

The Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse

Behavioral Health Division

DFNC 2025 Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Noble

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Vision Statement

What is your Local Coordinating Council's vision statement?

Our Vision: "A Noble County Free of Drugs"

Drug Free Noble County exists to educate, prevent, reduce the numbers of individual's using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, encourage healthy lifestyles, and coordinate a comprehensive approach to eliminate illegal drug use in Noble County.

Mission Statement

What is your Local Coordinating Council's mission statement?

To reduce the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, primarily among youth, through prevention/education, treatment, justice/law enforcement and collaboration between agencies/organizations in Noble County.

Membership List

County LCC Name: Drug-Free Noble County, Inc.

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Abbott, David	Survey Partner2019	Caucasian	M	Other
2	Agler, Jeremy	Survey Partner2019	Caucasian	M	Other
3	Bailey, Rich	Rome City Marshal Office	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
4	Basham, Kelly	Hickory Recovery Network	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
5	Behm, Dennis	House of Spirits	Caucasian	M	Business
6	Behm, Kelly	Central Noble Schools GC Sec	Caucasian	F	Education
7	Boggess, Dick	FW Recovery-Retired	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
8	Bradley, Ashley	West Noble Schools MS Intm Prin 12/22	Caucasian	F	Education
9	Brown, Chris	Road to Recovery	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
10 11	Brundige, Crystal & Joe	SH Albion Neighbor	Caucasian	F / M	Other
12	Buttgen, Julie	Parent	Caucasian	F	Parent
13	Byman, Bonita	Children First Ctr	Caucasian	F	Other-Youth Serving Org.
14	Byrom, Katie	Noble County Public Defender	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
15	Cain, Bill	East Noble Schools MS Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
16	Calhoun, Rebecca	Drug-Free Noble County / Kid City	Caucasian	F	Other
17	Campbell, Linda	Club Recovery	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
18	Carpenter, Ann	NC Emergency Management Assc	Caucasian	F	Government
19	Carpenter, Melissa	Freedom Academy	Caucasian	F	Education
20	Carroll, Jaime	East Noble Schools WC Elem Prin	Caucasian	F	Education
21	Carroll, S. Mike	IN State Police	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement

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22	Chordas, Brandon	Noble County Council	Caucasian	M	Government
23	Clothier, Rev. Tom	First Christian Church	Caucasian	M	Religion
24	Clouse, Hon. Steve	Noble Superior Court I Judge	Caucasian	M	Judiciary
25	Cole, Scott	Albion Police Dept Marshall	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
26	Coney, Carey	Noble County Sheriff Dept	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
27	Cox, Gary	City of Ligonier	Caucasian	M	Government
28	Creech, Gabe	NC Emergency Management Assc	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
29	Creigh, Abigail	Noble County Ext. Office	Caucasian	F	Other-Youth Serving Org.
30	Criswell, Haley	Northeastern Center	Caucasian	F	Treatment
31	Cummins, Connie	Parkview Health & Wellness	Caucasian	F	Medicine / Healthcare
32	Dixon, John	Kendallville Police Dept - Chief	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
33	Epperson, Joe	Recovery of America	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
34	Erekson, Faith	East Noble Schools SS Elem Prin	Caucasian	F	Education
35	Eytcheson, Rachea	Parkview Noble Hospital	Caucasian	F	Medicine / Healthcare
36	Fairchild, Nicole	McMillen Health	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
37	Fire Chief	Kendallville Fire Dept	Caucasian	M	Other
38	Fleming, Robert	Bowen Center	Caucasian	M	Treatment
39	Foster, Andrew	Inspiration Ministries	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
40	Fought, Brandi	Noble House Ministries	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
41	Fought, Matt	Albion Police Dept	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
42	Franklin, Mayor Earle	City of Ligonier	Caucasian	M	Government
43	Frey (Rimmel), Jolene	Freedom Academy	Caucasian	F	Education
44	Frigo, Jeff	Serenity House	Caucasian	M	Self-Help

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45	Fulker, Cari	Bollhoff, Inc.	Caucasian	F	Business
46	Gaff, Dr. Terry	Parkview LaGrange Hospital-Retired	Caucasian	M	Medicine / Healthcare
47	Gagen, Lori	Noble County EDC	Caucasian	F	Business
48	Garbacz, Steve	Kendallville New Sun	Caucasian	M	Media
49	Gerver, Julie	Augusta Hills	Caucasian	F	Other
50	Getts, Matt	Kendallville New Sun	Caucasian	M	Media
51	Gingerich, Melayna	Noble County Health Dept	Caucasian	F	Medicine / Healthcare
52	Grant, Shelly	Women In Transition	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
53	Green, Heather	East Noble Schools RC Elem Prin	Caucasian	F	Education
54	Gremaux, Teresa	East Noble Schools Supt	Caucasian	F	Education
55	Grooms, Amy	Bollhoff, Inc.	Caucasian	F	Business
56	Hagen, Hon. Steve	Noble Superior Court II Judge	Caucasian	M	Judiciary
57	Hammond, Samantha	Noble County Probation	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
58	Hannon, Cliff	East Noble Schools MS Asst Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
59	Harp, Doug	Noble County Council	Caucasian	M	Government
60	Harper, Jeff	East Noble Schools Avilla Elem Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
61	Harts, Richard	WAWK	Caucasian	M	Media
62	Hatfield, Michael	Cromwell Police Dept	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
63	Heffelfinger, Corey	Auburn Police Dept	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
64	Helms, Angie	Noble House Ministries	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
65	Herendeen, Steve	Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church	Caucasian	M	Religion
66	Herrera, Jazmin	Celebrate Diversity Project / NCCF	Hispanic	F	Civic Organization

