

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: LaGrange

LCC: Council for a Drug-Free LaGrange County

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: The mission of the Council for a Drug-Free LaGrange County (CDFLC) is to raise awareness of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues and to support the most effective combination for individuals and other resources to positively impact the problems of drug and alcohol abuse in our community.

History: The Council for Drug-Free LaGrange County (CDFLC) was formed in 1989 to assess needs and coordinate community programs related to substance abuse in the county.

CDFLC operates under a basic organizational structure to ensure direction and collaboration as we seek to accomplish our objectives as delineated in our Comprehensive Plan. The CDFLC selects its administrative leadership, determines and accomplishes projects directed to fulfill its mission, and recruits additional membership as well as special project support. The volunteer leadership includes an elected chairperson, vice chair, and treasurer. Ad hoc subcommittee chairpersons are responsible for specific functions and projects. A paid coordinator also serves as recording secretary, community contact and liaison between the Council and the Regional Advisory Board.

The CDFLC meets monthly, hearing reports from subcommittees and recipients of County Drug-Free Communities funding, updates on activities, need for additional programs, and opportunities for networking.

In February 1995, representatives from civic organizations, education, law enforcement, local government, judiciary, treatment, business, religion and youth were assembled at a retreat to identify problems and develop strategies to include in the comprehensive plan. This was a joint retreat for CDFLC and Step Ahead/First Steps (SA/FS). The SA/FS Family Preservation and Support Plan incorporated issues identified at the retreat.

Again in 1999, CDFLC hosted a summit which included all the aforementioned representatives resulting with a prioritized list of recommended actions which were incorporated in subsequent comprehensive plans.

Prior to formulating this Comprehensive Community Plan, a community survey was conducted to assess the community's perceptions of ATOD issues. Additional research to accumulate data to formulate problem statements was accomplished by CDFLC members. A committee representing prevention/intervention, treatment/recovery and law enforcement/justice convened and cooperatively agreed on problem statements and respective objectives.

Coordination with regional efforts is accomplished through representation on the Regional Advisory Board.

The CDFLC has been designated by County Commissioners to act as the recommendation and review committee for the allocation of Local Drug-Free Communities Funds. Upon approval from the Governor's Commission, the CDFLC requests, reviews, and recommends proposals for funding by County Commissioners.

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Reports are made intermittently to County Commissioners regarding the status of funded programs.

The Council for a Drug Free LaGrange County monitors grant recipients by requiring a signature on a grant report agreement which states that a recipient:

1. Agrees to give an oral report on their project/organization to CDFLC during a time scheduled by the CDFLC.
2. Agrees to submit a mid-year and year-end written report.
3. Agrees to attend six of the ten monthly meetings during the current grant cycle.
4. Agrees to ensure the funds are used only for the project/program applied for.

The 2013 Census indicated the following for LaGrange County:

Population	37,996
Persons under 18 years, percent	33.8%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	12.5%
Female persons, percent	49.6%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino Origin, percent	3.9%
White persons not Hispanic, percent	94.6%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2008-2012	62.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2008-2012	10.9%
Language other than English spoken at home, 5+	38.6%
Language other than English spoken at home, 25+	62.3%
Households, 2008-2012	11,933
Median household income, 2008-2012	\$46,625
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2008-2012	16.2%
Land area in square miles, 2010	379.62

Approximately 37% of the population of LaGrange County is Amish, and the county is home to the third largest Amish community in the United States.

The largest population concentration is the town of LaGrange with 3,000 residents and also serves as the county seat. There are three public school districts and one private school in LaGrange County.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:

The three problem statements are as follows:

1. Substance abuse continues to be a problem among youth in LaGrange County.
2. Individuals who abuse substances and families affected by substance abuse problems continue to seek available and affordable intervention, treatment, and aftercare in LaGrange County. However, many people are uninsured or underinsured and find that they can't afford the services.
3. Criminal activity resulting from the effects of substance use and abuse consumes much of law enforcement's resources.

