

# Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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## Comprehensive Community Plan

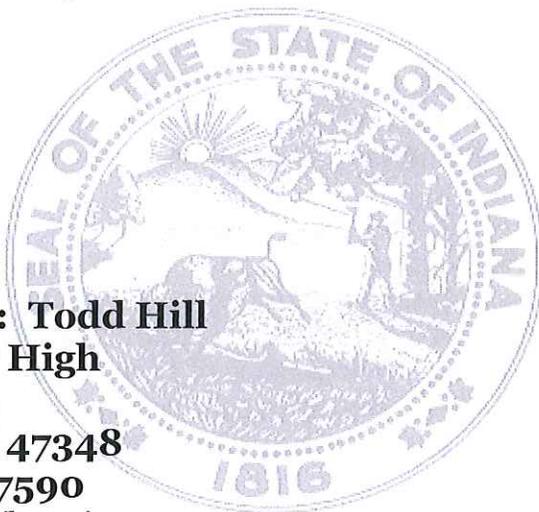
**County: BLACKFORD**

**LCC: DRUG FREE BLACKFORD COUNTY**

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## Plan Summary

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Drug Free Blackford County Board has been and continues to be:

"Effectively combine community interests, concerns, and resources to plan, develop, and implement programs of prevention, education, and intervention; identify needs, design methods to contain, reduce, and eliminate substance abuse; and to provide necessary help for those persons, primarily youth, currently in need in Blackford County." revised 10/1/12 rmk

**History:** First organized in 1990, the Drug Free Blackford County Board is now in its 21st year with continued representation in the areas of prevention, criminal justice, and treatment. Throughout the existence of the Drug Free Board, a special effort has been made to coordinate planning and programs between Blackford County Schools and community-based organizations and agencies, including mental health and law enforcement entities. Over the past 20 years, the Board has made tremendous strides in aiding several programs, and most recently has been able to help agencies purchase equipment, provide training opportunities, promote new programs for adults and adolescents, assist with intervention programs, and support indigent counseling opportunities for individuals.

The Board enacted By-Laws in 1996 to streamline the functions of the Board. Amendments were made to the original By-Laws in 2001 in order to further enhance and clarify the funding procedures and grant application process. Modest changes to the By-Laws were made in 2009 to update forms, membership expectations, and officer responsibilities.

Blackford County is located in the Northeastern part of Indiana. The County is approximately 14 miles square and is the 3rd smallest county in Indiana. In 2009 the population was estimated at 13,000. Of the population, 98.4% is Caucasian with additional percentages made up of persons of Hispanic descent, African-American, American Indian, and Asian. Over 15% of the population is 65 years of age or older. There are approximately 6200 housing units with 78% of them being owner-occupied.

The two largest towns in Blackford County are Hartford City and Montpelier. The County and towns have joined together to create the Blackford County Economic Development Corporation. Both cities have active clubs and organizations in addition to a Chamber of Commerce in each town.

### Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:

The category of Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice has become DFBC's strongest area for funding. With significant changes to the Blackford School personnel, board membership has changed, as well. The majority of members are now associated with Hartford City Police, Blackford County Sheriff Department, and Blackford County Community Corrections. Grants have been awarded to purchase in-car cameras for the road officers. Both Hartford City and Montpelier Police Departments have enlisted the aid of K-9 officers to assist in the detection of illegal substances of abuse. Blackford County

Community Corrections and the Blackford County Security Center, with the support of the Sheriff, have continued Substance Abuse Programs at the Security Center for both local inmates and Indiana Department of Correction inmates housed in the County.

The category of Treatment/Intervention has diminished drastically over the past two years. Quite successful and consistent treatment services were being offered from 2001 through 2009. Referrals have dropped off considerably to the outpatient programs, as well as having had changes in professional staff and supervision of this satellite office of Grant Blackford Mental Health, Hester Hollis Concern Center. The Center no longer offers adolescent substance abuse services locally. The Blackford County Security Center substance abuse programs are contracted with and presented by the mental health agency staff. Contracted programs outside the Jail are also in place through the Community Corrections facility. However, outpatient programs addressing addictions served 26 individuals during 2011.