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67	Hicks, Kaitlynn	Website Subscriber	Caucasian	F	Other
68	Hesler, Sam	Allendale Treatment	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
69	Hoffman, Paul	Rome City Marshal Office	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
70	Hoover, Shawn	Central Noble Schools Jr/Sr CoPr	Caucasian	F	Education
71	Howard, Jamie	CentralNobleSchool Secretary/Grant Co	Caucasian	F	Education
72	Howell, Steve	Northeastern Center	Caucasian	M	Treatment
73	Humble, Barry	Parent	Caucasian	M	Parent
74	Hyndman, Jesica	IN St Excise Police District 2	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
75	Ihrie, Katie	CentralNobleSchool Interventionist	Caucasian	F	Education
76	Inniger, Fred	WAWK	Caucasian	M	Media
77	Jacobs, Desiree	Survey Partner2016	Caucasian	F	Other
78	James, Jessica	ENHS Survey Partner2016	Caucasian	F	Education
79	Jansen, Chris	Lawyer	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
80	Jensen, Molly	Noble County Health Dept	Caucasian	F	Medicine / Healthcare
81	Johnson, Amy	Bowen Center	Caucasian	F	Treatment
82	Johnson, Kristen	Parent	Caucasian	F	Business
83	Johnson-Smith, Nicole	Northeastern Center	Caucasian	F	Treatment
84	Keenan, Doug	Bowen Center / Pastor	Caucasian	M	Treatment/ Religion
85	Kellogg, Melanie	Noble County EDC	Caucasian	F	Business
86	Kidd, Charles	Business	Caucasian	M	Business
87	Kramer, Angelia	Alcoholics Anonymous	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
88	Kramer, Hon. Michael	Noble Circuit Court Judge	Caucasian	M	Judiciary

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89	Kramer, Steve	NC Lions Club / Survey Partner2019	Caucasian	M	Other
90	Kropp, Sarah	Noble House Ministries	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
91	Larrison, Abigail	Adult Volunteer	Caucasian	F	Other
92	Leasure, Stephanie	East Noble Schools NS Elem Prin	Caucasian	F	Education
93	Leedy, Tom	Dekko Foundation	Caucasian	M	Civic Organization
94	Lehman, Raistlyn	Brightpoint	Caucasian	F	Other
95	Lemish, Steve	Parent	Caucasian	M	Parent
96	Lemmon, Denise	Parent	Caucasian	F	Parent
97	Leonhardt, Nancy	State Farm Insurance	Caucasian	F	Business
98	Lewis, Jeremy	Northeastern Center	Caucasian	M	Treatment
99	Lewis, Sara	Aspin	Caucasian	F	Business
100	Lindsey, Abby	Dekko Foundation	Caucasian	F	Civic Organization
101	Longenbaugh, Kathryn	East Noble Schools HS Prin	Caucasian	F	Education
102	Lopez, Jessica	Serenity House	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
103	Lopshire, Buck	Alcoholics Anonymous	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
104	Lozano, Patricia	Bowen Center	Caucasian	F	Treatment
105	Lowe, Nate	West Noble Schools Supt	Caucasian	M	Education
106	Mansfield, Victoria	Northern Path Recovery Center	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
107	Minier, Chad	Benchmark Human Services	Caucasian	M	Other
108	Moellering, Nate	FW Recovery	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
109	Morgan, Robby	Central Noble Schools Supt	Caucasian	M	Education
110	Moser, Grant	Ligonier City Police Dept	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement

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111	Mowery, James	NC Prosecutor	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
112	Muller, Bob	Restoration Ministeries	Caucasian	M	Religion
113	Munson, Lindy	East Noble Schools GC	Caucasian	F	Education
114	Newman, Rick	4-Co. Transitional Living	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
115	Nine, Amanda	West Noble Schools HS Prin	Caucasian	F	Education
116	Owen, Jared	Noble County Probation	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
117	Palmer-Herenden, Teresa	Parent	Caucasian	F	Parent
118	Parks, Cathy	Children First Ctr	Caucasian	F	Other-Youth Serving Org.
119	Parrott, Max	Dusty Dreams Survey Partner2016	Caucasian	M	Business
120	Patrick, Felicia	Noble House Ministries	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
121	Payton, Shawn	Serenity House	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
122	Pena, Christina	Former West Noble Schools Teacher	Hispanic	F	Education
123	Pena, Samantha	DFNC	Hispanic	F	Education
124	Perlich, James	East Noble Schools HS Asst Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
125	Pippin, James	Dept of Child Services	Caucasian	M	Government
126	Reyes, Michael	West Noble Schools HS APrin	Caucasian	M	Education
127	Richardson, Renee	Survey Partner2019	Caucasian	F	Other
128	Robertson, Ashley	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Caucasian	F	Civic Organization
129	Robinson, Jennifer	Bosch	Caucasian	F	Business
130	Roby, Adam	Community Harvest Food Bank	Caucasian	M	Other
131	Roesener, David	Parent	Caucasian	M	Parent
132	Rose, Lena	B&J Medical	Caucasian	F	Business
133	Ross, Michael	ICJI	Caucasian	M	Government

