Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Agenda



Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2015





Child Services Oversight Committee

Cross-System Youth Task Force

Interim Report Cross Systems Task Force

Prepared for the Indiana Children's Commission February 17, 2016

Judge Charles F. Pratt and Donald Travis, Co-chairs

Membership is reflective of the Commission

The following agencies/systems are represented: **Criminal Justice Institute Judicial Center** State Court Administration (data) Department of Mental Health & Addiction Education / Schools **Department of Corrections** Court Appointed Special Advocate Program Public Defender Juvenile Court judges **Juvenile** Probation Department of Child Services Indiana State Bar Association Law Enforcement Prosecutor **Placement and Service Providers**

Review of 2015

• Issues worked on in 2015 and any outcomes achieved (whether qualitative or quantitative)

• Status of assignments from the Commission (if any)

• Task Force priority areas for 2016 and action plan or major action steps, if available

Issues worked on in 2015

- 1. Multi-System Youth Symposium
- 2. Dual System Youth Project
- 3. Task Force Committees

Multi-System Youth Symposium

- Held July 24, 2015
- Approximately 42 counties participated
- Format was brief lecture followed by work group and reporting out on:
 - Defining Multi-System Youth in your County
 - What Agencies are best suited to serving their needs
 - What are the barriers to working with this population
 - Developing an Action Plan for these children
- Data collected and being coded for presentation to next Task Force Meeting

Dual System Youth Project

- House Enrollment Act 1196
- TEACH Counties (Tippecanoe, Elkhart, Allen, Clark, Henry)
 - Pilot Sights for implementation
 - Implementation Team IJC, Judicial Officers, DCS
 - Kick-off event January 29, 2016
 - Development of MOU, Release of Information, Orders
 - Development of best practices model
 - Continued implementation and training
- Marion County Dual Status Youth project

Task Force Committees

- Transition (Older Youth) Committee (Ages 16-21)
 - Homeless Youth
 - Substance Abuse Issues with Multi-System Youth
 - Mental Health Issues with Multi-System Youth
- Middle Tier Youth (Ages 9-15)
 - Substance Abuse Issues with Multi-System Youth
 - Review of LCC's
 - Problem Solving Courts
 - Department of Education

Status of assignments from the Commission

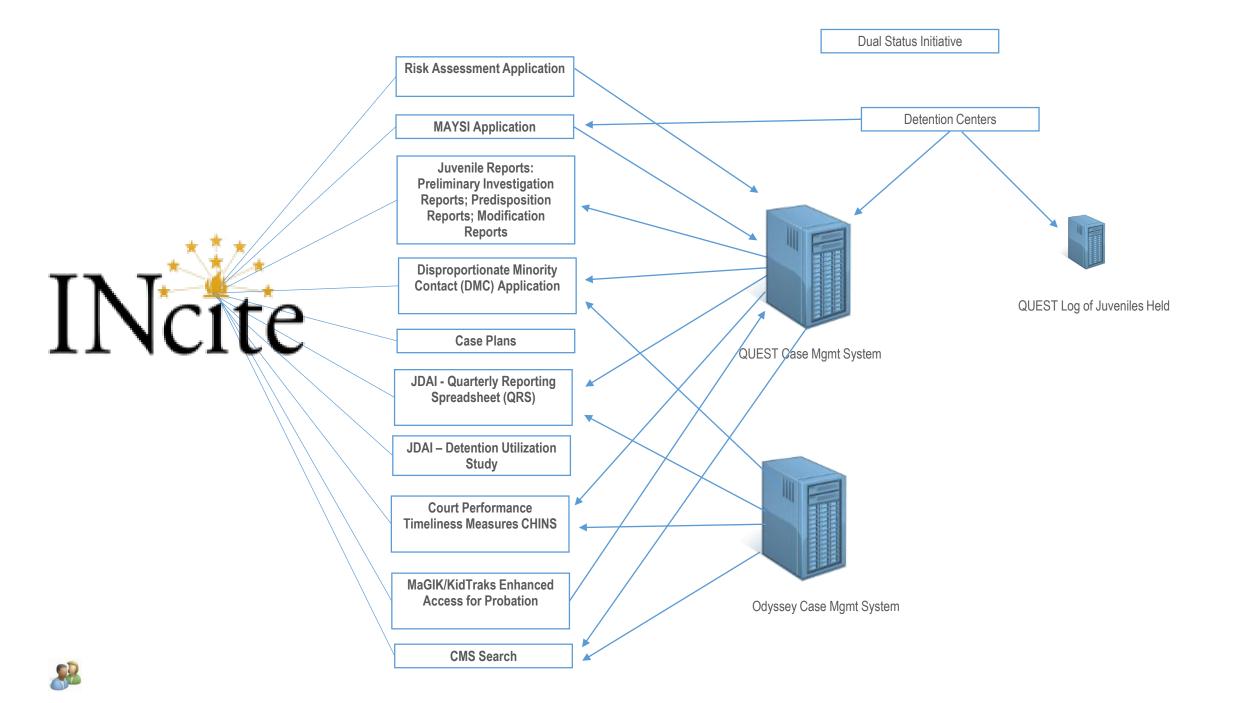
- Continue to expand JDAI and initiatives regarding disproportionate minority contact
- Increase alternatives to detention for youth with mental health issues
- Improve transitions for youth from DOC and DCS to other agencies (BDDS, DMHA, etc.) and to their communities, including re-entry to school
- Improve coordination between probation, mental health, DCS, and DOC on dually adjudicated youth
- Increase coordination regarding education among DOE, DCS, probation, and school districts for dually adjudicated youth
- Develop policies and procedures to meet the needs of dually adjudicated youth

