

Health First Indiana

A state investment in local public health

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Health First Indiana (HFI) is an initiative created by Senate Enrolled Act 4, legislation passed by the 2023 Indiana General Assembly that transforms public health. The legislation provides funding so counties can determine the health needs of their community and implement evidence-based programs focused on prevention.

Health First Indiana establishes a public health infrastructure through a state and local partnership where services are delivered at the county level. Counties focus on delivering preventive core public health services in areas like trauma and injury, maternal and child health and chronic disease.

Quick Facts

- \$150 million in fiscal year 2025
- Investment in prevention leads to healthier communities and boosts the economy
- The initiative brings together local elected officials, public health, clinical health and community partners
- Partnerships help reduce duplication of services and ensure efficient delivery of services
- Benefits rural communities that often have fewer resources, such as free screenings and connection to care

Process for Counties to Opt-in

- County commissioners vote to opt-in and county council approves the budget
- Visit healthfirstindiana.in.gov to view each county's funding information, partnerships, priorities, activities and more.

 All counties have opted in



Community Info

www.in.gov/healthfirstindiana/your-community-info/

County Health Scorecard


www.in.gov/healthfirstindiana/county-health-scorecard/

Tippecanoe County

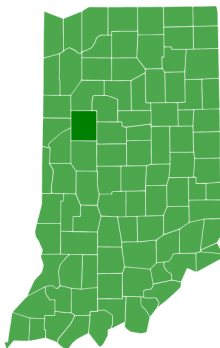
OPTED IN FOR 2024: \$2,102,508.24

2023:	\$139,764.40 (Legacy amount from Local Health Maintenance fund Trust)
2024:	\$2,102,508.24 2024 Tippecanoe County Budget
County Match:	Average of county tax levy-related funds distributed to the LHD in the preceding three years (2021, 2022, 2023).
2025 (Opt In):	\$4,063,439.23
County Match:	Minimum: \$907,973.63

[County Health Scorecard](#)

 Counties that have opted-in to the Health First Indiana initiative for 2025.

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Or select a County:

Activities

- TCHD screens patients for food insecurity and provides referrals to a food assistance program.
- TCHD has provided 135 families with infant sleep socks. They have educated 150 families on infant safe sleep.
- TCHD hosts "Baby and Me Tobacco Free" courses to educate pregnant women on the risk of tobacco use during pregnancy.

Priorities

Partnerships

County	Topic	Indiana Rate	County Rate	Rank
Hancock	Adult Obesity	43.6%	44.9%	#22
	Children < 3 Years Old Completing Recommended Vaccine Series	59.1%	66.8%	#33
	Infant Mortality Rate	6.8	3.60	#4
	Life Expectancy	75.6	77.9	#13
	Opioid Overdose Rate	25.07	19.3	#48
	Smoking Rate	21.0%	11.6%	#2
	Smoking Rate During Pregnancy	6.6%	3.6%	#6
	Suicide Rate	15.77	14.5	#23
	Years of Potential Life Lost Due to Injury (Age-Adjusted)	2527.14	1850.6	#28

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About 80% of HFI funding has been spent on these preventive services in 2024



Infectious disease prevention and control



Vital records



Maternal and child health



Student health



Fatality review (child, suicide, overdose)



Emergency preparedness



Testing/counseling for HIV, HCV, STI



TB prevention and case management



Childhood lead screenings and case management



Referrals to clinical care



Chronic disease prevention and reduction



Child and adult immunizations



Trauma and injury prevention and education

About 20% of funding has been spent on these core services in 2024



Food protection



Pest/vector control and abatement



Public/semipublic pool inspection and testing



Residential onsite sewage system permitting and inspections



Orders for decontamination of property used to illegally manufacture controlled substances



Sanitary inspection and surveys of public buildings



Sanitary operation of tattoo parlors and body piercing facilities



Sanitary operation of facilities where eyelash extensions are performed