

The Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse



Behavioral Health Division

Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Warrick

LCC Name: Warrick County Cares- Drug- Free Council

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Vision Statement

What is your Local Coordinating Council's vision statement?

Warrick County Cares- Drug Free Council's vision is to be a community of healthy, productive families, free of drug and alcohol-misuse that engage in community and educational activities and present themselves as positive role models, knowing they are people of value and worth.

Mission Statement

What is your Local Coordinating Council's mission statement?

The mission of Warrick County Cares- Drug Free Council is for individuals and organizations to collaborate and establish a strong foundation for our community by advocating against substance misuse, providing resources, and promoting well-being.

Membership List					
#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Keisha Willis	Youth First, War. Co. Cares	Cau	F	Family, Youth, Education/ Prevention
2	Alysia Rhinefort	CASA	Cau	F	Youth, Family
3	Carla Kidwell	Purdue Coop. Extension Ofc.	Cau	F	Youth, Education
4	Carrie Vickers	Tri-Cap	Cau	F	Youth, Family
5	Christina Wicks	YWCA	Cau	F	Youth, Parent, Community
6	Jo Gilreath	Purdue Coop. Extension Ofc.	Cau	F	Youth, Parent, Education
7	Jenny Singleton	Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare	Cau	F	Treatment, Self-Help
8	Jennifer Greer	Warrick Prosecutor	Cau	F	Treatment, Law
9	Joe Branson	Now Counseling	Cau	M	Treatment
10	Joe Strode	Indiana Youth Institute	Cau	M	Education/ Prevention
11	Katy Barnes	Warrick County School Corp	Cau	F	Youth, Family, Education, Prevention
12	Lisa Myer	St. Vincent/ Ascension	Cau	F	Education/ Prevention, Medicine
13	Nicole Taylor	CASA	Cau	F	Family, Youth
14	Paul Kruse	War. Co. Sheriff's Office	Cau	M	Law Enforcement
15	Sidney Hardgrave	Community Foud. Alliance	Cau	F	Community

16	Susan Melfi	Newburgh Chandler Pub. Lib	Cau	F	Education, Youth, Family
17	Tasha Staats	Tri-Cap	Cau	F	Youth, Family
18	Trista Smith	Newburgh Chandler Pub. Lib	Cau	F	Education, Youth, Family
19	Ginny France	Anthem	Cau	F	Community
20	Jordan Carr	Newburgh Police Dept.	Cau	F	Law Enforcement
21	Jean Carter	Hope for Warrick County	Cau	F	Community
22	Stacey Christian	Tri-Cap Headstart	Cau	F	Youth, Family
23	Tina Normington	Trip-Cap Headstart	Cau	F	Youth, Family
24	Kent Leslie	Youth First	Cau	M	Youth, Family, Education, Prevention, Community
25	Debra Bennett- Stearsman	County Administrator	Cau	F	Community
26	Debbie Courtney	Hope Central	Cau	F	Community
27	Josh Sanders	Firebrand Ministry	Cau	F	Treatment, Community
28	Lynn Kyle	Lampion Center	Cau	F	Treatment, Youth, Family
29	Stevie McKeethen	Ascension St. Vincent	Cau	F	Healthcare
30	Jennifer Boester	Heritage Federal Credit Union	Cau	F	Business
31	Sarah Godshall	Warrick Health Dept.	Cau	F	Healthcare, Community

LCC Meeting Schedule:

Please provide the months the LCC meets throughout the year:

February

April

June

August

October

December

All meeting dates are subject to change/ reschedule.

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
Warrick
County Population
64,650 per 2025 Indiana KIDS COUNT Data Book Under 18 = 15,039
50.8% female per US Census 2020 49.2% male
Schools in the community
Warrick County School Corporation – contains 18 schools throughout the county, including 10 Elementary schools, 4 Middle Schools, 3 High Schools, 1 Vocational Education Center, and 1 Alternative School. St. John the Baptist Catholic School Evansville Christian School – Elementary & High School campuses are in Warrick County
Medical care providers in the community (hospitals, health care centers, medical centers/clinics, etc.)
Ascension St. Vincent and Health Care Center (including all community locations), Deaconess Gateway Campus of the Deaconess Health system (including all community locations), The Women's Hospital, Urgent Care, Primary Plus+ Care, Encompass Health Deaconess Rehabilitation Hospital, Masiha Free Speciality Clinic, Warrick County Health Department
Mental health care providers in the community (hospitals with psychiatric/behavioral health units, mental health clinics, private/public providers, etc.)
Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare (Boonville) & Stepping Stones (Evansville) Brentwood Springs (Newburgh) Now Counseling (Evansville) LittleStar ABA (Newburgh) Lampion Center (Evansville) Multiple Private providers
Service agencies/organizations

