	Elizabeth Hanson	CERT	W	F	Treatment
9	Katie Stephen	Reid Health	W	F	Community Outreach
10	Tabby Silcott	Elementary Education	W	F	Prevention
11	Tyler Henkle	DMHA	W	M	Prevention
12	Stephania Hoffman	Drug Coalition	W	F	Community Member
13	Tonya Proffitt	House of Ruth	W	F	Treatment
14	Mike Horning	Freedom House	W	M	Treatment
15	Bobbie Rader	House of Ruth	W	F	Treatment
16	Dusty Stephens	The Shelter	W	F	Prevention
17	Maureen Flynn	CMS	W	F	Prevention
18	Patty Robinson	Haven	W	F	Community Outreach
19	Sharon Cranfill	House of Ruth	W	F	Treatment

LCC Meeting Schedule:

Please provide the months the LCC meets throughout the year:

Meetings are held the 1st Friday both in-person and online via Teams in the following months: January, February, March, April, May, June, August (board only), September, October, November and December.

Board meetings at 9:00 AM, general meeting at 9:30 AM at the Connection Cafe, 635 N. Central Avenue, Connersville, IN.

II. Community Needs Assessment

The first step in developing an effective substance use and misuse reduction plan is to assess your community. A community assessment tells you about your community's readiness to implement prevention, treatment, and justice-related programs to address substance use and misuse. An assessment also provides an overview of the risk and protective factors present in the community, helping your coalition plan more effectively.

Community Profile

County Name

Fayette

<p>County Population</p> <p>23,398 (2020 Census) Largest city: Connersville 13,324</p>
<p>Schools in the community</p> <p>Connersville High School, Connersville Middle School, Eastview Elementary, Everton Elementary, Fayette Central Elementary, Frazee Elementary, Grandview Elementary, Little Spartan's Pre-school, St. Gabriel's Catholic School pre-K to 6, Ivy Tech, Sherry's Sunshine Daycare and Community Christian School.</p>
<p>Medical care providers in the community (hospitals, health care centers, medical centers/clinics, etc.)</p> <p>Reid Health, FUMC free clinic 3rd Thursday every month, Centerstone and Meridian Primary Care, Fayette County Health Department, Neighborhood Health, Fast Pace.</p>
<p>Mental health care providers in the community (hospitals with psychiatric/behavioral health units, mental health clinics, private/public providers, etc.)</p> <p>Meridian and Centerstone, Reid Outpatient, Neighborhood Health.</p>
<p>Service agencies/organizations</p> <p>Lion's Club, Ministerial Association, Kiwanis Club, Altrusa, Rotary Club, Community Sharing, Food Council, Children's Bureau, Community Voices, the Lord's Table.</p>
<p>Local media outlets that reach the community</p> <p>Connersville News Examiner (newspaper), Local TV3, Radio 96.1 and 94.3.</p>
<p>What are the substances that are most problematic in your community?</p> <p>Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, Heroin, Marijuana and vaping.</p>
<p>List all substance use/misuse services/activities/programs presently taking place in the community</p> <p>Brianna's Hope, House of Ruth, Groups, CERT, Drug Court, Harm Reduction, Meridian, Centerstone, Reid Health, AA, NA, Better Dayz, Freedom House Men's Recovery, Connection Cafe, Celebrate Recovery, Pathway to Damascus, IRAQ Team and Communities That Care.</p>

Community Risk and Protective Factors

Use the list of risk and protective factors to identify those present in your community. Identify the resources/assets and limitations/gaps that exist in your community related to each. The lists are not all-inclusive and others may apply.

Risk Factors Examples: trauma and toxic stressors; poverty violence; neighborhood characteristics; low neighborhood attachment; community disorganization; community norms and laws favorable toward drug use, firearms, and crime; availability of alcohol and other drugs; weak family relationships; family substance use; peer substance use; mental health problems; families moving frequently from home to home; limited prevention and recovery resources.

Protective Factors Examples: strong family relationships; neighborhood economic viability; low childhood stress; access to health care; access to mental health care; community-based interventions; restricted access to alcohol and other drugs including restrictive laws and excise taxes; safe, supportive, and connected

neighborhoods; meaningful youth engagement opportunities; local policies and practices that support healthy norms and child-youth programs; positive connection to adults.

