

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

A Division of the



Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Vanderburgh

LCC: Substance Abuse Council of Vanderburgh County

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New Plan **Plan Update**

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement:

To prevent and reduce the incidence of alcohol, drug abuse, and other co-related addictive behaviors among youth and adults in Vanderburgh County.

History:

The Substance Abuse Council of Vanderburgh County was organized in 1990 in cooperation with the United Way Task Force on alcohol and drug abuse. With assistance from the Governor's Commission, the Task Force expanded to include a broader representation of community groups. The Substance Abuse Council of Vanderburgh County was incorporated in 1995, and recognized as a 501(c)(3) in 1996. Our credo is: "Committed to Community Well-Being!"

The Substance Abuse Council (SAC) serves as the Local Coordinating Council for Vanderburgh County. We serve a predominantly urban population of approximately 181,000 with the Evansville metropolitan area extending into the majority of the county. Evansville has six public high schools, three private high schools and one charter high school; ten public middle schools, and 19 private schools serving students in 6th through 8th grades. The Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation reported a dropout rate of 10.5% in 2017. Higher education institutions include the University of Southern Indiana, University of Evansville, Ivy Tech Community College Southwest, and the Indiana University Medical Center. Population demographics: 21% of the citizens are under 18, 62% ages 18 to 64, and 17% age 65 and older. According to the US Census Bureau, 17.5% of Vanderburgh County residents were below the Federal poverty level in 2018. Approximately, 1 in 4 children in Vanderburgh County are living in poverty and 59 % of children are eligible for free and reduced lunch. The median annual income in 2017 was \$44,850 while the median income for the state as a whole was \$54,181.

We are a county-wide coalition responsible for monitoring and evaluating alcohol, tobacco and drug use in Vanderburgh County. The Substance Abuse Council also identifies current programs, raises awareness of community problems related to alcohol, tobacco and drug use, and coordinates community initiatives.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:

The Substance Abuse Council continues to strive to increase participation by community members from various sectors and agencies that share our vision and desire to reduce alcohol consumption by youth, reduce the incidence of all illicit substance use by all ages, driving under the influence, decrease tobacco use, and provide treatment for addictions and co-related addictive behaviors in Vanderburgh County.

The SAC endeavors to strengthen our role as community leaders in these issues by providing free educational opportunities to the general public as well as professionals, by seeking out information regarding gaps in service and emerging trends and issues

through discussion and sharing at our monthly council and subcommittee meetings, and by updating our website to provide access to other agencies through our online Treatment Resource Guide and community website links.

In recent years, the SAC has been working to market the organization and our mission through community and fundraising events. In 2011, the SAC was approached by the Westside Nut Club with the opportunity to have a food booth at the second largest street festival in the US, the Fall Festival. This opportunity gives the SAC the ability to have a presence at this highly attended community event and raise additional funds for the council. Beginning in 2013, the SAC hosts an annual Race for Recovery run/ walk. This event helps to raise awareness of substance abuse issues in our community and support for our citizens who are recovering from addiction. Through these fundraising opportunities, the SAC hopes to increase our discretionary funds for additional funding opportunities to partner agencies in addition to the local Drug Free Communities Fund.

The Screening Committee reviews all pre-applications and makes recommendations for requests for full proposals based on the project's alignment to both ICJI requirements and definitions of activities for prevention, treatment or law enforcement, and fit to the SAC mission statement and problem statements written by the functioning subcommittees. Grantees provide six month and twelve-month progress and financial reports, including a mid-year site evaluation by council members. Each grantee gives a 10-minute presentation during one of the monthly council meetings to update members on their activities related to the grant, progress towards their stated goals, as well as an overview of their entire agency's programs.

The current Program Director assists the council by organizing grant proposals, tracking grantees' completion of required reports, compiling and submitting these reports for Screening Committee meetings and notifying members of upcoming deadlines related to their funding. The Director is responsible for presenting the proposed funding to the County Commissioners each year. Other duties include organization of special events at local schools and for the SAC, representation of the SAC at health fairs, maintenance of the agency's finances and financial reports, recording and distribution of minutes at all council committee meetings, and collaboration with other community councils such as Smokefree Evansville, Community Health Needs Assessment Committee, and the School Community Council. Continued funding of this position is critical to the continued growth and success of the SAC.