Task Force priority areas for 2016

- State-wide Implementation of Dual System Youth Project
- Explore Services related to Multi-System Youth Symposium
- Explore Unassigned Priorities of the Commission
- Recommendation from Committees
 - Homeless Youth
 - Substance Abuse

Data Sharing and Mapping Task Force

Juvenile Initiatives in Indiana



Progress Report to the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Education Outcomes Task Force February 17, 2016

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2015 Objectives

- Increase School Stability and Decrease Absenteeism (Truancy)
- Improve transitions for youth from DOC and DCS to other agencies and to the community, including reenrollment into school.
- Increase alternatives for schools regarding youth who would otherwise be suspended or expelled.

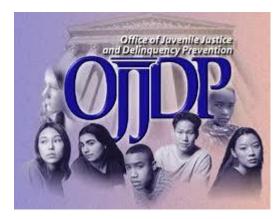


Increasing School Stability and Decreasing Absenteeism (Truancy)

 We have identified three promising initiatives and will establish a sub-committee of representatives from the Youth Assistance Program, Systems of Care, and the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative to coordinate efforts around this objective.

Improving Transition to School from DOC and DCS

 We have functioned as the Statewide Reentry Task Force for IDOC/DYS as part of their OJJDP Reentry Grant Projects



Alternatives to Suspension and Expulsion



- Summit on School Discipline
- Guidance to schools based on need
- Exploring options for those expelled
- Testimony at Office of Civil Rights hearing (today) regarding "School to Prison Pipeline"



 Exploring options that can offer support to public schools who re-enroll "marginal" students and help them achieve positive outcomes



Status of Assignments from the Commission

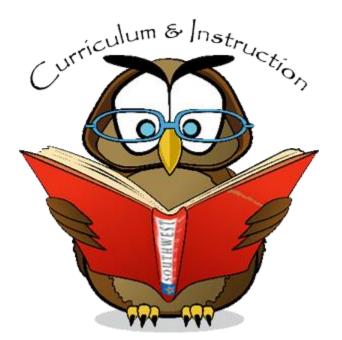


 Develop age appropriate substance abuse curriculum for students and offer ways to better connect affected youth and families with substance abuse services.



Education/Substance Abuse

 Senator Randall Head and Dr. Susan Lockwood held initial discussions with staff from IDOE, the Executive Director of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, and the Executive Director of the Indiana Association of School Principals





Education/Substance Abuse



- A joint sub-committee has been convened, chaired by Ms. Parri Black, President and CEO of Youth First
- Next meeting scheduled for March, 2016.



Future Work

 "Dear Colleague" letter from USDOJ and USDOE regarding education for youth who are in juvenile justice settings





Collaboration with DWD



 New WIOA authorization requiring support for out of school youth under the age of 24



Recommendations

 Will make actionable recommendations at the May, 2016 meeting regarding our current initiatives



Infant Mortality and Child Health

Annual Report 2015 Jane Bisbee and Jennifer Walthall Co-chairs

Infant Mortality and Child Health

SECTION I: 2014 UPDATE

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

- Pilot hospitals live 12/15
- Testing:
 - Standard definition
 - Data elements
 - Intervention outcomes
- Ongoing provider and community education
- First report mid-2016
- Excellent collaboration with DCS

Labor of Love

- 2016 "Version 2.0" launched 1.16
- Focused on high risk populations and geography with thematic and positive messaging
- Analysis of 2015: improved uptake of prenatal care access knowledge
- Grassroots project in process