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134	Ruble, Kristen	Parkview Noble Hospital	Caucasian	F	Medicine / Healthcare
135	Ruiz, Sarah	Brightpoint	Caucasian	F	Other
136	Ruse, Rachel	East Noble Schools ALC Dir	Caucasian	F	Education
137	Ryan, Carrie	Noble County Health Dept	Caucasian	F	Medicine / Healthcare
138	Ryan, Megan	Benchmark Human Services	Caucasian	F	Other
139	Schache, Josh	East Noble Schools A Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
140	Schmitt, Damian	St Marys School Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
141	Schwab, Shelley	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Caucasian	F	Civic Organization
142	Sells, Kassie	Freedom Academy	Caucasian	F	Education
143	Shartzner, Sidney	East Noble Schools SRO	Caucasian	F	Education
144	Shearer, Bryan	Ligonier City Police Dept	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
145	Shearer, Chris	Ligonier City Police Dept	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
146	Shepherd, Brian	West Noble Schools Prim Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
147	Short, Chris	Inspiration Ministries	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
148	Showalter, Kevin	IYI	Caucasian	M	Education
149	Smith, Steve	Serenity House	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
150	Sparkman, Lee Ann	Inspiration Ministries	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
151	Spradlin, Martha	Benchmark Human Services	Caucasian	F	Other
152	Squire, Terry	Narcotics Anonymous	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
153	Stackhouse, David	Alcoholics Anonymous	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
154	Steele, Father J	Bl Sac / ICC Church	Caucasian	M	Religion
155	Stinson, Matt	East Noble Schools SC	Caucasian	M	Education

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156	Strebig, Lisa	NC Coroner	Caucasian	F	Government
157	Streeter, Tommy	FW Recovery	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
158	Sturdivant, Nikki	Survey Partner2019	Caucasian	F	Other
159	Tackett, April	IN St Excise Police District 2	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
160	Targgart, Brad	Central Noble Prim School-WL Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
161	Teel, Gene	West Noble Schools MS A Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
162	Timmerman, Gary	Noble County Commissioner	Caucasian	M	Government
163	Trena, Georgel	SurveyPartner2024	Caucasian	F	Other
164	Turner (Mertz), Jennifer	CornerstoneVision Counseling	Caucasian	F	Treatment
165	Tussing, Adam	Hickory Recovery Network	Caucasian	M	Self-Help
166	Vose, Julie	Bowen Center	Caucasian	F	Treatment
167	Wagner, Danyel	Noble County Probation	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
168	Walker, Brian	Noble County Sheriff Dept	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
169	Walker, Brian	IN State Police	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
170	Walz, Tim	St John Lutheran School Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
171	Waters, Lance - Mayor	City of Kendallville	Caucasian	M	Government
172	Weber, Max	Noble County Sheriff Dept	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
173	Weimer, Cassandra	Cole Family YMCA	Caucasian	F	Other-Youth Serving Org.
174	Wells, Alicia	FW Recovery	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
175	White, Margarita	Community Foundation of Noble County	Hispanic	F	Civic Organization
176	Wills, Glenn	Avilla Town Marshall	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
177	Wilson, Chad	West Noble Schools HS Asst Prin	Caucasian	M	Education

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178	Winebrenner, Jayme	Bowen Center Survey Partner2012	Caucasian	F	Treatment
179	Wolhete, Jeff	Bridgeway Evangelical Church	Caucasian	M	Religion
180	Worman, Dave	CNHS SRO	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
181	Xolio, Teresa (Collins)	Life & Family Services	Caucasian	F	Other-Youth Serving Org.
182	Yoder, Mark	West Noble Schools Elem Prin	Caucasian	M	Education
183	Young, Chris	Road to Recovery	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
184	Younghans, Barry	Central Noble Elem School-Albion Prin	Caucasian	M	Education

LCC Meeting Schedule:

Please provide the months the LCC meets throughout the year:

Drug Free Noble County meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon with the exclusion of August.

Community Needs Assessment: Results

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
Drug Free Noble County, Inc.
County Population
Approximately 48,000

Schools in the community

- Noble County has 3 school districts with a total of 16 schools and 3 private schools
- Noble County has multiple pre-school/daycare/early childhood programs

Medical care providers in the community (hospitals, health care centers, medical centers/clinics, etc.)