Membership List

County LCC Name:

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Arron Knisley	LaGrange County Sheriff's Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
2	Debbie Pontecorvo	Tobacco-Free LaGrange Co.	Caucasian	Male	Other
3	Loren Heinlen	none	Caucasian	Male	Other
4	Nina Muzzillo	Northeastern Center	Caucasian	Male	Treatment
5	Laney Krantz	LaGrange County Community Foundation	Caucasian	Female	Civic Organization
6	Yvonne Kindy	Howe United Methodist	Caucasian	Female	Religion
7	Dee Miller	Howe United Methodist	Caucasian	Female	Religion
8	Yvonne Riege	ARC INC.	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
9	Angie Kresse	United Fund	Caucasian	Female	Civic Organization
10	Jan Noble	ARC INC.	Caucasian	Male	Treatment
11	Robinn Mitchell	Bowen Center	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
12	Ryan Kauffman	Wolcottville Police Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
13	Shelly Sonner	Women in Transition	Caucasian	Female	Self-Help
14	Don Faust	LaGrange County Sheriff's Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
15	Randy Jones	Department of Children Services	Caucasian	Male	Prevention
16	Sherilyn Lackey	Westview Community Schools	Caucasian	Female	Prevention
17	Rick Newman	4 County Transitional Living	Caucasian	Male	Self-Help

18	Kathy Dunafin	Elijah Haven	Caucasian	Female	Self-Help
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Problem Identification

A. Problem Statement #1: Substance abuse continues to be a problem among youth in LaGrange County.

B. Supportive Data:

1. For 2012 -2013, LaGrange County Suspension School reported that 4 students served suspensions pending school expulsion due to substance use/ possession violations.
2. In 2012, LaGrange County Probation reports 93 out of 129 juvenile cases were for substance abuse offenses.
3. The LaGrange County Prosecutors office reports 54 juvenile cases filed in 2012.
4. The LaGrange Sheriff's Department reports that 79 arrests in 2012 were for minor in consumption of alcohol.
5. Northeastern Center treated 63 adolescents for Substance Abuse in from July 2012 to June 2013.
6. Bowen Center provided Substance abuse services to 22 adolescents who were diagnosed with an addiction problem thus far in 2013.



1. For 2013 -2014, LaGrange County Suspension School reported that 6 students served suspensions pending school expulsion due to substance use/ possession violations.
2. In 2013, LaGrange County Probation reports 86 out of 164 juvenile cases were for substance abuse offenses.
3. No update was provided by the Prosecutor's Office.
4. The LaGrange Sheriff's Department reports that 46 arrests in 2013 were for minor in consumption of alcohol.
5. Northeastern Center treated 70 adolescents for Substance Abuse from July 2013- June 2014 in LaGrange County.
6. Lagrange Bowen Center provided 22% of substance abuse services to adolescents between the ages 0-18 years of age. Bowen Center provided 12% of substance abuse services to the ages of 18-21, and 64% to clients who were ages 21-64.

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C. Goals:

1. Decrease the number of suspensions for ATOD offenses by 10%.
2. Decrease the number of juveniles on probation for substance abuse offenses by 10%.

1. The number of suspensions increased by 2, so we are going the wrong direction.
2. In 2012, LaGrange County Probation reports 93 out of 129 juvenile cases were for substance abuse offenses (72%). In 2013, LaGrange County Probation reports 86 out of 164 juvenile cases were for substance abuse offenses (52.4%). This goal was accomplished and we hope the downward trend continues.

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D. Objectives:

1. Support prevention programs specifically addressing alcohol, tobacco, and drug use and abuse, giving priority to evidence-based programs.
2. Support youth-serving agencies that identify and reduce risk factors that contribute to ATOD use in youth.
3. Support programs with a mentoring component.
4. Support alcohol, tobacco, and drug treatment/intervention targeted to youth.
5. Support and encourage participation in the Drug and Alcohol Quiz Bowl for 5th and 6th grade students.
6. Increase awareness of available programs and resources in the community.