The Drug Free Blackford County Board recognized the importance and necessity of collaborating among segments of the County and, to that end, hopes to continue to support and promote educational and informative opportunities to the public. The Board, in an effort to coordinate the Community Comprehensive Plan and collaborate with other agencies, has continued the employment of a Coordinator. The Board continues to seek involvement in the community and increase exposure to their activities. An historical short-coming in the County has been in the representation from the medical community and the general citizenry. A venture to merge with a relatively new entity in Blackford County is being discussed. The Blackford Healthy Community Coalition is interested in the Drug Free Communities grant and seeks to involve DFBC as the lead in this process during 2012.

As in past years, this Plan will be reviewed by the Board throughout the year to ensure continued effort toward our objectives. Funding trends of Drug Free Blackford County have been determined by the board membership. In recent years the supportive members have changed from Education-focused to Law Enforcement-focused. Treatment programs and initiatives have waned over the term of this Comprehensive Plan with severe decreases in referrals and in programming by the local mental health provider. Some aspects of these services have been picked up by law enforcement entities, Community Corrections and Security Center.

## Membership List

**County LCC Name:**

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Aaron Henderson	Probation	W	M	Judiciary
2	Jennie Jacobs	Southside Elem	W	F	Education
3	Deb Perry	Comm Correction	W	F	Judiciary
4	Becky Kovacs	Grant Blackford MH	W	F	Treatment
5	Faith Spaulding	Grant Blackford MH	W	F	Treatment
6	Kathleen Bade	BC Schools (retired)	W	F	Education
7	Matt Felver	HC Police Dept	W	M	Law Enforce
8	John Lancaster	BC Sheriff Dept	W	M	Law Enforce
9	Jeff Sones	BC Sheriff Dept	W	M	Law Enforce
10	LaSonda Sylte	Grant Blackford MH	W	F	Treatment
11	Rae Ann O'Neill	Purdue Extension	W	F	Education
12	Brandon Thomas	Alc/Tob Commission	U	M	Law Enforce
13	Todd Hill	BC Junior High	W	M	Education
14	Michelle Burrows	Grant Blackford MH	W	F	Treatment
15	Bill Meyer	HC Police Dept	W	M	Law Enforce
16	Deanna Wagoner	Community	W	F	Community
17	Robyn Clamme	BC Health Dept	W	F	Medical
18	Melinda Otwinowski	Montpelier School	W	F	Education
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## Problem Identification

### A. Problem Statement #1: Abuse of alcohol continues with adults and youth in Blackford County.

#### B. Supportive Data:

1. 260 Adult probation referrals were made with 69 being alcohol-related (26.5%).
2. A total of 84 juvenile arrests were made with 7 being alcohol-related (8%) in 2011.
3. According to Indiana State Police Traffic Safety Facts, there were 13 alcohol-related collisions in Blackford County in 2010.
4. According to the ATOD use by Children and Adolescents Survey, IPRC, 2011, 22.6% of Blackford County students in 12th grade report alcohol use and 16.1% report binge drinking.
5. In the same survey, 15.5% of 11th graders report alcohol use and 14.4% report binge drinking.
6. In the same survey, 13.6% of 10th graders report alcohol use and 11.7% report binge drinking.
7. In the same survey, 11.9% of 9th graders report alcohol use and 6.8% report binge drinking.
8. In the same survey, 14.2% of 8th graders report alcohol use and 7.9% report binge drinking.
9. In the same survey, 8.2% of 7th graders report alcohol use and 6.7% report binge drinking.
10. 26 individual clients were treated for substance abuse issues at Hester Hollis Concern Center in 2011.