Risk Factors	Resources/Assets	Limitations/Gaps
1. Availability of alcohol and other drugs.	1. Mental Health Providers in Fayette County Schools. 2. Drug Task Force 3. Prevention programs in 1st through 8th grade Fayette County Schools.	1. Funding 2. Gaps in insurance 3. Limited number of officers available for drug interdiction. 4. Lack of prevention intervention for grades 9 through 12.
2. Poverty	1. Local Food Pantries available more than 1 time a week locally. 2. Natco Credit Union free financial programs. 3. Churches assisting with rent and utilities 4. Homeless Shelter 5. Medical providers using sliding scales 6. Whitney's Closet and First Church's hygiene closets. 7. Connection Cafe laundry and shower services.	1. Stigma 2. Limited participation 3. Funding
3. Trauma and Toxic Stressors	1. Treatment providers 2. DCS 3. LEA	1. Stigma 2. Funding 3. Community norms
Protective Factors	Resources/Assets	Limitations/Gaps
1. Access to mental health in all Fayette County Schools.	1. Meridian 2. Centerstone 3. Fayette County School administration's willingness to participate.	1. Limitations in insurance coverage 2. Staffing issues 3. Stigma
2. Conversations about toxic stressors.	1. Library programs 2. Open discussions at Fayette County Drug Coalition meetings. 3. Peer support programs such as Brianna's Hope, Celebrate Recovery and Harm Reduction.	1. Funding 2. Stigma 3. Public Perception
4. Events based on community involvement.	1. Drug Court Events 2. Harm Reduction Event 3. Children's Bureau Events	1. Financial Barriers 2. Manpower 3. Transportation

III. Making A Community Action Plan

Now that you have completed a community assessment and have identified the risk and protective factors that exist, you can develop a plan of action. The Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) is a systematic and community-driven gathering, analysis, and reporting of community-level indicators for the purpose of identifying and addressing local substance use problems.

Step 1: Create problem statements, and ensure problems statements are in line with statutory requirements

Step 2: Ensure your problem statements are evidence-informed, then prioritize

Step 3: Brainstorm what can be done about each

Step 4: Prioritize your list, and develop SMART goal statements for each

Step 5: List the steps to achieve each goal

Step 1: Create + Categorize Problem Statements

Create problem statements as they relate to each of the identified risk factors.

Risk Factors	Problem Statement(s)
1. Availability of alcohol and other drugs.	1. Fayette County Adults are using mind altering substances. 2. Fayette County Youth are using mind altering substances.
2. Poverty	1. Fayette County's poverty rate is higher than Indiana's average. 2. In 2023-2024, 56.4% of Fayette County school youth received free or reduced-price lunches. 3. In 2022, 20.8% of Fayette County youth lived in poverty.
3. Trauma and Toxic Stressors	1. Fayette County youth are experiencing parental substance abuse. 2. Fayette County youth are experiencing chronic neglect. 3. Fayette County adults are experiencing strong, frequent and/or prolonged adversity.

Step 2: Evidence-Informed Problem Statements

Identify your top three problem statements using local or state data. Ensure that there is a problem statement for each co-equal funding category (e.g., prevention/education; intervention/treatment; and criminal justice services and activities).

Problem Statements	Data That Establishes Problem	Data Source
1. Fayette County Adults are using mind altering substances.	In 2023 Fayette County Law Enforcement logged 328 charges involving illegal drugs and alcohol.	Fayette County's reporting system: Spillman.
2. Fayette County youth are using mind altering substances.	In the 2021-2022 school year there were 85 expulsions or expulsions related to alcohol, tobacco and or drug use involving 77 unique students.	Indiana Prevention Resource Center
3. Fayette County youth and adults are experiencing strong, frequent and/or prolonged adversity.	In 2022, 6 charges were logged in Fayette County for domestic battery in the presence of a child less than 16 years old, 2 charges for battery on a child less than 14 years of age, 11 charges for strangulation, 54 charges of domestic battery, 4 charges of sex crimes involving children, 7 other charges of sex crimes. In 2021, 90% of children removed from the home were due to parental drug or alcohol abuse.	Fayette County's reporting system: Spillman. Indiana Youth Institute

Step 3: Brainstorm

Consider the resources/assets and limitations/gaps that were identified for each risk factor, and list what actions can be taken for each identified problem statement.

Problem Statements	What can be done (action)?
1. Fayette County adults are using mind altering substances.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training for residents 2. Support local treatment services. 3. Support local law enforcement in interdiction efforts. 4. Hold drug take back days.
2. Fayette County youth are using mind altering substances.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage families in services and support. 2. Increase awareness of the dangers of mind altering substances.

3. Fayette County youth and adults are experiencing strong, frequent and/or prolonged adversity.	1. Engage youth in pro-social activities 2. Engage adults in pro-social activities 3. Community Education
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Step 4: Develop SMART Goal Statements

For each problem statement, prioritize your list of what can be done. Choose your top two actions for each. Then, develop goal statements that demonstrate what change you hope to achieve and by when you hope to achieve it.