- Parkview Noble Hospital and affiliates
- St. Martins Health Clinic
- County Health Department
- WIC Center
- Multiple Dental practices
- Multiple Chiropractic practices
- Multiple nursing homes
- Multiple vision/eye doctors
- Two physical therapy facilities
- Holistic Healthcare practitioners
- Multiple Chiropractic practitioners

Mental health care providers in the community (hospitals with psychiatric/behavioral health units, mental health clinics, private/public providers, etc.)

- Bowen Center
- Northeastern Center
- Benchmark Human Services
- ENACT Mobile Crisis
- Hickory Recovery
- JM Turner Children's Play Therapy
- Children's First
- NEC Cares Center
- Crisis Response Teams
- Various private counseling providers

Service agencies/organizations

- Drug Free Noble County
- Drug Court
- Family Court
- Veterans Court
- Common Grace Ministries
- Multiple churches
- Activate Noble County
- Community Learning Center CLC
- The Wreck/The Crew
- Parkview Healthy Living
- Kendallville Public Library
- Libraries of Noble County
- New Way Movement
- Community Foundation of Noble County
- Crossroads United Way
- Dept. of Community Corrections
- Bowen Center
- Northeastern Center
- Serenity House
- Celebrate Recovery
- Parkview
- Lutheran Foundation
- Systems of Care
- Cole YMCA
- Brightpoint
- Council on Aging
- Life & Family Services
- Women's Care Center WIC
- Children's First Center
- Noble County Health Department
- Various food banks
- RSVP
- St. Martins Health Clinic
- Child Protective Services
- Law enforcement agencies
- Parks Departments
- Noble Trails
- Noble House Ministries

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noble County Fair Board • Purdue Extension • PULSE of Noble County • Mayors Youth Advisory Board • Inspiration Ministries • Hickory Recovery • Augusta Hills Learning Center • THRIVE Noble County
Local media outlets that reach the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KPC News • The News Sun • FW Newspapers • HAWK radio station • WANE 15 (TV) • PBS (TV) • WOWO (radio) • Multiple radio stations around the region • Social Media (Face book, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter)
What are the substances that are most problematic in your community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methamphetamine • Alcohol • Tobacco • Vaping • Marijuana • Heroin • Prescription medications • Fentanyl (single use and attached to other substances) • CBD • Delta 8 • Synthetic Marijuana • Less common but available and a concern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spice ○ Cocaine ○ Suboxone ○ Inhalants
List all substance use/misuse services/activities/programs presently taking place in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Free Noble County • CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) for first responders • Crisis Response Teams • Sources of Strength Program at EN schools • SKILLS Community Service Program • Work Release (Community Corrections) • Tall Cop High in Plain Sight program • Prime for Life • SCRAM (Self Care Remote Alcohol Monitoring) • DARE • Moral Recognition Therapy MRT (with Bowen Center & Northeastern Center)

- DV MRT (Domestic Violence)
- Living in Balance
- Guiding Good Choices
- Peer Recovery
- AD (Alcohol/Drug Program through probation)
- Law enforcement programs in the schools
- Collaborations
- Law Enforcement public education initiatives
- Serenity House concert
- Motivational Enhancement Therapy
- Drug Free Lunch & Learns
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Dialectical Behavioral Therapy
- Shop with a cop
- Kendallville Libraries- Movies in the Park sponsor
- All 3 school districts have mental health assistance programs
- United Way Community Conversations
- Drug Court
- Veterans Court
- Family Reconciliation Court
- Trunk & Treat in Rome City
- Celebrate Recovery
- AA/NA/Etc. meetings MRT program for men and women
- Thinking for a Change
- MRT Matrix
- MRT and AA at the jail
- DBT; IOP Matrix
- United Way Day of Caring
- Purdue Extension parenting and budgeting programs
- Impact Institute Criminal Justice Program
- East Noble High School Criminal Justice Program
- School Resource Officers in all school districts
- Safe Schools/School Safety programs
- Systems of Care
- Domestic Violence Task Force
- Bowen Center Student Assistance Program
- Club Recovery Alanon

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. Norms, customs & policies that permit or promote substance abuse	1. Drug Free Noble County 2. Collaborations for education initiatives 3. Noble County courts active problem solving courts (Drug Court, Family Court and Veteran's Court programs)	1. Community awareness & education programs are insufficient 2. Lack connections to employers & other key players 3. Resources to effectively combat normalization of ATOD use.
2. Limited prevention & recovery resources	1. Treatment facilities are actively involved in Drug Free Noble County coalition 2. All Noble County school districts have mental health programs in place for students 3. Schools actively collaborate with DFNC partners for prevention programs	1. Shortage of sufficient treatment options 2. Insufficient prevention education in schools 3. Insufficient family support programs

¹Risk and protective factors extracted from IUPUI Center for Health Policy Community Conditions Favorable for Substance Use, April 2018.