#### End of Year 1 Update:

1. 189 Adult probation referrals were made with 43 being alcohol-related (22.8%) in 2012.
2. 60 new Juvenile cases were referred to probation with 4 being alcohol-related (6%) in 2012.
3. Blackford County Sheriff Department reports 4 alcohol-related collisions in the County for 2012. 3 were crashes with injury and 1 was a crash with property damage.
4. - 9. No IPRC Survey completed for 2012. No new data on Student use of alcohol.
10. Adults in Treatment with Hester Hollis Concern Center numbered 11 for alcohol problems. This compares to 26 individuals in 2011 with a decrease of 42% utilization of treatment services.

#### End of Year 2 Update:

1. 123 adult probation referrals were made with 51 being alcohol-related (39%) in 2013
2. 8 Juvenile cases were referred to probation with- being alcohol-related (62%) in 2013.
3. Blackford County Sheriff Dept. reports 13 alcohol-related collisions in the county in 2013. 4 were crashes with injury and 9 were collisions with property damage.
- 4.-9. No IPRC survey completed in 2013.

**10. Adults in treatment with Hester Hollis Concern Center numbered 5 with alcohol problems, a decrease of 65% over 2012.**

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

**C. Goals:**

1. Reduce monthly alcohol usage by 2% among all grade levels over the next 3 years.
2. Reduce alcohol-related crashes by 2% over the next 3 years.
3. Increase convictions for alcohol-related offenses by 1% per year.

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

1. No data on grade-levels for 2012. IPRC Survey not completed in 2012.
2. Alcohol-related crashes decreased by 31% in 2012 over 2011 final update; decrease over the 3 years was 57% from 2009.
3. Alcohol-related convictions decreased by 23% over 2011.

**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

1. No data on grade-levels for 2013, IPRC survey not completed in 2013.
2. Alcohol-related crashes increased by 225% in 2013 over 2012.
3. Alcohol-related offenses, including OWI, numbered 63 in 2013.

**Final Report (end of Year 3):**

**D. Objectives:**

1. Support educational efforts directed toward students in grades k-12 regarding the harmful effects of alcohol.
2. Provide parents with information and education about statistics concerning the use of alcohol among youth in Blackford County.
3. Provide necessary training and tools for local law enforcement to detect illegal alcohol activities.
4. Support local Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and Celebrate Recovery Programs.
5. Support prevention and education of alcohol abuse provided through the schools and other community organizations (i.e. D.A.R.E., Drug Free, etc.)
6. Encourage local participation in Operation Pull-Over Activities.
7. Encourage and support necessary alcohol and drug abuse assessments for Court-referred clients convicted of alcohol- and drug-related offenses.
8. Provide funding to support treatment in the Blackford County Security Center for inmates with alcohol and drug abuse problems.
9. Provide funding for drug/alcohol testing equipment and supplies for the early detection of alcohol/drug use among youth and adults in counseling or receiving Court services.
10. Support positive youth activities and pro-social activities for youth within the schools through Red Ribbon Activities.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

1. 1861 students were impacted during 2012 Red Ribbon Week.
2. Red Ribbon items and information carried home by students, available to parents.
3. DFBC funded the purchase of in-car video camera for Hartford City Police Department in support of detection of illegal alcohol activities.
4. Celebrate Recovery Program is no longer functioning in the County. Alcoholics Anonymous has one meeting in the County.

5. D.A.R.E. is offered to 5th graders in Blackford County, impacting 402 students.
6. DFBC aware of the Operation Pull-Over Activities. No activity.
7. Referrals for assessments of alcohol and drug abuse problems were down.
8. No IDOC or local inmate services were provided during 2012.
9. Grant money allotted to Hester Hollis Concern Center was transferred to purchase of PRIME For Life workbooks for the individuals in treatment. Testing equipment for clients in counseling were obtained from Milestone Services in Marion.
10. Just Say NO! Program had 23 participating 3rd graders at Northside Elementary School.