Levels of Care

- Delivery center site visits ongoing
- IPQIC standards adopted
- Plan 2017 roll out of full program
- Participation in VON program beginning 2016: Goal to increase number of preterm infants born in centers with ventilator capability
- Capacity building enterprise

Infant Mortality and Child Health

SECTION II: 2015 WORK

Requests for Reports

- Neonatal incubators
 - Presented report of literature review to Commission
 - Ongoing work around legislation at ISDH

Requests for Reports

- Adolescent Suicide
 - Convened multidisciplinary workgroup
 - Updated statewide adolescent suicide plan
 - Presented at Commission 2015
 - Positive review and uptake
 - Hospital systems
 - DOE

Healthcare communication for medically frail children

- Partnership with DOE
- Communication plan developed
- Legal explanation for FRPA and HIPAA
- Collaborative model for families, providers, and schools
- Goal: decrease timeframe from new medication order to implementation

Infant Mortality and Child Health

SECTION III: 2016 PLAN

Primary Care and Behavioral Health Integration

- Multiple guest speakers planned for 2016, first at February meeting
- Recommendations for consideration planned at 2017 meeting
 - Policy barriers
 - Best practice models
 - Child health gaps focus

Thank you on behalf of our DCS, ISDH, DOE, and FSSA representation

Substance Abuse and Child Safety Task Force

Reports from Commission Members

Commission on Improving the Status of Children

Probation Presentation

February 17, 2016

Susan Lightfoot, Chief Probation Officer, Henry County

PROBATION AGENCIES ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON:

JDAI Through the support (technical, financial and staffing) and assistance of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI), approximately 30 counties have been able to prioritize youth by looking at detaining the right youth, for the right reasons, in the least restrictive environments and for the right amount of time. (It is not a program, but a process and change in overall philosophy in the Juvenile Justice System.)

DUAL STATUS

Five "TEACH" (Tippecanoe, Elkhart, Allen, Clark, and Henry)

Counties, plus Marion County have been piloting and

developing Dual Status Youth protocols and processes within the Juvenile Justice System to enable all youth (and families) regardless of "which door" they enter the system (Probation or DCS) to be provided with the most comprehensive assessments, resources and services from all systems to provide them with what they need to overcome trauma, heal and become productive citizens.

EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES

Probation continues to move forward and explore alternatives for

education for at risk youth that don't fit the regular public school mold to try to access alternatives where they will be successful, such at online education options (PLATO, etc.), alternative schools such as the Crossing (where classes are small and interactive in nature and include a mixture of teacher instruction and on-line learning), and day and evening reporting options which can provide educational alternatives with relaxed environments and additional support for youth with special needs.

DATA AND INFORMATION SHARING

Probation is learning the importance of data in decision making,

programming and how important being able to collect and share data electronically has become. Along the same lines, learning to share information with other agencies and schools and being able to break down the confidentiality barriers to encourage preventative measures while still holding information in the utmost of care.

COMMUNITY REINVESTEMENT GRANT

Through the funding and support of the Community Reinvestment Grants, Probation has been affording opportunities for additional staffing, assessments, EPIC tools and resources for our clients in an effort to collaborate with Community Corrections and supervise non-violent offenders in our communities. This has also enabled us to work with parents of CHINS and DELINQUENTS to try to keep families together and lessen the impact on our youth.

The Commission on Improving the Status of Children has truly been the driving factor in many or all of these initiatives for Probation. The Commission has brought an awareness to all of the agencies, opened doors in regard to resources, information sharing and the importance of data. Youth are effected by what their families are going through so having the resources and staffing to deal with adult offenders with children has a positive "trickle down effect" on our youth. It has been my pleasure to be a part of such an important initiative to better the lives of youth and families in Indiana.

CHILDREN"S COMMISSION PRESENTATION OUTLINE PROBATION: Susan Lightfoot 2/17/2016

- JDAI
- ✤ DUAL STATUS YOUTH
- ✤ EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES
- ✤ DATA AND INFORMATION SHARING
- ✤ COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT GRANT

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Division of Mental Health and Addiction

CHILDREN'S COMMISSION FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Significant Collaborations

- Department of Child Services
- DOC/Youth Services
- IN State Department of Health
- Division of Disabilities and Rehab Services
- Department of Education
- Indiana Youth Group
- CMHC council

- Juvenile Justice Agencies
- Juvenile Detention
- Schools
- Communities
- Prevention agencies
- Riley Hospital
- Infant/Toddler MH Association