3. Actual and perceived availability and use of ATOD's	1. School resources officers active in all school districts 2.Shatter the Myths social norming campaigns 3. Community programs that promote alcohol free activities	1. Community outreach and education is limited 2. Media- literacy (resistance to pro-use messages) is insufficient 3. Insufficient public education regarding ATOD's & addiction
Protective Factors	Resources/Assets	Limitations/Gaps
1. Exposure to evidence based & evidence informed programs, strategies and initiatives for prevention and recovery	1. Mental health providers utilize MRT and other evidence-based treatment options 2.Active Drug Court, Veterans Court and Family Reconciliation Court 3. Safe Schools/ School Safety programs	1. Lack sufficient prevention programs for youth 2. Lack of community awareness of effective strategies/resources 3. Insufficient access to ATOD training opportunities
2. Social networks & support systems within the community	1. Diversity of stakeholders/ membership in DFNC Coalition 2. Strong interconnected recovery community 3. DFNC coalition members are positively engaged in community	1. Lack strong connections to faith-based organizations 2. Lack strong connection to employers 3. Lack coordinated outreach system
3. Range of opportunities in the community for youth and family engagement	1. Criminal Justice Programs at high schools 2.Community Learning center is expanding options for all ages 3. Community engagement nights i.e. Movies in the Park/ annual softball event/ Serenity House Concert, etc.	1. Lack sufficient outreach to engage youth in prevention efforts 2. Lack of interest/apathy among community members to engage in positive outreach activities 3. Lack sufficient connectors to engage in additional outreach

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. Norms, customs & policies that permit or promote substance abuse	1. Community understanding of laws related to ATOD's continue to be a problem in Noble County 2. Community understanding of addiction and the use of ATOD's is a problem in Noble County 3. Community understanding of the economic and community impact of ATOD's use is a problem in Noble County
2. Limited prevention & recovery resources	1. Availability of treatment & recovery options for individuals and families is a problem in Noble County 2. Availability of effective prevention programs for youth continues to be a problem in Noble County 3. Access to effective intervention & prevention resources continues to be a problem in Noble County
3. Actual and perceived availability and use of ATOD's	1. ATOD use & abuse by youth and adults is a problem in Noble County 2. Perceived peer use of ATOD's is higher than actual reported use in Noble County 3. Community understanding of addiction and the use of ATOD's is a problem in Noble County

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. ATOD use & abuse by youth and adults is a problem in Noble County	Past Month Usage % of respondents								2022 Indiana Youth Survey (This is a biennial survey conducted in even years only) 2024 Indiana Youth Survey – NO Noble County Schools Participated
	Substance	8th NE Region	IN State	10th NE Region	IN State	12th NE Region	IN State		
	Alcohol	8.4	8.2	15.5	12.5	24.4	19.9		
	Binge Drinking	2.8	2.5	4.1	4.0	9.6	8.2		
	Marijuana	5.7	4.0	11.4	8.4	20.2	12.6		
	Cigarettes	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	3.6	2.8		
	Vaping	8.5	7.5	13.3	11.0	18.0	14.8		
	RX Drugs	.9	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.1	1.5		
	Adult Usage: Treatment Center Reports (total):								
	Bowen Health NOBLE		BC 2018	BC 2019	BC 2020	BC 2021	BC 2022	BC 2023	
Total Clients Served		1256	1142	1366	1119	1927	1961	1543	
Total Addiction Clients		200	209	248	227	238	239	194	
Age 18+Old		92%	93% / 194	92% / 227	97% / 220	95% / 227	95% / 228	93% / 180	
Male/Female		119 / 81	126 /83	149 /99	137 /90	155 /83	15 /82	112/82	
Alcohol		20%	26%	28%	19%	19%	21%	24%	
Amphetamines (Other Stimulant Use)		31%	35%	29%	24%	24%	23%	32%	
Cannabis		22%	17%	20%	18%	16%	18%	15%	
Opioid (Opioid / Multiple Drug Use)		18%	14%	21%	11%	8%	8%	7%	
2018 -2024 Compiled Noble County Provider Data									