**End of Year 2 Update:**

1. 1821 students were impacted during 2013 Red Ribbon Week with funding from DFBC.
2. Red Ribbon Week items and information carried home by students, available to parents. Several family events took place during the evenings.
3. DFBC partially funded the purchase of an additional in-car camera for Hartford City Police Department in support of illegal alcohol activities.
4. Celebrate Recovery is still not functioning in the County. Alcoholics Anonymous has one meeting in the County
5. DFBC briefed on local coordinated activities between law enforcement agencies targeting alcohol enforcement.
6. DARE program is offered to 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders in Blackford County, impacting 261 students.
7. Referrals for assessments for drug and alcohol problems were down again this year.
8. No IDOC or local inmate services were provided during 2013.
9. Grant money was once again allotted to Hester Hollis Concern Center for purchasing of PRIME For Life workbooks for 19 individuals in treatment.
10. Just Say No! Program had 24 participating 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Southside Elementary School, funded by DFBC grant.

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

**A. Problem Statement #2: Abuse of prescription drugs continues with adults and youth in Blackford County.**

**B. Supportive Data:**

1. Of the 260 adult probation referrals, 63 (24.2%) were drug-related.
2. Of the 84 juvenile probation referrals, 12 were drug-related.
3. According to Hartford City Police Department records, 13 arrests were made for possession and/or dealing a controlled substance or narcotic drug.
4. According to ATOD use by Children and Adolescents Survey, IPRC, 2011, 1.6% of Blackford County students in 12th grade report prescription drug use.
5. In the same survey, 6.2% of 11th graders report prescription drug use.
6. In the same survey, 1.0% of 10th graders report prescription drug use.
7. In the same survey, 5.9% of 9th graders report prescription drug use.
8. In the same survey, 9.6% of 8th graders report prescription drug use.

9. In the same survey, 4.5% of 7th graders report prescription drug use.
10. Substance abuse treatment program tested for prescription drug use on 36 individuals with 10 positive results.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

1. Of the 189 Adult probation referrals, 19 (10%) were drug-related.
2. of the 60 new Juvenile cases referred to probation, 3 (.05%) were drug-related.
3. Sheriff Department records indicate 79 arrests for possession and/or dealing a controlled substance or narcotic drugs. (2011 numbers were for all Blackford County, as well, although reported by HCPD).
- 4 - 9. No IPRC data this year.
10. Adults in Treatment: 6 completed treatment for abuse of prescription drugs. Drug screens on these individuals resulted in 2 being positive for prescription drug use.

**End of Year 2 Update:**

1. Of the 123 adult probation referrals, 44(35%) were controlled substance-related.
2. Of the 8 juvenile probation referrals, 3(37%) were controlled substance-related.
3. Sheriff Department records indicate 28 arrests for possession and/or dealing a controlled substance.
- 4.-9. No IPRC data for 2013.
10. 13 adults completed treatment for abuse of prescription drugs. 3 of those tested positive for prescription drug use on follow-up drug screens.

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

**C. Goals:**

1. Reduce monthly prescription drug use by 2% among all grade levels over the next 3 years.
2. Increase convictions for illegal prescription drug-related offenses by 1% per year.

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

1. No IPRC data this year.
2. Convictions for illegal prescription drug use increased by .09%.

**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

1. No IPRC data this year.
2. Convictions for illegal prescription drug use not available at this time.

**Final Report (end of Year 3):**

**D. Objectives:**

1. Support educational efforts directed toward students in grades k-12 regarding the harmful effects of prescription drug abuse.
2. Provide parents with information and education about statistics concerning the use of prescription drugs among youth in Blackford County.
3. Provide necessary training and tools for local law enforcement to enforce and detect illegal prescription drug activity.
4. Support local Narcotics Anonymous meetings and Celebrate Recovery Program.