<p>Department of Child Services, Division of Family Resources, Tri-Cap, Southern Indiana Resource Solution, First Steps, Head Start, Red Cross, Sr. Citizens, Council on Aging, Township Trustees, Warrick Area Transit System, Purdue Cooperative Extension Services, Studio Bee Community Youth Center, Youth First, YMCA, Warrick County Child Support, Warrick County CASA, Warrick County Farm Service Agency, Indiana 211, Warrick County Community Corrections, Warrick County Veterans Services, Warrick County Court Appointed Special Advocate, Habitat for Humanity, Encountering Hope Ministries, Hemenway Memorial Presbyterian Church (Soup Kitchen), Main Street United Methodist Church (summer meal program for youth), Southside Baptist Food Pantry, Warrick County Council on Aging, Warrick Ecumenical Soup Kitchen, Chandler Cumberland Presbyterian Church Food Bank, Chandler United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Bread of Life Ministries, Newburgh Senior Center, Optimal Rhythms/ ACCESS Academy, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Warrick Literacy and Education Connections, Restore Ministries, Impact Ministries, Warrick County 4-H, Warrick County Libraries.</p>
<p>Local media outlets that reach the community</p> <p>WEVV, WEHT, WFIE, WNIN, WTVW, WBNL, WIKY, Evansville Courier & Press, News 4U, Warrick News, The Standard, Various Social Media Platforms</p>
<p>What are the substances that are most problematic in your community?</p> <p>Alcohol Vaping Products Marijuana Opiates Fentanyl Methamphetamine Tobacco</p>
<p>List all substance use/misuse services/activities/programs presently taking place in the community</p> <p>Outpatient counseling – Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare Outpatient counseling, inpatient treatment – Brentwood Springs Outpatient counseling- Lampion Center Outpatient counseling- NOW Counseling Warrick County Drunk Driving and Drug Court AA, NA Meetings Youth First Programs and Services</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; several new bars and vape shops opening up; lack of transportation.

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. Availability of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs (specifically marijuana, opiates and alcohol).	1. Warrick County Drunk Driving and Drug Court - judiciary 2. Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare - treatment 3. Brentwood Springs – treatment 4. NA/ AA meetings	1. Few treatment options available in Warrick County- no youth residential substance misuse treatment options. 2. Lack of financial resources for prevention & treatment. 3. Limited recreational opportunities for youth where substances are not present.
2. Substance misuse among adults and youth.	1. Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare - treatment 2. Brentwood Springs – treatment 3. Youth First School Mental Health Professionals and prevention programs- prevention	1. Waitlists to be seen by mental health specialist. 2. Lack of financial resources for prevention & treatment. 3. Limited treatment centers in the county.

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

	4. Warrick County Drunk Driving and Drug Court-judiciary	
3. Limited prevention programs and resources	1. Youth First afterschool program 2. Purdue Cooperative Extension programming 3. Warrick County 4-H 4. Studio Bee Community Youth Center	1. Lack of funding for programs and prevention. 2. Decrease in attendance to at programming (virtual and in person). 3. Limited afterschool programming. 4. Families can have more responsibilities than they have time and ability to manage.
Protective Factors	Resources/Assets	Limitations/Gaps
1. Community supports available.	1. Youth First prevention Programs & Services 2. Purdue Cooperative Extension Services 3. Warrick County 4-H 4. Studio Bee Community Youth Center 5. Tri-Cap	1. Prevention resources are needed. 2. Employment skill training is needed. 3. Lack of parental supervision and disapproval for use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.
2. Treatment services.	1. Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare & Stepping Stone-treatment 2. Brentwood Springs – treatment 3. AA/NA Meetings - recovery	1. More treatment options are needed. 2. Not all county residents are open to treatment and/or counseling. 3. Some do not have access to insurance to cover counseling/treatment. 4. Limited options for transportation to treatment or recovery services.