Northeastern Center NOBLE		NEC CY2018	NEC FY2019 7/1/18- 6/30/19	NEC FY2020 7/1/19- 6/30/20	NEC FY2021 7/1/2- 6/30/21	NEC FY2022 7/1/21- 6/30/22	NEC FY2023 7/1/22- 6/30/23	NEC FY2024 7/1/23- 6/30/24
Total Addiction Clients Served*		927	472	388*	532*	443*	346*	503* A459 Y44
Total Addiction Clients* (Primary dx of SA)		680	472	388*	532*	443*	346*	503*
Age 18+Old		97%/ 903	93.6%/442	93.5%/388	94%/502	97%/443	89%/346	91%/459
Male/Female		626/301						
Alcohol		41.7%/ 387	36.2%/171	49.48%/192	38%/202	36.34%/202	36.71%/116	A39.4%/181 Y20.5%/9
Amphetamines, Stimulants		33%/306	34.3%/162	47.16%/183	37%/197	32.51%/197	33.86%/107	A32.7%/150
Cannabis		36.8%/342	38.8%/183	49.74%/193	41.2%/219	33.86%/219	44.30%/140	A46.6%/214 Y86.4%/38
Opioid		9.5%/88	7.8%/37	13.14%/51	8.6%/46	10.16%/46	7.59%/24	A8.3%/38
<p>NEC NOTE:</p> <p>*FY2019 and FY2020 are persons served who are Noble County residents which is more what those numbers should be about</p> <p>*FY2019 Total Addiction Clients “Overall Substance Abuse/Addiction Diagnosis” Report is based on 472 Total (442 Adults/30 Youth)</p> <p>*FY2020 Total Addiction Clients “Overall Adult Diagnosis Substance Use Disorder” Report” is based on 388 Total (388 Adults) (27 Youth NOT included)</p> <p>*FY2021 Total Addiction Clients “Overall Adult Diagnosis Substance Use Disorder” Report” is based on 532 Total (502 Adults/30 Youth)</p> <p>*FY2022 Total Addiction Clients “Overall Adult Diagnosis Substance Use Disorder” Report is based on 443 Total (443 Adults) (16 Youth NOT included)</p> <p>*FY2023 Total Addiction Clients “Overall Adult Diagnosis Substance Use Disorder” Report is based on 346 Total (346 Adults) (43 Youth Not included)</p> <p>*FY2024 Total Provided Addiction Treatment based on 503 (459 Adults/44 Youth)</p>								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noble County's has an adult smoking rate of 19%, an Excessive Drinking rate of 18% and an Alcohol-Impaired driving rate of 17% 50.4% of treatment episodes in Noble County reported meth use with 29.9% meeting criteria for meth dependence. It is important to note that the Northeast quadrant of counties (DeKalb, Noble, Steuben, LaGrange) had a combined 46.35% reported use of meth treatment episodes. These rural communities continue to see methamphetamine use at a higher rate than surrounding urban communities (i.e., Allen County rate of meth use reported is 29.4%). Note: Rural areas have seen slight decreases and urban areas continue to see increases in meth use/dependence. Noble County Child Protective Services report that 84.2% of children removed from the home in 2023 was due to parent alcohol and/or drug abuse (compared to IN state average of 58.2%) 	<p>2025 County Health rankings report</p> <p>2024 IN State Epidemiological Report on Consumption & Consequences of ATOD</p> <p>2024 IN Prevention Resource Center</p>
2. Community understanding of addiction and the use of ATOD's is a problem in Noble County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding Somewhat to Very Much to the statement that Adults in Noble County "perceive alcohol, tobacco and other drug use as harmless" 2019- 51.54% (SA, A) (Strongly Agree/Agree) 2021- 52.75% (SA, A) (Strongly Agree/Agree) *2022 Question Changed "perceive alcohol, vaping and marijuana use as harmless" 2022- 72.66% (SA, A) (Strongly Agree/Agree) 2023/2024- 73.11% (SA, A) (Strongly Agree/Agree) 2025-63.07% (SA, A) (Strongly Agree/Agree) Responding Somewhat to Very Much to the statement that <u>Youth</u> in Noble County "perceive alcohol, tobacco and other drug use as harmless" 2019- 62.17% (Strongly Agree/Agree) 2021- 65.93% (Strongly Agree/Agree) *2022 Question Changed "perceive alcohol, vaping and marijuana use as harmless" 2022- 78.91% (SA, A) (Strongly Agree/Agree) 2023/2024 – 76.59% (SA, A) (Strongly Agree/Agree) 2025- 72.98% (SA, A) (Strongly Agree/Agree) 	<p>2019 2021 2022 2023-2024 2025</p> <p>Noble County Annual Community Survey</p> <p>Note: Due to Covid 19 DFNC did not conduct our annual community survey in 2020.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noble county respondents that were aware of the Indiana Lifeline Law 2019- 45.4% (True) 2021- 53.09% (True) Corrected 2022- 53.64% (True) 2023/2024 – 47.78% (True) 2025- 46.6% (True) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noble County respondents who are aware of Aaron’s Law in relationship to access to Naloxone/Narcan 2023/2024 – 72.22% (True) 2025- 63.11 % (True) ○ Noble County respondents that indicated they have a friend or family member who struggles with a substances abuse disorder/addiction. 