

The Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse



Behavioral Health Division

Comprehensive Community Plan

County: County: Jasper

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Vision Statement

What is your Local Coordinating Council's vision statement?

It is the vision of the Jasper County citizens to live in a community that is free of the stigma associated with addiction and mental health, therefor encouraging recovery, and abstinence.

Mission Statement

What is your Local Coordinating Council's mission statement?

Partners for a Drug Free Jasper County is a volunteer organization created to educate, prevent, and reduce the illicit use of alcohol and other drugs in Jasper County.

Membership List					
#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Dave Hickman	KV School	Caucasian	M	Education/S RO
2	Craig Schiessser	KV School	Caucasian	M	Education/S RO
3	Andrew Jones	Rens. School	Caucasian	M	Education
4	Greg Michael	Rens. School	Caucasian	M	Education
5	Stephanie Dobson	Rens. School	Caucasian	F	Education
6	Shawn McCracken	Tri-Co School	Caucasian	M	Education
7	Stephanie Rodruquez	Demotte Christian School	Caucasian	H	Education
8	Tom Jarrette	Chief, DeMotte PD	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
9	Steve Musch	Ast. Chief DeMotte PD	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
10	Jesse Wallace	DeMotte PD	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
11	Matthew Anderson	Chief, Rensselaer PD	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
12	Patrick Williamson	Sheriff Jasper Co	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
13	Jason Wallace	Chief Deputy Jasper Co	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
15	Adam Suarez	Jasper Co Shf	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
16	Frederick Trammel	State Police	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
17	Kaitlyn Boomsma	Jasper Co Community Corrections	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
18	Andrew Boersma	Jasper Co. Deputy Corner	Caucasian	M	Medical
20	Jake Taulman	Jasper Co Prosecutor	Caucasian	M	Justice
21	Joe Morrison	Jasper Co Deputy Prosecutor	Caucasian	M	Justice
22	Darci Bacewic	Jasper County Probation	Caucasian	F	Justice
23	Beth Ryan	Retired Addiction Counselor	Caucasian	F	Intervention
24	Cheryl Querry	Center of Hope Rens. Sexual	Caucasian	F	Intervention /Medical

		Assault Task Force			
25	Kristen Louck	Jasper County Health Dept.	Caucasian	F	Intervention /Medical
26	Misty Herrera	North Central Rural Indiana Crisis Center	Caucasian	F	Intervention Medical
27	Rebecca Goddard	North Central Rural Indiana Crisis Center	Caucasian	F	Intervention /Medical
28	Amy Sigman	Franciscan Alliance	Caucasian	F	Intervention / Medical
29	Sarah Jerzyk	Nurse	Caucasian	F	Intervention /Medical
30	Vick Noe	House of Grace	Caucasian	F	Prevention/Intervention
31	Carol Santos	Sycamore Springs	Caucasian	F	Intervention /Medical

LCC Meeting Schedule:

Please provide the months the LCC meets throughout the year:
February, April, June, August, October, & December

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
Jasper County
County Population (2023)
33,535
Schools in the community DeMotte Elementary, Covenant Christian High School, Kankakee Valley School Corporation, Rensselaer Central Corporation, Tri-County School Corporation, St. Augustine-Rensselaer Demotte

<p>Demotte Health Care Specialist, CVS Minute Clinic, Porter DeMotte Medical Center, The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana, Franciscan Health-DeMotte, Leestma Medical Clinic, Darla McKim</p> <p>Rensselaer Clinic of Family Medicine, Louck Family Medicine, Christian Clinic, Franciscan Health-Rensselaer, Miracles Rehabilitation, Sycamore Springs</p> <p>Wheatfield Franciscan Health-Wheatfield, Franciscan Outpatient Therapy, Krol Family Medicine, Northwest Medical Group-Primary Care</p> <p>Remington Miracles Rehabilitation-PT</p>
Mental health care providers in the community (hospitals with psychiatric/behavioral health units, mental health clinics, private/public providers, etc.)
<p>Service agencies/organizations</p> <p>Rose Wierzba Counseling Sycamore Springs, Valley Oaks, Ryan & Ryan Counseling, Dr. Chad Pulver, James A. Kenny, Franciscan Mental Health New Leaf Resources Integrated Behavioral Health Phoenix Recovery Solutions House of Grace(woman only), Recovery House (men only)</p>
<p>Local media outlets that reach the community</p> <p>Times of Northwest Indiana Rensselaer Republican WLQI/WRIN</p>
<p>What are the substances that are most problematic in your community?</p> <p>Vaping, Alcohol, Methamphetamine, opioids, heroin and cocaine</p>
<p>List all substance use/misuse services/activities/programs presently taking place in the community</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous, Ryan & Ryan, House of Grace (women), Valley Oaks, Sycamore Springs</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.¹