3. Anti-Drug activities.	1. Extra curricular activities, After Prom and After Graduation events 2. 4-H program and events 3. Studio Bee Community Youth Center	1. Not all students are involved or attend. 2. Need more creative learning experiences that students are willing to be involved in. 3. Funding is limited for activities to be held.
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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 misuse 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 tobacco, alcohol and other drugs (specifically marijuana, opiates and alcohol).	1. Warrick County community members have access to tobacco, alcohol and marijuana. 2. Opioid, fentanyl, and methamphetamine misuse continue to increase. 3. Majority of trauma and violence experienced in Warrick County involve alcohol and/or other drugs.

2. Substance misuse among adults and youth.	<p>1. Youth and adults are riding in a car where a driver is operating under the influence.</p> <p>2. Limited creative anti-drug/alcohol activities are available.</p> <p>3. Tobacco, vapes, alcohol and marijuana are easily accessible.</p>
3. Limited prevention programs and resources	<p>1. Lack of mental health and substance misuse services youth, adults, and families.</p> <p>2. Attendance at afterschool programming is minimized by conflicting life events occurring in a family.</p>

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. Opiate, fentanyl, and methamphetamine use is increasing, while tobacco, alcohol and marijuana use continues.	<p>According to Warrick County Court Services, participants are increasingly dealing with opiate, fentanyl, and methamphetamine addiction issues.</p> <p>Indiana 9th-12th graders reported lower than US average monthly use of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, alcohol, binge drinking, and electronic vapor products, but it's still a problem,</p> <p>Substance/drug use/abuse was ranked #2 identified health need in Warrick County.</p> <p>25% of driving deaths in Warrick County involved alcohol misuse.</p>	<p>Warrick County Drunk Driving and Drug Court</p> <p>Indiana Youth Survey ATOD 2022</p> <p>Community Health Needs Assessment, Warrick County Indiana – 2022</p> <p>Fatality analysis reporting system 2022 county health ranking.</p>

2. Many families do not seek counseling or treatment services.	<p>Percentage of total removals with parental alcohol and/or drug use 79.6% .</p> <p>44.8% of 8th graders, 37.1% 10th graders and 43.8% 12th graders perceive their parents have attitude favorable toward antisocial behavior.</p> <p>Mental health was ranked #1 identified health need in Warrick County; and substance/drug use/abuse was ranked #2.</p> <p>Warrick County had 106 admissions for treatment.</p>	<p>Indiana Department of Child Services, Received from DCS Public Record Requests, 2023</p> <p>Indiana Youth Survey ATOD 2022.</p> <p>Community Health Needs Assessment, Warrick County Indiana – 2022</p> <p>IPRC County Epidemiological Data 2024</p>
3. Creative anti-drug/alcohol activities are limited for county residents.	<p>Number of school suspensions/ expulsion incidents in 2022-2023 school year was 162.</p> <p>Warrick County 8th, 10th, & 12th graders reported lower than US average monthly use of electronic vapor products, marijuana, and alcohol; however, it's still a problem for Warrick County teens. School principals are reporting vaping is the #1 concern for the schools.</p>	<p>IPRC County Epidemiological Data 2024</p> <p>National Institute of Health 2022</p> <p>Indiana Youth Survey 2022</p>

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. Opiate, fentanyl, and methamphetamine use is increasing, while tobacco, alcohol and marijuana use continues.	<p>1. Support and increase funding for judicial needs.</p>

	2. Encourage criminal justice, treatment, and prevention agencies to attend LCC meetings to discuss need to increase awareness of issue.
2. Many families do not seek counseling or treatment services.	<p>1. Increase awareness and availability for families to participate in positive family programming/ activities or free counseling services available to them.</p> <p>2. Make resource guide available to community.</p> <p>3. Support efforts of counseling and treatment providers in Warrick, as well as surrounding counties.</p>
3. Creative anti-drug/alcohol activities are limited for county residents.	<p>1. Support funding for ATOD prevention programs that reach county residents of all ages and backgrounds.</p> <p>2. Support and share Anti-ATOD events, programs, etc. in the community for all residents.</p> <p>3. Provide education and information to the public about the consequences of ATOD.</p>