2023/2024 – 67.37% (True) 2025- 55.28% (True) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There is a distinct disconnect between teens reported use of substances and their peers perception of their use. The below table represents the total % of students in the NE region that believe their peers used substance at some point in the last month. <div><p>Monthly Use of Various Substances by 7 - 12th Grade Students, 2020</p><table><tr><th></th><th>Cigarettes</th><th>Alcohol</th><th>Marijuana</th><th>Prescription Drugs</th></tr><tr><td>Actual Reported Use</td><td>3.5</td><td>15.1</td><td>8.5</td><td>2.0</td></tr><tr><td>Perception of Peer Use</td><td>26.5</td><td>37.1</td><td>37.3</td><td>25.1</td></tr></table></div>		Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs	Actual Reported Use	3.5	15.1	8.5	2.0	Perception of Peer Use	26.5	37.1	37.3	25.1	<p>2020 Indiana Youth Survey (This is a biennial survey conducted in even years only)</p> <p>2024 Indiana Youth Survey – NO Noble County Schools Participated</p>
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3. Access to effective intervention and prevention resources continues to be a problem in Noble County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Noble County currently has 67 total “beds” for those in recovery programs at Serenity House, Noble House Ministries and Inspiration Ministries combined.Hickory Recovery 28 day program is partially open with 90 total beds available when fully opened.Noble County responses to “Whom would you contact if you or someone you know had a drug/alcohol problem/substance abuse disorder? (Multiple answers given/allowed) 2022- <table><tr><td>Mental Health Center/Counselor</td><td>62.2%</td></tr><tr><td>Clergy/Pastor</td><td>32.28%</td></tr><tr><td>Substance Use Recovery Meetings</td><td>53.54%</td></tr><tr><td>Substance Use Recovery Homes</td><td>25.98%</td></tr><tr><td>Parent/Family Member</td><td>58.27%</td></tr></table>	Mental Health Center/Counselor	62.2%	Clergy/Pastor	32.28%	Substance Use Recovery Meetings	53.54%	Substance Use Recovery Homes	25.98%	Parent/Family Member	58.27%	<p>2022 Recovery Home Data</p> <p>2019 2021 2022 2023/2024 2025 Noble County Annual Community Survey</p>					
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	<p>School Counselor/Teacher 23.62%</p> <p>Drug Free Noble County 22.83%</p> <p>I would not know who to contact 6.30%</p> <p>2023/2024</p> <p>Mental Health Center/Counselor 57.45%</p> <p>Clergy/Pastor 29.79%</p> <p>Substance Use Recovery Meetings 41.49%</p> <p>Substance Use Recovery Homes 24.47%</p> <p>Parent/Family Member 41.49%</p> <p>988 Mental Crisis Hotline Number 22.34%</p> <p>School Counselor/Teacher 14.89%</p> <p>Drug Free Noble County 20.21%</p> <p>I would not know who to contact 10.64%</p> <p>2025</p> <p>Mental Health Center/Counselor 51.82%</p> <p>Clergy/Pastor 37.27%</p> <p>Substance Use Recovery Meetings 50.00%</p> <p>Substance Use Recovery Homes 26.36%</p> <p>Parent/Family Member 43.64%</p> <p>988 Mental Crisis Hotline Number 19.09%</p> <p>School Counselor/Teacher 17.27%</p> <p>Drug Free Noble County 13.64%</p> <p>I would not know who to contact 14.55%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noble County had a Mental Health provider ratio of 990:1 (pop/provider) compared to Indiana overall of 470:1 ○ Noble County had 22 overdose deaths and 17 suicides in 2024 per 100,000 people ○ Noble County has an estimated 3076 children under 5 years old & 3,388 5–9-year-olds. (2019-2023 ACS 5-year estimates). Noble County is ranked 81st in the state for early education (3-4 year old) enrollment. 	<p>2025 County Health rankings report</p> <p>2025 Indiana Youth Institute Data Book</p>
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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. ATOD use & abuse by youth and adults is a problem in Noble County	1. Support the law enforcement needs and activities to reduce access to alcohol for youth, detect impaired drivers, and other efforts to reduce alcohol and drug problems in the county 2. Support alternative activities for youth 3. Support public and social service agencies that work with youth to identify and reduce risk factors that contribute to ATOD use in youth
2. Community understanding of addiction and the use of ATOD's is a problem in Noble County	1. Support local educational forums to be held on issues related to ATOD 2. Support drug testing efforts for identification of drug use in Noble County 3. Raise Mental Health Awareness and its relation to substance abuse
3. Access to effective intervention and prevention resources continues to be a problem in Noble County	1. Support programs & organizations that provide treatment and recovery services in Noble County 2. Support prevention education programs provided through schools and other community organizations 3. Support programs that delay or prevent the first use of ATOD