5. Support prevention and education of prescription drug abuse provided through the schools and other community organizations (i.e. D.A.R.E., Drug Free, etc.).
6. Encourage and support necessary alcohol and drug abuse assessments for Court-referred clients convicted of alcohol- and drug-related offenses.
7. Provide funding to support treatment in the Blackford County Security Center for inmates with alcohol and drug abuse problems.
8. Support "drug drop" for expired and unused prescription medication at Sheriff Department.
9. Support prescription drug abuse education in the community.
10. Provide funding for drug/alcohol testing equipment and supplies for the early detection of alcohol and drug use among youth and adults in counseling or receiving court services.
11. Support positive youth activities and pro-social activities for youth within the schools through Red Ribbon activities.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

1. 1861 students were impacted during 2012 Red Ribbon Week.
2. Red Ribbon items and information carried home by students, available to parents.
3. DFBC funded the purchase of in-car video camera for Hartford City Police Department in support of detection of illegal alcohol activities.
4. Celebrate Recovery Program is no longer functioning in the County. Narcotics Anonymous has three meetings in the County.
5. D.A.R.E. is offered to 5th graders in Blackford County, impacting 402 students.
6. Treatment referrals to local mental health agency were 23.
7. No inmate-focused treatment was offered at BCSC during 2012 due to fewer IDOC inmates being housed at local facility.
8. Drug Drop in Blackford County continues.
9. Grant money for purchase of drug testing kits was transferred to the purchase of treatment program workbooks. Drug testing was offered and supplied by Grant Blackford Mental Health and continues to those individuals in treatment programs, as well as mental health services.
10. Drug "buy money" was granted to Blackford County Sheriff Dept for use illegal drug-related activity arrests.
11. Just Say NO! Program had 23 participating 3rd graders at Northside Elementary School.

**End of Year 2 Update:**

1. 1821 students were impacted during Red Ribbon Week 2013 with funding from DFBC.
2. Red Ribbon week items and information carried home by students, available to parents. Several family events took place in the evenings.
3. DFBC assisted in the purchase of an additional in-car camera for Hartford City Police Dept. to aid in the prosecution of controlled substance activity.
4. Celebrate Recovery is no longer functioning in the county. Narcotics Anonymous has 3 meetings.
5. DARE is offered to all 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders in the county, impacting 261 students.

6. Treatment referrals to local mental health agency were 13.
7. No inmate-focused treatment was offered at Blackford County Security Center again during 2013 due to fewer IDOC inmates.
8. Drug drop was offered again in 2013, along with highlighted event at tox-away day.
9. PRIME For Life workbooks were paid for by DFBC grant. Drug testing was offered and supplied by Grant Blackford Mental Health and continues to those individuals in treatment as well as mental health services. Random drug testing is in place for students at high school and junior high who are in certain categories that place them in the "pool" eligible for testing.
10. Drug buy money was once again granted to Blackford County Sheriff Dept. for use in illegal drug-related activity arrests.
11. 24 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students participated in Just Say NO! Program at Southside Elementary School, funded by DFBC grant.

#### **Final Update (end of Year 3):**

#### **A. Problem Statement #3: Abuse of illegal drugs continues with adults and youth in Blackford County.**

#### **B. Supportive Data:**

1. In 2011 there were 55 adults arrested for illegal drug-related activity, compared to 63 arrests in 2008.
2. In 2011 there were 12 juveniles arrested for illegal drug-related activity, compared to 14 in 2008.
3. According to the Indiana ATOD Use Survey, IPRC, 2011, 18.2% of 8th graders used illegal drugs in 2011.
4. The Survey reports 10.8% of 9th graders used illegal drugs in 2011.
5. The Survey reports 6.8% of 10th graders used illegal drugs in 2011.
6. The Survey reports 12.2% of 11th graders used illegal drugs in 2011.
7. The Survey reports 4.8% of 12th graders used illegal drugs in 2011.
8. PRIME For Life and PRIME Solutions were both offered as outpatient treatment modules at Hester Hollis Concern Center in 2011.

#### **End of Year 1 Update:**

1. Illegal drug activity arrests for adults 2012 numbered 79, compared to 55 in 2011.
2. Illegal drug activity arrests for juveniles in 2012 numbered 3, compared to 12 in 2011.
- 3 - 7. No IPRC data this year.
8. Hester Hollis treated 5 adults for illegal substance problems. Hester Hollis assessed 2 adolescents for illegal use of prescription drugs, referred both to Milestone Services in Marion.