Major Initiatives

- Child Wraparound Initiative
 - Waiver services
- Child Mental Health Initiative (DCS partner)
- Project LAUNCH (ISDH partner)
 - Early intervention and prevention
- System of Care expansion
 - Youth and family involvement
 - Cultural and linguistic competency
 - Workforce development

• JDAI

- State JDAI lead agency
- Dual Status Youth

Cross-Agency Team

• This team reviews the most complex child placement cases to determine the most appropriate placement and services in the short and long-term

• Includes:

- o DMHA
- o DDRS
- o DOC
- o DCS

Funding Opportunities

- Enhanced services for transition age youth
- 6 grants for school-based mental health services
- Expansion of Youth MOVE
 - Dedicated to youth advocacy and stigma reduction
- Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support in over 180 schools
- Mental health first aid training in multiple schools
- Prevention grants targeting alcohol and prescription drug use for persons under 25

Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

David Powell

Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council

Executive Director

Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council

About the Indiana **Prosecuting Attorneys** *Council:* INDIANA 011 N C

The IPAC is a non-partisan, independent state judicial branch agency that supports Indiana's 91 prosecuting attorneys and their chief deputies. It is governed by a 10-member board of directors of elected prosecuting attorneys. The IPAC assists prosecuting attorneys in the preparation of manuals, legal research and training seminars. It serves as a liaison to local, state, and federal agencies, study commissions, and community groups in an effort to support law enforcement and promote the fair administration of justice.

IPAC Organization



Duties of IPAC Staff



2016 Training Schedule

- **Evidence Boot Camp** February Evansville, IN
- **Train the Trainer** February Indianapolis, IN
- NDAA Equal Justice Child Abuse March

Indianapolis, IN

• **Trial Advocacy I (Narcotics)** - April

Fort Wayne, IN

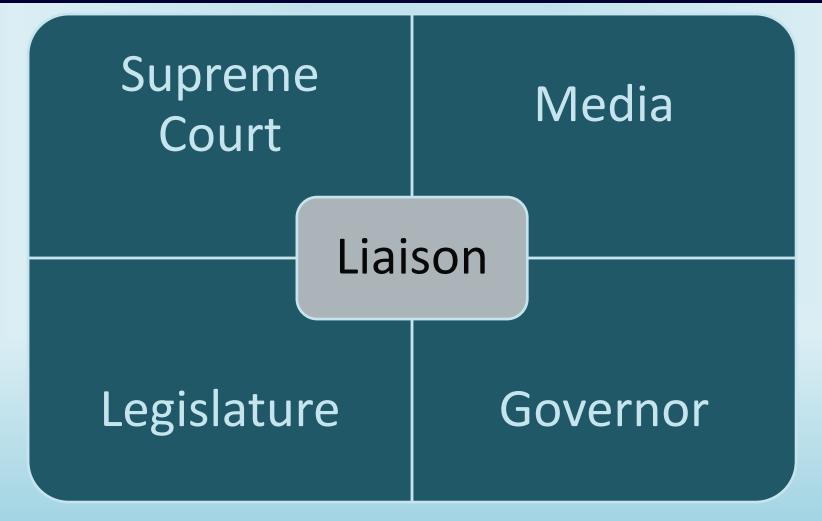
- *IPAC Spring Seminar May* Indianapolis, IN
- Child Support Conference June
 Indianapolis, IN
- IPAC Summer Conference June Lawrenceburg, IN

- *Visual Trial August* Indianapolis, IN
- Indiana Covert Drug Investigation School – August Edinburgh, IN
- Trial Advocacy II (TSRP FACT Scenario) – August/September Indianapolis, IN
- Public Relations/Media September/October Indianapolis, IN
- Trial Advocacy II or III October/November Indianapolis, IN
- IPAC Winter Conference Dec. Indianapolis, IN

Manuals

- County Best Practices for Title IV-D
- Ethics Manual
- Juvenile Manual
- Trial Handbook
- Habitual Offender Manual
- Prosecutor Handbook
- Public Relations and Communication for Indiana Prosecutors

Liaison



Liaison - Statutory Commissions & Committees

- Governor's drug task force
- Criminal law and sentencing policy study committee
- Indiana criminal justice
 institute
- Domestic violence prevention and treatment council
- State council for adult and juvenile compacts
- Commission to improve status of children

- DCS oversight committee domestic violence fatality review advisory group
- Supreme court records management committee
- Governor's task force to reduce drunk driving
- Teen prescription drug abuse subcommittee
- JRAC Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council
- State EBAM Team
- JDAI

IV-Performance Measures

Performance Percentages & Rankings to Other States	INDIANA FFY2015	FFY2014 National Average	INDIANA FFY2014 National Rank among other states
Paternity Establishment	104.41%	99.64%	15th
Support Order Establishment	93.21%	84.69%	6th
Current Collections	64.78%	64.21%	25 th
Cases Paying on Arrears	71.85%	62.69%	6th

*IN has gone from being ranked at 33rd among other states & territories in 2004 to 9th nationwide in best performance.