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 Opiate, fentanyl, and methamphetamine use is increasing, while tobacco, alcohol and marijuana use continues.
<p>Goal 1 Fund at least one grant application that support criminal justice agencies or law enforcement in the 2025 grant cycle.</p> <p>Goal 2 Request criminal justice and law enforcement officers to present data at coalition meetings for community members to understand the concerns within the judicial system in Warrick County around substance misuse.</p>
Problem Statement #2 Many families do not seek counseling or treatment services.
Goal 1

Fund at least one grant application to support treatment efforts in the community of Warrick County by March of 2026.
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>Promote updated resource guide online via social media and website, as well as distribute to community agencies and schools.</p>
Problem Statement #3 Creative anti-drug/alcohol activities are limited for county residents.
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>Fund at least two grant applications to support prevention programs in the community by March 2026.</p>
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>By March 2026 have information available for the community on effects of ATOD; post on social media platform (website) and share at coalition meetings</p>

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>Fund at least one grant applications that support criminal justice agencies or law enforcement in the 2026 grant cycle.</p>	<p>1. Promote grant application process to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.</p> <p>2. Support funding for law-enforcement or criminal justice agency's needs.</p>
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>Discuss criminal justice & law enforcements data to understand the concerns within the judicial system regarding substance misuse in the community bi monthly at coalition meetings and brainstorm ways to prevent numbers from increasing.</p>	<p>1. Encourage and invite criminal justice agencies and law enforcement to attend LCC meetings.</p> <p>2. Ask law enforcement and criminal justice agencies share trends they have seen in data they've collected.</p>
Problem Statement #2	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>Fund one or more grant applications to support treatment efforts in the community by March of 2026.</p>	<p>1. Promote grant application process to treatment agencies in the county.</p> <p>2. Support funding for treatment agency's needs.</p> <p>3. Invite and encourage more treatment partners, including those in neighboring Counties, to join/ attend the Warrick</p>

	County Cares & Drug-Free Council meetings.
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>Promote the community resource guide and share evidenced-based programming that are free or reduced price at least 4 times by March of 2026.</p>	<p>1. Collaborate with community partners and schools to distribute Warrick County community resource guide.</p> <p>2. Collaborate with community partners on free or reduced price evidence-based programming that's available to the community.</p> <p>3. Utilize social media outlets to promote evidenced- based programs and services.</p>
Problem Statement #3	Steps
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>Fund at least two grant applications to support prevention programs in the community by March 2026.</p>	<p>1. Promote grant application process to prevention agencies in the county.</p> <p>2. Support funding for prevention agency's needs.</p> <p>3. Invite more prevention partners to join the Warrick County Cares & Drug-Free Council.</p>
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>Provide information to the community on effects of ATOD at least three times a year when events are at its peak by March of 2026.</p>	<p>1. Utilize social media outlets to inform effects of ATOD.</p> <p>2. Work with community partners involved with ATOD programming in a social media campaign.</p> <p>3. Provide positive social messaging to parents, youth, and community members during community and school events.</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:	\$18,507.19
2	Amount of unused funds from last year that will roll over into this year:	\$0
3	Total funds available for programs and administrative costs for this year (Line 1 + Line 2):	\$18,507.19
4	Amount of funds granted last year:	\$21,202.50
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		
<i>Prevention</i> \$4,626.80	<i>Law Enforcement</i> \$4,626.80	<i>Treatment</i> \$4,626.80
Funding allotted to Administrative costs:		
<i>Itemized list of what is being funded</i>		<i>Amount (\$100.00)</i>
Coordinator's Salary		\$4,626.79
Funding Allocations by Goal per Problem Statement:		
Problem Statement #1	Problem Statement #2	Problem Statement #3
Goal 1: \$4,626.79	Goal 1: \$4,626.79	Goal 1: \$4,626.79
Goal 2: \$0.00	Goal 2: \$0.00	Goal 2: \$0.00