Risk Factors	Resources/Assets	Limitations/Gaps
1. Juveniles have easy access to drugs, alcohol, vaping products.	1. SROs in schools 2. Counselors at schools 3. After school programs, library activities, AWANS, 4H Programs, FFA, Clubs in school,	1. Lack of parental supervision due to both parents working, due to the economy, no serious consequences. 2. Alcohol & vaping materials are easily concealed 3. False belief vaping is a safe option
2. Alcohol Use/Abuse	1. Access to local meetings 2. Faith based programs, such as the House of Grace & Hope Community 3. Crisis Center Outreach	1. Limited funds for counselors/recovery, limit insurance coverage 2. Lack of family support. 3. Limited available public transportation
3. Drug Addiction	1. Interdiction Officers 2. Counseling offered at Jasper County Sheriff Department, Jasper County Community Corrections & Sycamore Springs 3. House of Grace (women) & Hope Community	1. Cannot force recovery 2. Stigma around seeking help 3. Limited access to public transportation
Protective Factors	Resources/Assets	Limitations/Gaps
1. Family Values	1. Strong faith-based programs 2. 4H/FFA 3. School/Community Activities	1. Limited access to public transportation 2. Both parents working to survive 3. Circle of friends
2. Access to health care, & mental health	1. School nurses 2. Mental health care, physicians & hospital with the county 3. Crisis Center	1. Treatment is expensive 2. Lack of insurance 3. Lack of Transportation

3. Proactive Law Enforcement	1. SRO's /Counselor 2. Drug Task Force-DEA 3. OWI Patrols	1. Lack of funding 2. Too many students per SRO/Counselor 3. Not enough LEO to handle extra patrols due to a shortage of officers
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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. Juveniles have easy access to drugs, alcohol, vaping products.	1. Juveniles have easy access to alcohol & Vaping product 2. Lack of understanding health effects 3. Testing material is expensive
2. Alcohol/ Illegal & Prescription Drugs use by adults	1. Increased alcohol use leads to higher domestic violence/sexual assaults 2. Lack of public transportation leads to driving while intoxicated (alcohol & drug) 3. Illegal & Prescription Drugs are easily obtained.
3. Lack of Rehabilitation Centers/ Meetings/Groups	1. No public transportation to take recovering addicts to meetings. 2. Lack of education material leads to high number of people abusing alcohol and drugs, 3. Education material is expensive for meetings and rehabilitation centers.

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. Juvenile use of alcohol/vaping/illegal drugs	<p>School Year 2023-2024</p> <p>Drug Testing Middle School – High School – 30 *Reports only give if a middle schooler tested positive, doesn't give me the number tested</p> <p>Results from Drug Testing: Positive Drug - 3 Positive Alcohol - 0 Positive Nicotine - 0</p> <p>Results from Halos Detections: THC – 10 Nicotine - 5 Possession of Vapes - 3</p>	<p>Most information came from Rensselaer Central High School.</p> <p>Kankakee Valley doesn't attend meetings or ask for grants</p> <p>Tri-County HS, has been issued a grant for drug testing, this includes bus drivers, students & staff</p>
2. Alcohol/ Illegal & Prescription Drugs use by adults	<p>2023 compared to 2024</p> <p>OWI Arrest 2023 – 142 arrests 2024 – 94 arrest</p> <p>Public Intoxication 2023 – 40 arrests 2024 – 16 arrests</p> <p>Minor Consumption 2023 – 18 arrests 2024 – 10 arrests</p> <p>Contributing to Minor 2023- 0 arrests 2024 – 9 arrests</p> <p>Charges include, sell, possession & manufacturing</p> <p>2023 compared to 2024</p>	<p>DeMotte Police Dept. Rensselaer Police Dept. Jasper County Sheriff Remington Police Dept. Wheatfield Police Dept</p>

	<p>Marijuana Charges 2023 – 46 arrests 2024 – 46 arrests</p> <p>Meth Charges 2023 – 64 arrests 2024 – 43 arrests</p> <p>Controlled Substance Charges 2023 – 17 arrests 2024 – 34 arrests</p> <p>Cocaine/Heroin Charges 2023 – 17 arrest 2024 – 14 arrestas</p> <p>Possession of other Drugs 2023 – 4 Arrest 2024 – 5 Arrest</p> <p>Possession of Paraphernaia/ Syringe 2023- 85 arrest 2024 – 79 arrest</p> <p>Maintaining/ Visit Common Nuesiance 2023- 15 arrest 2024 – 21 arrest</p> <p>Overdoses Resulting in Death 2023- 1 2024 -0</p> <p>Overdose – Lived with out NARCAN 2023-10 2024-19</p> <p>Overdose – Lived because of NARCAN 2023 – 3 2024-14</p> <p>*hard to obtain the correct results for overdoses due to calls come into the 911 Centers as one thing, such as a medical call, subject not acting right or not breathing. Then later find out its due to an overdose.</p>	
3. Lack of Rehabilitation Centers/	<p>Community Corrections – Support Group</p> <p>Total Number of Clients</p>	<p>.Jasper County Community Corrections- Support Group House of Grace</p>