The Substance Abuse Council views the following activities as high-priority in regards to funding:

Enforcement/Justice- Purchase of equipment, training related to law enforcement, and funding for personnel and services to enable the investigation, prosecution and monitoring of juvenile and adult alcohol, tobacco and drug offenders.

Prevention/Education- Drug-free alternative activities for youth, especially during after-school hours which can prevent and reduce the incidence of substance use; educational presentations and programs for all age groups related to use of alcohol,

tobacco and other drugs and/or co-related morbidities such as domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, gambling and child abuse.

Treatment/Intervention- Resources for all levels of care and intervention; reducing barriers for individuals who are seeking treatment or currently enrolled in treatment; assistance with accreditations and certifications which enhance knowledge and/or access to care by the un- and underinsured; and staff development related to treatment of those living with addictions.

Membership List

County LCC Name:

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Lorraine Wurtz	SAC	W	F	All
2	Dee Lewis	YWCA	B	M	LE, TX
3	Monty Guenin	Evansville Police Dept.	W	M	LE
5	Nick Herman	Prosecutor's Office	W	M	LE, PV
6	Jodi Uebelhack	Vanderburgh County Treatment Courts	W	F	LE
7	Beth Greenwell	Adult Probation	W	F	LE
8	Mignon Ware	Adult Probation	B	F	LE
9	Leslie Jackson	Superior Court Probation	W	M	LE
10	JJ Budde	Drug Task Force	W	M	LE
13	Courtney Lee Horning	Smokefree Communities	W	F	PV
15	Verdelski Miller	Boom Squad, Inc.	B	M	PV
16	Avril Miller	Boom Squad, Inc.	B	F	PV
17	Kim Ashby	Boom Squad, Inc.	B	F	PV
18	Wally Paynter	Tri-State Alliance	W	M	PV
20	James Akin	Community Corrections	W	M	TX
21	Katy Adams	Southwestern	W	F	TX
23	Donna Lilly	Deaconess Cross Pointe	W	F	TX
24	Erika Taylor	YWCA	W	F	TX, LE
25	Kamille Stich	Brentwood Springs	W	F	TX
28	Jason Ashworth	Vanderburgh Co. Sheriff's Office	W	M	LE
29	Heather Woods	VC Juvenile Courts	W	F	TX, LE
31	Crystal Sisson	Holly's House	W	F	PV
32	Lora Pettit	Holly's House	W	F	PV
33	Kathryn Kornblum Zelle	Parenting Time Center	W	F	PV
35	Jane Vickers	Patchwork Central	W	F	PV
36	Amy Wilkerson	Albion Fellows Beacon Center	W	F	PV
37	Janet Johnson	CAPE of Evansville	B	F	PV
38	Jackie Hughes	ECHO	W	F	TX, PV
39	William Wells	Drug and Alcohol Deferral Services	W	F	LE
40	Ken Scheller	Counseling 4 Change	W	F	TX

41	Laura Walker	Hillcrest Washington Youth Home	W	F	PV
43	Laura Wathen	Youth First	W	F	PV
45	Nate Boyett	Boyett Treatment Center	W	M	TX
48	Mike Hagedorn	NOW Counseling Services	W	M	TX
50	Angela Watson	VC Prosecutor's Office	B	F	LE
51	Christina Wicks	Indiana Youth Services	W	F	PV

Problem Identification

A. Problem Statement #1:

Substance Abuse related crimes such as DUI's, drug trafficking, manufacturing, and illegal possession continues to be a problem among youth and adult citizens of Vanderburgh County.

B. Supportive Data:

1. According to 2012 Indiana Prevention Resource Center data, there were 11 alcohol related arrests per 1,000 in Vanderburgh County. This was the 13th highest rank among all counties in Indiana.
2. According to 2012 IPRC data, there were 9 drug related arrests per 1,000 in Vanderburgh County. This was the 5th highest rank among all counties in Indiana.
3. The number of meth lab seizures has significantly decreased over the last several years. In 2017, the Vanderburgh County Joint Drug Task Force made 14 meth lab seizures compared to 52 seizures during 2015.
4. According to the Vanderburgh County Coroner's office, there were 45 opioid related overdose deaths in 2017.

