



Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Grant

The state team focused on capturing key data elements to identify those geographic areas in which developing and implementing the project activities with this grant would generate the greatest impact for the individuals and communities in Indiana.

The team prioritized specific areas/counties that would benefit from funding that would allow them to respond to treat or support individuals who are impacted by illicit opioids stimulants and other drugs of abuse.

Upon completion of the data analysis, there were seven areas identified:

1. Knox County
2. Wayne County
3. Fayette County
4. Floyd County
5. Clark County
6. Allen County
7. Madison County

Anderson Christian Center

- **Madison County** has a high rate of mental health and addiction issues.
- Anderson Christian Center/Turning Point (Madison County) has been created to assist those in search of mental health or addictions treatment resources.
- They found that wraparound services ease programs and combat mental health and addiction situations.
- They assist those in need with wraparound services and assist with a multitude of needs such as shelter, transportation, food, employment and more.
- They provide services that will help ease the burden of additional problems often faced by those with mental health and addictions issues.
- They hired peer recovery coaches to meet the needs of those that are facing mental health and substance abuse issues.

- They have created a 24/7 crisis phone line and have hired and trained individuals to be equipped to answer phone calls as they come in and make the correct referrals. They set up 911 dispatch communications with their local emergency response teams.
- They partnered with county entities to work on transportation and emergency shelter needs.
- They connect with inmates being released from county jail through written and video information materials.
- They educate children within the school system and inform them of positive mental health and addictions prevention with the assistance of local law enforcement teams.

Boys and Girls Club

- **Wayne County** Boys and Girls Club has partnered with the sheriff's department to present substance misuse prevention strategies.
- They deliver programming to grades third through eighth.
- Curriculum used: Too Good for Drugs.
- The curriculum was designed to mitigate the risk factors and enhance protective factors related to alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. The lessons introduce and develop social and emotional skills for making healthy choices, building positive friendships, developing self-efficacy, communicating effectively and resisting peer pressure and influence.

Lutheran

- **Allen County**, The Lutheran Foundation and Fort Wayne Police Department are partnered to work on a great initiative.
- Fort Wayne Police Department has adopted the “#8 Can't Wait” initiatives. The initiatives suggest reviewing and changing some policy and training within the department. Those changes include banning chokeholds and strangleholds; requiring de-escalation; banning shooting at moving vehicles; requiring comprehensive reporting; duty to intervene; requiring warning before shooting; use of force continuum; and exhausting all alternatives before shooting. The integration of the #8 Can't Wait initiatives have enhanced the Fort Wayne Police Department's understanding of the community and inclusion of its community members.
- Social workers can respond to calls and help ease the stress of already burdened police officers. Social workers can provide resources, services, crisis care, trauma-informed care responses and more to those experiencing mental health challenges. The social workers are assisting with mental health and substance use calls, allowing police officers to respond to crime rather than many situations that only require meditation and/or connection to care.

- The mission of the Fort Wayne Police Department, in partnership with the community, will strive to protect the life, property and personal liberties of all individuals. They believe that the overall quality of life for all residents will improve through the deterrence of criminal activity and an understanding of the diversity of cultures within this community. Furthermore, they recognize the need for fair and impartial enforcement of the law with attention given to the highest possible quality of service delivery to the community.
- The **HART Program** is a peer support team made up of members of the greater Fort Wayne area community. The team is a mobile response team that seeks out and actively engages residents of Allen County to support them on their road to recovery with addiction from opioids and stimulants. HART offers information and guidance for those in need. This can include recovery welling plans, outpatient programs, inpatient programs, medicated assisted treatment, the syringe services program, counseling programs, peer-led support groups (NA, AA, family) and many other programs.
- Historically and currently, crisis intervention teams in partnership with police social workers provide support to those in distress. Many crisis calls affect the most vulnerable of populations, which social workers are very educated and trained to assist. Some of those populations include people experiencing homelessness, suicidal thoughts/suicidal ideation, substance use, mental illness and others who are experiencing or have experienced trauma. Social workers who work alongside the CIT team can coordinate care and improve communication from local services.

Good Samaritan

- **Knox County** has a significant number of arrests for low-level drug offenses and behavioral health-related reasons.
- Good Samaritan will work to implement an evidence-based Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program.
- Implementing L.E.A.D. to increase access to resources for these identified individuals such as treatment, housing and other social service providers.
- L.E.A.D. has been proven in other communities to decrease recidivism, decrease crime and increase access to social service resources.
- They work with individuals who have committed non-violent offenses or offenses related to addiction are often incarcerated.
- As incarceration removes an individual from society, that individual faces challenges in obtaining employment, housing, transportation and other basic needs following release.
- Having these challenges increases the risk of reentering the criminal justice system and can create a cycle of incarceration, release and reentry. For those who struggle with a substance use or opioid use disorder, incarceration interrupts the recovery pathway and severely limits opportunity for treatment.

- L.E.A.D. can provide individualized case management to reduce the burden on the criminal justice system and secure basic resources or recovery services for that individual to decrease recidivism.
- Project LEED (Law Enforcement Education Day) will reach at-risk middle and high school students as a preventative effort to keep these students from having future involvement with the criminal justice system.

LifeSpring

- **Wayne County** LifeSpring has implemented a diversion program via the Collaborative Access to Recovery Engagement (Project CARE) program.
- They created a quick response team model in collaboration with the Jeffersonville Police Department to provide immediate intervention when Law enforcement and EMS are involved in overdose and substance use disorder encounters.
- They permit law enforcement to use discretion in diverting patients with substance use disorders to the Project C.A.R.E. program in lieu of incarceration.
- They embed social services with law enforcement to rapidly respond to drug overdoses where children are impacted.
- They provide immediate support, when appropriate, to non-fatal overdose patients by linking them to appropriate interventions including substance use treatment, primary care services, MAT services, peer recovery support and other community resources deemed appropriate to support recovery for individuals and their families.
- They have developed a method for using a data informed process that incorporates assessment, capacity, planning, implementation, evaluation, sustainability and cultural competence.
- They will continue to work with law enforcement partners and first responders to continue to assess community level needs.

Clark-Floyd

- **Floyd County** works with children and families to address social issues within the community.
- Floyd County is going to focus on the recovery-oriented system of care approach to increase collaboration and shared decision-making amount stakeholders.

Choices

- **Fayette County** Choices is working along with the police department in efforts of keeping many individuals out of jail.

Objective: Successful execution of L.E.A.D. will result in the diversion of 100 individuals of Fayette County from the criminal justice system.

L.E.A.D.

- L.E.A.D. is working with three of our programs to train them on how to run their diversion programs.



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