Problem Statement #1 Fayette County Adults are using mind altering substances.	
Goal 1	In 2025/2026 Fayette County Drug Coalition will fund at least 1 program to support the distribution of information, resources and service information to persons involved in illicit drug use or trafficking.
Goal 2	By March of 2026, Fayette County Drug Coalition will support at least 2 local treatment and prevention services by funding efforts to build and maintain programming and services.
Problem Statement #2 Fayette County Youth are using mind altering substances.	
Goal 1	By March 31, 2026, Fayette County Drug Coalition will engage 500 youth and/or families in pro-social and/or prevention activities.
Goal 2	By March 31, 2026, Fayette County Drug Coalition will support at least 1 local effort to engage Fayette County youth in prevention and treatment events and services.
Problem Statement #3 Fayette County youth and adults are experiencing strong, frequent and/or prolonged adversity.	
Goal 1	By March 31, 2026, Fayette County Drug Coalition will participate and/or support 3 community activities that promote social norms to reach at least 500 community members.
Goal 2	By March 31, 2026, Fayette County Drug Coalition will support at least 2 services that engage residents who are experiencing addiction in treatment or information about treatment options.

Step 5: Plans to Achieve Goals

For each goal, list the steps required to achieve each

Problem Statement #1	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>In 2025/2026 Fayette County Drug Coalition (FCDC) will fund at least 1 program to support the distribution of information, resources and service information to persons involved in illicit drug use or trafficking.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify local law enforcement 2. Gain knowledge and data about the true happenings in the community. 3. Support efforts by funding materials, training and programming.
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>By March of 2026, FCDC will support at least 2 local treatment and prevention services by funding efforts to build and maintain programming and services.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify local efforts already in place. 2. Use data to determine gaps in programming. 3. Fund the appropriate grants to maintain the current programming and fill gaps.
Problem Statement #2	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>By March 31, 2026, FCDC will engage 500 youth and/or families in pro-social and/or prevention activities.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify current efforts in schools, churches, volunteer organizations and local businesses. 2. Maintain contact and support those services. 3. Support programming to engage youth.
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>By March 31, 2026, FCDC will support at least 1 local effort to engage Fayette County youth in prevention and treatment events and services.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify current efforts within schools, churches, volunteer organizations and local businesses. 2. Fund those services. 3. Support those services.
Problem Statement #3	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>By March 31, 2026, FCDC will participate and/or support 3 community activities that promote social norms to reach at least 500 community members.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poll youth and adults to determine what pro-social activities gain interest in the community. 2. Gather information about events or activities that will fulfill that interest. 3. Fund or plan those activities.
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>By March 31, 2026, FCDC will support at least 2 services that engage residents who are</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain an understanding of what services are available.

experiencing addiction in treatment or information about treatment options.	2. Determine what is needed in those services and what gaps in services are present. 3. Fund and/or support those services.
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IV. Fund Document

The fund document allows the LCC to provide finances available to the coalition at the beginning of the year. The fund document gauges an LCC's fiscal wellness to empower their implementation of growth within their community. The fund document also ensures LCCs meet the statutory requirement of funding programs within the three categories of (1) Prevention/Education, (2) Treatment/Intervention, and (3) Criminal Justice Services and Activities (IC 5-2-11-5).

Funding Profile		
1	Amount deposited into the County DFC Fund from fees collected last year:	\$25,874.16
2	Amount of unused funds from last year that will roll over into this year:	\$40,021.11
3	Total funds available for programs and administrative costs for this year (Line 1 + Line 2):	\$65,895.27
4	Amount of funds granted last year:	\$11,521.75
Additional Funding Sources (if no money is received, please enter \$0.00)		
A	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):	\$0.00
B	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):	\$0.00
C	Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA):	\$0.00
D	Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP):	\$0.00
E	Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH):	\$0.00
F	Indiana Department of Education (DOE):	\$0.00
G	Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA):	\$0.00
H	Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA):	\$0.00
I	Local entities:	\$0.00
J	Other:	\$0.00
Categorical Funding Allocations		
Prevention/Education: \$16,473.82	Intervention/Treatment: \$16,473.82	Justice Services: \$16,473.82
Funding allotted to Administrative costs:		
<i>Itemized list of what is being funded</i>		<i>Amount (\$100.00)</i>
Coordinator compensation		\$3,600.00
Office supplies (Office supplies, drug take back supplies)		\$12,873.81
Funding Allocations by Goal per Problem Statement:		
Problem Statement #1	Problem Statement #2	Problem Statement #3
Goal 1: \$8,236.91	Goal 1: \$8,236.91	Goal 1: \$8,236.91
Goal 2: \$8,236.91	Goal 2: \$8,236.91	Goal 2: \$8,236.91