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End of Year 2 Update:

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Final Update (end of Year 3):

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C. Goals:

- 1. Reduce the impact of alcohol and drug related illicit/criminal activity in Vanderburgh County.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

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End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

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Final Report (end of Year 3):

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D. Objectives:

- 1. The SAC will provide resources for at least 5 agencies to enable the investigation, prosecution, and monitoring of juvenile and adult offenders.
- 2. Support increased resources to at least 3 agencies providing evidence-based practices to effectively decrease the use of alcohol and other drugs among participants through drug and alcohol related cases/programs.
- 3. Support increased resources for at least 3 local law enforcement agencies and other organizations in combating criminal activity related to alcohol and other drugs.

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A. Problem Statement #2:

Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use continues to be a problem among youth and adult citizens of Vanderburgh County.

B. Supportive Data:

- 1. In a report by the Community Health Needs Assessment, 22% of adults in Vanderburgh County report smoking in 2017.**
- 2. 18% of adults in Vanderburgh County reported “excessive drinking”, according to Community Health Needs Assessment, 2017.**
- 3. Vanderburgh County has a substantiated child abuse and neglect rate of 29 per 1,000 residents under the age of 18, compared to Indiana with 20 per 1,000 residents under the age of 18.**
- 4. In the 2017 Indiana Youth Survey, it was determined that youth scored low in protective factors such as “community rewards for prosocial involvement” and “interaction with prosocial peers”. Programs that help increase youth involvement within the community through volunteering and mentoring program as well as youth centered activities outside of the school day allow youth to increase these protective factors.**

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Final Report (end of Year 3):

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Goals:

- 1. Youth and adult participants of programs supported by the SAC will report a 15% increase of awareness of the risk of substance abuse.**

2. Youth and adult participants of programs supported by the SAC will report a 20% decrease in use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs after participation in the program.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

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End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

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Final Report (end of Year 3):

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Objectives:

1. Provide funding for at least 4 agencies that provide prevention education and evidence-based programming for at-risk populations.
2. Provide resources for at least 3 agencies that have programs designed to reduce the risk factors prominent in Vanderburgh County.
3. Provide resources for at least 3 agencies that have programs designed to increase protective factors for youth and adults in Vanderburgh County.
4. Enhance knowledge by providing free educational opportunities regarding substance use and co-occurring conditions for at least 2 agencies in Vanderburgh County.
5. Change social norms regarding youth alcohol consumption using social marketing and community initiatives by funding at least one agency.

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Final Report (end of Year 3):

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A. Problem Statement #3:

Knowledge of and access to the treatment services for youth, adults and families, especially for the underinsured, uninsured and at-risk population’s results in a reduction of services provided in Vanderburgh County.

B. Supportive Data:

- 1. According to the Indiana Prevention Resource Center, 23% of households with children in Vanderburgh County were under the federal poverty level during 2017.**
- 2. It is estimated that 8% of Vanderburgh County residents are uninsured. (IPRC, 2017)**
- 3. In 2018, there were 1,218 admissions to treatment in Vanderburgh County. Of those admissions the following indicated the user’s drug of choice; 59% were marijuana, 47% were alcohol, 47% were methamphetamine, 21% were prescription opioids and 8% for heroin. Compared to Indiana, 49% were marijuana, 45% were alcohol, 29% were methamphetamine, 20% were prescription opioids and 21% for heroin. Vanderburgh County has a significant increase in use of methamphetamine and marijuana, while significant decrease in heroin use compared to the rest of the state.**

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Final Update (end of Year 3):

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C. Goals:

- 1. Increase access to care by decreasing barriers such as transportation and financial resources, resulting in a 5% increase of number of those served by mental health and addiction treatment and a 5% increase of those who complete mental health and addiction treatment programs.**

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

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End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

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Final Report (end of Year 3):

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D. Objectives:

- 1. Provide financial support for at least 2 agencies that provide services to the uninsured and underinsured in Vanderburgh County for all levels of services.**
- 2. Provide financial support to at least 2 programs that provide both housing and referral services for those with mental health and addiction issues.**
- 3. Enhance collaboration with other community coalitions working on related issues such as domestic violence, homelessness, and mental health as a co-occurring disorder for the under and uninsured.**

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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: July 31st, 2020

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: July 31st 2022

Date of Community Consultant Review:

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