

The Bureau of Mental Health Promotion and Addiction Prevention

The Bureau of Mental Health Promotion and Addiction Prevention exists as part of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction and provides oversight and administration of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant to ensure funding that addresses statewide prevention priorities. Its mission, vision, and duties, listed below, play a crucial role in determining goals for the future of Indiana prevention.

Mission: To reduce substance use and abuse and promote behavioral health across the lifespan of Indiana citizens by maintaining a coordinated, effective, and accountable system of prevention and behavioral health promotion services.

Vision: Sustainable environments that nurture, assist, and empower all Indiana citizens to access and experience optimum physical, emotional, and mental health.

Duties:

- Build prevention capacities and infrastructure at the State and community level.
- Prevent onset and reduce the progression of substance use among Indiana residents.
- Establish consistency in the assessment, design, implementation, and evaluation of prevention services.
- Ensure a standard of professional practice that yields a culturally responsive, dynamic prevention workforce committed to continuous professional development.
- Utilize funding to fill unmet needs, support data-driven prevention priorities, and leverage technical assistance from state and national experts and agencies.
- Maintain a broad spectrum of universal, selective, and indicated prevention programs and practices that are data driven and respond to changing state prevention priorities.
- Maintain contact with federal and state prevention experts to exchange information on best practices for prevention and mental health promotion.
- Manage SAPT Block Grant Funds for Prevention activities.
- Provide oversight of the state endorsed Addictions Resource Center.
- Provide oversight of funding to ensure wise stewardship and effectiveness.
- Obtain additional grant funding when available to enhance the State Prevention System.
- Ensure the sustainability of the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup and the availability of annual data reports.
- Maintain a statewide system for the collection of data related to prevention and mental health promotion initiatives.
- Provide guidance on policy initiatives related to substance abuse prevention and behavioral health promotion.
- Ensure the dissemination of the latest findings from prevention science and best practices research.
- Promote the use of a public health model to address needs and priorities.