7. Increase and support the number of school-based programs reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and abuse.
8. NEW: Work to raise awareness of the problem of youth substance use.

1. CDFLC is supporting several prevention programs. LaGrange Community Youth Centers/After School Program offers drug and alcohol-free teen programming. The Coconut Hut is a safe, drug and alcohol-free place for the youth to meet and have fun. The McMillan Center for Health Education will provide drug and alcohol curriculum within the schools this fall. Some prevention messaging for youth and adults in the community will occur soon. There are electronic message boards in local restaurants whereby people or organizations can reserve space. CDFLC is purchasing space on four boards to visually demonstrate the dangers of drugs and alcohol. In addition to the prevention grants, two police agencies receive grants for their K9 programs. Both agencies do many K9 demos per year, with over 1,000 people seeing a demo. K9 demonstrations have been done for children ages 4-18 years of age as well as adults of all ages. These demonstrations do not only show what Kayla can do, but result in an opportunity for a police officer to speak with children about the dangers of drugs and drug use.
2. LaGrange Community Youth Center provided after school programming to 60 youth for the 2013-2014 school year, which consisted of programming and homework help. The Coconut Hut served 42 unduplicated youth in 2013 and over 50 so far in 2014. Coconut Hut provides a safe and drug-free place for youth to gather on weekend evenings, whereby they also have a chance to interact with mentors. Youth very much enjoy the individualized attention provided by these mentors. The GAP summer program for the youth offered by the Bowen Center also reduces risk factors. This safe, structured, therapeutic program is available to youth who are experiencing emotional and/or behavioral difficulties. Children learn and practice social skills with peers in a supportive environment that enable children to build self-confidence and self esteem. GAP is an acronym for Grow, Achieve and Prosper. Al's Pals is utilized for the preschool population. An average of 48 youth attended the sessions.
3. The Coconut Hut has a mentoring component. The adult volunteers are spending more and more one-on-one time with the youth, who are really enjoying it. Mentoring also occurs during homework help. Coconut Hut served over 50 unduplicated youth in the first half of 2014.
4. Northeastern Center and Bowen Center both provide individual counseling to youth in LaGrange County, as reported in the supportive data. Per Northeastern Center, LaGrange County does not generate enough adolescent substance abuse treatment need to have a group. They have had a therapist and a mental health technician in the schools and have responded to school's requests, but this is being pared down by the schools due to the increasing academic demands. Any adolescent needs have been and will continue to be addressed individually and/or with the family.
5. Only one school opted to participate in this year's Quiz Bowl. However, it was successful because 99 5th graders and 59 6th graders participated, and the winners moved on to regional. ARC provided with the funding to award gift cards to the winners and runners-up in each category.
6. No update at this time.
7. The McMillan Center for Health Education will provide drug and alcohol

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curriculum within the schools this fall. K9 demos are held within the schools. Workshops regarding tobacco are provided at Head Start.

8. We post several statistics about the dangers of underage drinking and drug use on our Facebook page. The Coordinator provides information in our monthly newspaper articles and "Parents at Work" flyers, and this information is posted on the bulletin board at the Sheriff's Department. These articles and flyers contain information on the dangers of underage drinking, why parents should not provide alcohol to minors, the Lifeline Law, knowing what your kids are doing during the summer, etc.

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A. Problem Statement #2: Individuals who abuse substances and families affected by substance abuse problems continue to seek available and affordable intervention, treatment, and aftercare in LaGrange County. However, many people are uninsured or underinsured and find that they can't afford the services.