Meetings/Support Groups	2023 – 119 2024 - 237 Clients attending Support Group 2023- 58 2024 - 27 House of Grace Total Number of Clients 2023 – 2 2024 – Not Reporting	
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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. Juvenile use of alcohol/vaping/ illegal drugs	1. Provide testing equipment for schools 2. Stricter consequences for students in possession of alcohol & vaping equipment 3. In school assemblies & guest speakers
4. Alcohol/ Illegal & Prescription Drugs use by adults	1. Law Enforcement increases OWI Patrols 2. Increase interdiction patrols in Jasper County 3. Undercover operations by the Drug Interdiction
5. Lack of Rehabilitation Centers/ Meetings/Support Groups	1. Programs in Jasper County Jail, Community Corrections, House of Grace, Sycamore Springs 2. Programs along with sentencing to assist in recovery and returning to productive society 3. Education community of alcoholism & drug usage at JC Fair and other festivals

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
Goal 1 Increase the number of random drug testing at schools by 10% in the school year 2024-2025
Goal 2 Educate Schools the dangers of vapes/alcohol/ illegal drugs, with guest speaker. PBT Students entering into Prom and entering into after Prom Program.

Problem Statement #2
<p>Goal 1 Increase the number of OWI Patrols by 5% in 2025</p>
<p>Goal 2 Provide funding for purchase of NARCAN, when Jasper County Health Department has none available</p>
Problem Statement #3
<p>Goal 1 Increase inmates to participate in JCCC programs by 5% in 2025, the number of clients has increased by 51% from last year, with only 27 clients attending support group,</p>
<p>Goal 2 Provide Grant Money for Education Materials for Support Groups, Meetings, and Rehabilitation Centers</p>

Step 5: Plans to Achieve Goals

For each goal, list the steps required to achieve each

Problem Statement #1	Steps
<p>Goal 1 Increase the number of random drug testing at schools by 10% in the school year 2024-2025</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stricter consequences for students and parents 2. Educate parents and juveniles of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. 3. Council at risk students
<p>Goal 2 Educate Schools the dangers of vapes/alcohol/ illegal drugs, with guest speaker. PBT Students entering into Prom and entering into after Prom Program.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assemblies and Speakers for vapes/alcohol/ illegal drug abuse 2. Identify signs of drug use in students. Educate school administration to notice signs of impaired students. 3. Provide education material to students
Problem Statement #2	Steps
<p>Goal 1 Increase the number of OWI Patrols by 5% in 2025</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide funding to police agencies for OWI Patrols 2. Educate the public on the dangers of Driving while Intoxicated 3. Police set up more check points
<p>Goal 2</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain NARCAN from JC Health Department Have jail staff inform

Provide funding for purchase of NARCAN, when Jasper County Health Department has none available	<p>inmates of the programs offered while incarcerated</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. LEO have access & trained to carry Narcan. JC Drug Units obtain the NARCAN from the JC Health Dept. 3. All EMS Personnel in Jasper County have access to NARCAN
Problem Statement #3	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>Increase inmates to participate in JCCC programs by 5% in 2025, the number of clients has increased by 51% from last year, with only 27 clients attending support group,</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide treatment options, while incarcerated at the JC Detention Centers 2. Provide treatment options, while on work release or home detention
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>Provide Grant Money for Education Materials for Support Groups, Meetings, and rehabilitation Centers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have former inmates talk to current inmates about the programs and how they benefited them once they were released from incarceration. 2. Provide education material for recovery programs. 3. Education the public on the dangers of drugs at the JC Fair and other festivals

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:	\$25,402.02
2	Amount of unused funds from last year that will roll over into this year:	\$7,978.16
3	Total funds available for programs and administrative costs for this year (Line 1 + Line 2):	\$33,380.18
4	Amount of funds granted current year:	\$25,035.14
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: \$8,345.05	Intervention/Treatment: \$8,345.05	Justice Services: \$8,345.05
Funding allotted to Administrative costs:		
<i>Itemized list of what is being funded</i>		<i>Amount (\$100.00)</i>
Coordinator compensation		\$8,345.05
Office supplies		\$0.00
Funding Allocations by Goal per Problem Statement:		
Problem Statement #1	Problem Statement #2	Problem Statement #3
Goal 1: \$4,900.00	Goal 1: \$8,345.00	Goal 1: \$4,345.05
Goal 2: \$3,445.05	Goal 2: \$.05	Goal 2: \$4,000.00