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 DFNC will see a 1% reduction in the NE IN regional 10 th grade vaping rate of 13.3% by 12/2026 as measured by the Indiana Youth Survey.
Goal 2 DFNC will increase the number of adults in Noble County obtaining treatment & recovery services by 5% by 12/2026 measured by local treatment center and recovery homes year-end annual service numbers.
Problem Statement #2
Goal 1 DFNC will increase understanding of IN laws related to underage alcohol use by 5% by 6/2026 as measured by annual responses to related questions in the Noble County Community Survey utilizing 2018 survey as baseline data.
Goal 2 DFNC will increase annual ATOD's education/ messaging reach to diverse community members by continuing PAW (Parents at Work) outreach programs and hosting 2 Community Education opportunities by 6/2026.
Problem Statement #3
Goal 1 DFNC will partner with NC Thrive by Five to develop and pilot an ATOD's & trauma involved education & awareness program for early childhood education and childcare staff/providers in Noble County by 6/2026 that can be replicated by NE IN Early childhood Coalition.
Goal 2 100% of Noble County K-12 public school districts and 50% of Noble County K-12 private/alternative schools will participate in effective prevention/education programs at one or more grade levels as measured by school and partner program data by 6/2026.

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>DFNC will see a 1% reduction in the NE IN regional 10th grade vaping rate of 13.3% by 12/2026 as measured by the Indiana Youth Survey.</p>	<p>1. Prevention/Education - Support alternative activities for youth</p> <p>2. Intervention/Treatment - Support public and social service agencies that work with youth to identify and reduce risk factors that contribute to ATOD use in youth</p> <p>3. Justice Services/Supports - Support law enforcement needs and activities to reduce access to alcohol for youth, detect impaired drivers, and other efforts to reduce alcohol and drug problems in the county</p>
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>DFNC will increase the number of adults in Noble County obtaining treatment & recovery services by 5% by 12/2026 measured by local treatment center and recovery homes year-end annual service numbers.</p>	<p>1. Prevention/Education - Support education initiatives that engage multiple sectors of the community</p> <p>2. Intervention/Treatment - Support programs that encourage positive healthy family relationships</p> <p>3. Justice Services/Supports - Support law enforcement programs/courts that work to reduce offender abuse of and/or addiction to ATOD thus decreasing related criminal activity.</p>
Problem Statement #2	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>DFNC will increase understanding of IN laws related to underage alcohol use by 5% by 6/2026 as measured by annual responses to related questions in the Noble County Community Survey utilizing 2018 survey as baseline data</p>	<p>1. Prevention/Education - Support local educational forums to be held on issues related to ATOD</p> <p>2. Intervention/Treatment - Support programs that mental health awareness</p> <p>3. Justice Services/Supports - Support drug testing efforts for identification of drug use in Noble County</p>
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>DFNC will increase annual ATOD's education/ messaging reach to diverse community members by continuing PAW (Parents at Work) outreach programs and hosting 2 community education opportunities by 6/2026.</p>	<p>1. Prevention/Education - Support prevention education programs provided through schools and other community organizations</p> <p>2. Intervention/Treatment - Support programs & organizations that provide treatment and recovery services in Noble County</p>

	3. Justice Services/Supports - Support law enforcement programs/courts that work to reduce offender abuse of and/or addiction to ATOD thus decreasing related criminal activity
Problem Statement #3	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>DFNC will partner with NC Thrive by Five to develop and pilot an ATOD's & trauma involved education & awareness program for early childhood education and childcare staff/providers in Noble County by 6/2026 that can be replicated by NE IN Early childhood Coalition.</p>	<p>1. Prevention/Education - - Support local educational forums to be held on issues related to ATOD</p> <p>2. Intervention/Treatment - Support programs & organizations that provide treatment and recovery services in Noble County</p> <p>3. Justice Services/Supports - Support law enforcement programs/courts that work to reduce offender abuse of and/or addiction to ATOD thus decreasing related criminal activity.</p>
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>100% of Noble County K-12 public school districts and 50% of Noble County K-12 private/alternative schools will participate in effective prevention/education programs at one or more grade levels as measured by school and partner program data by 6/2026.</p>	<p>1. Prevention/Education - support prevention/education programs provided through the schools & community partners</p> <p>2. Intervention/Treatment - support programs & organizations that provide treatment and recovery services in Noble County</p> <p>3. Justice Services/Supports - support school resource officers' efforts in public schools</p>

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: 2024 Deposits	\$41,325.71
2	Amount of unused funds from last year that will roll over into this year:	\$0.00
3	Total funds available for programs and administrative costs for this year (Line 1 + Line 2): 2024 Deposits	\$41,325.71
4	Amount of funds granted last year: 2024 Grants from 2023 Deposits	\$34,227.63
Additional Funding Sources (if no money is received, please enter \$0.00)		
A	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): 2024 STOP Income JAN-APR	\$24,285.82
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:	\$27,188.00
J	Other:	\$17,760.00
Categorical Funding Allocations		
Prevention/Education: \$10,331.43	Intervention/Treatment: \$10,331.43	Justice Services: \$10,331.43
Funding allotted to Administrative costs:		
<i>Itemized list of what is being funded</i>		<i>Amount (\$100.00)</i>
Coordinator compensation <i>Funds are utilized as part of administrative/operating expenses which consist of: Salary/Wages & Payroll Expenses towards DFNC Executive Director & Administrative Assistant, Office Supplies, Phone/Internet, Postage, Photocopying, Property Liability/Bonding Insurance</i>		\$10,331.42
Office supplies		\$
Funding Allocations by Goal per Problem Statement:		
Problem Statement #1	Problem Statement #2	Problem Statement #3
Goal 1: \$5,165.72	Goal 1: \$5,165.72	Goal 1: \$5,165.72
Goal 2: \$5,165.71	Goal 2: \$5,165.71	Goal 2: \$5,165.71