B. Supportive Data:

1. Bowen Center reports 20% of the clients they serve have an Alcohol Diagnosis with 16% of them being an Alcohol Dependence Diagnosis.
2. Bowen Center provides services to 3% of clients with an Amphetamine Dependence and Bowen Center provides services to 4% of clients with a Cannabis Dependence.
3. Bowen Center provided 1338 hours in substance group hours in 2012.
4. Northeastern Center provides Substance Abuse Treatment services on a sliding fee scale based on income. NEC served a total of 325 clients in 2012 and 38% of those served were below the poverty level.
5. Eighteen percent of Northeastern Center substance abuse clients had their treatment paid for by the Department of Children's Services in 2012, and NEC has started an in-school program for mental health which has already led to three substance abuse referrals.
6. ARC, Inc. reports that of the 53 substance abuse clients seen in 2012, who do receive treatment, 43% couldn't afford to receive treatment they were seeking. ARC has given grants averaging \$250 to 4 indigent clients in 2012.
7. ARC, Inc. reports that 47% of the people who receive treatment have it paid through grants or other resources. ARC has given 4 grants averaging \$250 for help from the CDFLC grant. The percentage of clients who are referred from the

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criminal justice system remains as 85-90%, the same as in the past. 43 clients were served from the court program in 2012

1. Bowen Center reports 16% of the clients they serve have and Alcohol Abuse diagnosis with an additional 12% of the being an Alcohol Dependence diagnosis.
2. Bowen Center provides services to 7% of the clients with an Amphetamine Dependence and services 6% of clients with a Cannabis Dependence.
3. Bowen Center provided 1653 hours in services to clients with a substance abuse diagnosis (group and individual settings). 26% of clients are above the 200% poverty line.
4. Northeastern Center provides Substance Abuse Treatment services on a sliding fee scale based on income. NEC served a total of 320 clients for 7/1/2013-6/30/2014 and 81% of those served were below the poverty level. (Resources think the 38% reported last year was incorrect.)
5. Four percent of Northeastern Center substance abuse clients had their treatment paid for by the Department of Children's Services from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.
6. ARC, Inc reports that of the 59 substance abuse clients seen in 2013 who do receive treatment, 45% couldn't afford to receive treatment they were seeking. ARC gave grants approximating \$200 each from to 9 indigent clients in 2013.
7. ARC, Inc reports that 49% of the people who receive treatment have it paid through grants or other resources. ARC has given 9 grants averaging \$200 for help from the CDFLC grant. The percentage of clients who are referred from the criminal justice system remains 85-90%, the same as in the past. 51 clients were served from the court program in 2013.

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C. Goals:

1. Increase the number of uninsured or under-insured people receiving treatment for substance abuse issues by 10%.

Northeastern Center provides Substance Abuse Treatment services on a sliding fee scale based on income. NEC served a total of 325 clients in 2012 and 38% of those served were below the poverty level. NEC served a total of 320 clients for 7/1/2013-6/30/2014 and 81% of those served were below the poverty level. (Resources think the 38% reported last year was incorrect.)

Bowen Center provided 1338 hours in substance group hours in 2012. Bowen Center provided 1653 hours in services to clients with a substance abuse diagnosis (group and individual settings) in 2013. 26% of clients are above the 200% poverty line.

ARC, Inc. reports that of the 53 substance abuse clients seen in 2012, who do receive treatment, 43% couldn't afford to receive treatment they were seeking. ARC, Inc reports that of the 59 substance abuse clients seen in 2013 who do receive treatment, 45% couldn't afford to receive treatment they were seeking.

There was a slight reduction in the number of clients served at Northeastern Center. The number of hours in services provided by the Bowen Center increased by 20% in 2013. ARC served 6 more clients in 2013 than in 2012 (an 11% increase), and there were more clients that could not afford the treatment.

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D. Objectives:

- 1. Increase awareness of resources available for treatment and recovery.
- 2. Communicate the benefits and needs of treatment and recovery programs to key officials who can refer individuals for treatment.
- 3. Support treatment and recovery programs to assist financially disadvantaged, working poor and indigent individuals, including long-term aftercare.
- 4. Support and participate in awareness campaigns such as Recovery Month, National Alcohol Screening Day, etc.

- 1. The LCC has not increased awareness to date. However, treatment providers ensure that those that work with clients such as Probation and DCS are knowledgeable about the services that they offer, including a new adolescent MRT program starting at Bowen Center.