#### **End of Year 2 Update:**

1. Illegal drug activity arrests for adults in 2013 numbered 85, compared to 79 in 2012.
2. Illegal drug activity arrests for juveniles in 2013 numbered 3, compared to 3 in 2012.

**3.-7. NO IPRC data this year.**

**8. Hester Hollis treated 1 adult for illegal drugs in 2013. Hester Hollis assessed 5 adolescents, with 3 completing treatment.**

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

**C. Goals:**

1. Reduce monthly marijuana usage by 2% among all grade levels over the next 3 years.
2. Increase convictions for illegal drug-related offenses by 1% per year.

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

1. No IPRC data this year.
2. An increase in illegal drug convictions for 2012 was 33%.

**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

1. No IPRC data this year.
2. Convictions data for 2013 not yet available.

**Final Report (end of Year 3):**

**D. Objectives:**

1. Support educational efforts directed toward students in grades K-12 regarding the harmful effects of illegal drug use.
2. Provide parents with information and education about statistics concerning the use of illegal drugs among youth in Blackford County.
3. Provide necessary training and tools for local law enforcement to enforce and detect illegal drug activities.
4. Support local Narcotics Anonymous meetings and Celebrate Recovery Programs.
5. Support prevention/education of illegal drug abuse provided through the schools and other community organizations (i.e. D.A.R.E., Drug Free, etc.)
6. Encourage and support necessary alcohol and drug abuse assessments for Court-referred clients convicted of alcohol and drug-related offenses.
7. Provide funding to support treatment in the Blackford County Security Center for inmates with drug abuse problems.
8. Provide funding for drug/alcohol testing equipment and supplies for the early detection of drug use among youth and adults receiving Court services.
9. Support positive youth and pro-social activities for you within the schools through Red Ribbon activities.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

1. 1861 students were impacted during 2012 Red Ribbon Week.
2. Red Ribbon items and information carried home by students, available to parents.
3. DFBC funded the purchase of in-car video camera for Hartford City Police Department in support of detection of illegal alcohol activities.
4. Celebrate Recovery Program is no longer functioning in the County. Narcotics Anonymous has three meetings in the County.
5. D.A.R.E. is offered to 5th graders in Blackford County, impacting 402 students.
6. Treatment referrals to local mental health agency were 5 for illegal substance problems.

7. No inmate-focused treatment was offered at BCSC during 2012 due to fewer IDOC inmates being housed at local facility.
8. Grant money for purchase of drug testing kits was transferred to the purchase of treatment program workbooks. Drug testing was offered and supplied by Grant Blackford Mental Health and continues to those individuals in treatment programs, as well as mental health services.
9. Just Say NO! Program had 23 participating 3rd graders at Northside Elementary School.

#### End of Year 2 Update:

1. 1821 students were impacted during Red Ribbon Week, with funding from DFBC.
2. Red Ribbon items and information carried home by students, available to parents. Several family events took place during evenings.
3. DFBC partially funded the purchase of an in-car video camera for Hartford City Police Department in support of illegal drug activity prosecution.
4. Celebrate Recovery Program is no longer functioning in the County. Narcotics Anonymous has three meetings in the County.
5. DARE is offered to all 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, impacting 261 students.
6. Treatment referral to local mental health agency was 1 for illegal substance abuse problems.
7. No inmate-focused treatment was offered at BCSC during 2013 due to continued low IDOC numbers being housed at Blackford County Security Center.
8. Grant money was made available for purchase of 19 PRIME For Life treatment workbooks. Drug testing was offered and supplied by Grant Blackford Mental Health and continues to those in treatment as well as those in mental health services. Random Drug testing is also in place at county high school and junior high for those are in a category that places them in the "pool" for testing eligibility.
9. Just Say NO! program had 24 participating 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Southside Elementary School.

#### Final Update (end of Year 3):

**Next Annual Update Due: 1/31/2014**

**Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: 3/1/2015**

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