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2. Although the LCC has not communicated the benefits and needs for treatment to key officials, the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coordinator has spoken to many people about referring youth to the Indiana Tobacco Quitline.
3. CDFLC provides grants to three agencies to assist indigent clients: Bowen Center; Northeastern Center (NEC); and Addictions Recovery Centers, Inc (ARC). So far this year, Bowen Center has served 16 people, Northeastern Center has served 2 people, and ARC has served 4 people with their grant funds. CDFLC also provides grant funds to Elijah Haven, a local Safe House. They give drug and alcohol tests to clients suspected of using so they can best help them obtain services they need right away. Three tests have been given so far this year.
4. No progress to date on this objective.

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A. Problem Statement #3: There is a significant amount of adult criminal activity that is linked to alcohol/drug use/abuse.

B. Supportive Data:

1. Lagrange County Sherriff's Department reports the following information for the year 2012:

Dealing/Possession of Controlled Substance	33
Dealing Marijuana	5
Dealing / Manufacture Methamphetamine	25
Possession of 2 or more Precursors	34
Dumping Controlled Substance Waste	4
Maintaining a Common Nuisance	117
Operating While Intoxicated	197
Possession of Methamphetamine	80
Possession of Marijuana	104
Possession of a Legend Drug	3
Possession of Paraphernalia	81
Public Intoxication	18
Visiting a Common Nuisance	42

1. Lagrange County Sherriff's Department reports the following information for the year

Dealing/Possession of Controlled Substance	14
Dealing Marijuana	3
Dealing / Manufacture Methamphetamine	13
Possession of 2 or more Precursors	15
Dumping Controlled Substance Waste	1
Maintaining a Common Nuisance	46
Operating While Intoxicated	93
Possession of Methamphetamine	54
Possession of Marijuana	98
Possession of a Legend Drug	4
Possession of Paraphernalia	46
Public Intoxication	8
Visiting a Common Nuisance	25

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C. Goals:

1. Increase the number of drugs arrests by 10%.
2. Increase the number of alcohol arrests by 10%.

1. There was a 60% decrease in the number of drug arrests.
 2. There was a 47% decrease in the number of alcohol arrests.
- This decline is attributed to two major factors. First, two extremely proactive officers with regard to drug and alcohol arrests went to other departments. Also, the number of burglaries and other crimes against persons are up. These types of cases take up a substantial amount of law enforcement time.

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D. Objectives:

1. Continue to support anti-drug efforts of local and regional law enforcement agencies.
2. Continue support of the K9 programs.
3. Support law enforcement conducting alcohol, tobacco and drug education programs.
4. Support law enforcement trainings such as the Basic Drug Warrior Course.

1. Grants for vet care, food, recertification, and training aids and equipment are provided to support the K9 programs for the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department and Wolcottville Police Department. Each of the K9s have been deployed to numerous sniffs resulting in the seizure of many drugs and paraphernalia. LaGrange County is no longer part of the IMAGE Drug Task Force.
2. Grants for vet care, food, recertification, and training aids and equipment are provided to support the K9 programs for the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department and Wolcottville Police Department. Each of the K9s have been deployed to numerous sniffs resulting in the seizure of many drugs and paraphernalia.
3. K-9 demonstrations and speaking engagements have been completed with K9 Kayla for LaGrange County Sheriff's Department and K9 Titan from the Wolcottville Police Department. K9 demonstrations have been done for children ages 4-18 years of age as well as adults of all ages. These demonstrations not only show what the K9s can do, but result in an opportunity for a police officer to speak with children about the dangers of drugs and drug use. There are so many requests for demonstrations that it is difficult for the handlers to keep up with them. The detective for the Sheriff's Department is also willing to conduct presentations around the community and has done some at the LaGrange Community Youth Centers. This detective conducted 8 presentations in 2013 and 4 so far in 2014.
4. 2 K9 officers have obtained their recertification using CDFLC grant funds. Three officers attended a presentation in Fort Wayne by Jermaine Galloway, entitled, "High in Plain Sight." It was very well-received and enhanced the knowledge of those in attendance.

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The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a “denied approval” by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a “denied approval” by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

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