*Source DCS October 2015

Indiana IV-D Caseload Data

IV-D Caseload FFY2015

Total Caseload Handled by 279,327 Prosecutors

Indiana IV-D Caseload Collections

IV-D Collections	FFY2015
IV-D Support Collected & Distributed	\$577,420,079

*Source DCS October 2015

Initiatives informed by the work of the Commission

- Brochures/Pamphlets
 - Dangers of Teen Sexting
 - Motor Driven Cycles Stay Legal
 - Protecting Hoosier Children
- First Responder Guidebook (completed by 4/1/16)
- Teen Prescription Drug Abuse Subcommittee
- Juvenile Manual
- Legislation SB14 Child exploitation and child pornography (Senator Head)

Questions?



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INDIANA SUPREME COURT

www.in.gov/judiciary

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council

- Established as part of the Criminal Code reform in 2015.
- 9-member council representing criminal justice stakeholders/practitioners.
- Reviews & makes recommendations about DOC grant funding to community supervision programs/agencies.
- Reviews & makes recommendations about DMHA Recovery Works program elements & funding.
- HB 1369: would ask this commission to look at similar funding for juvenile justice, consult with the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council for recommendations on distributing funding.

http://www.in.gov/judiciary/center/2893.htm

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative ("JDAI")

 Represents Indiana's effort to reduce our reliance on secure detention while not compromising public safety.

Statewide-system wide effort with collaboration from 5 lead agencies.

- Began in 2006 in Marion County. Now 32 counties participate.
- Outcomes include fewer admissions to secure detention, reduction in average daily population in secure detention, fewer juvenile felony petitions filed, fewer commitments to DOC.

http://www.in.gov/judiciary/center/2823.htm

Court Improvement Program ("CIP")

- Financial & Staff support for the CISC
- Dual Status Youth Initiative in partnership with Cross-System Youth Task Force
- Sub-grants for local child welfare initiatives:
 - CHINS/TPR mediation & facilitation programs,
 - family dependency drug courts,
 - national adoption day activities, &
 - multidisciplinary training programs.
- CHINS Timeliness Measures. Tracks & measures court performance in CHINS/TPR cases
 - Time to permanent placement
 - Time to first permanency hearing
 - Time to the filing of the termination of parental rights petition
 - Time to termination of parental rights
 - Time to all subsequent permanency hearings

Court-Appointed Special Advocate ("CASA")

- OPTIMA® Case Management Online System
 - 56 Programs currently in production (70%)
 - Plan to be fully operational in all certified counties by July, 2016 statewide
 - 13,135 children and 2,352 volunteers currently entered in system by programs
 - 7,762 cases being followed
 - Interface with Odyssey and Quest underway
- Other Initiatives
 - Distributing \$1.5M to counties in Capacity Building Grants
 - New programs starting in 3 additional counties in 2016
 - Added Business Analyst to staff

http://www.in.gov/judiciary/admin/2339.htm

Other Court Initiatives

- Child Support: The Supreme Court approved the revised child support guidelines effective January 1, 2016, which address the Affordable Care Act & other issues. <u>http://www.in.gov/judiciary/rules/child_support/index.html</u>
- Court Technology-Juvenile Applications (*covered in Data Sharing & Mapping Task Force report)
- Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee: 15 judicial officers with juvenile jurisdiction meets monthly to address policies affecting juveniles with other state agencies & reviews legislation which directly impacts juveniles. <u>http://www.in.gov/judiciary/center/2382.htm</u>

Sex Trafficking

- Goal #1: Create a statewide group of juvenile court judges, probation officers, public defenders, prosecutors, DCS, service providers, & law enforcement officers to identify/recognize child victims of trafficking. The first meeting was held in January.
- Goal #2: Establish a shelter to which DCS & courts can refer commercially sexually exploited children for residential & nonresidential services.
- Goal #3: Identify potential jurisdictions in Indiana where an adult diversion court/docket might be established.

* GOVERNOR'S * **TASK FORCE**

on Drug Enforcement, Treatment & Prevention

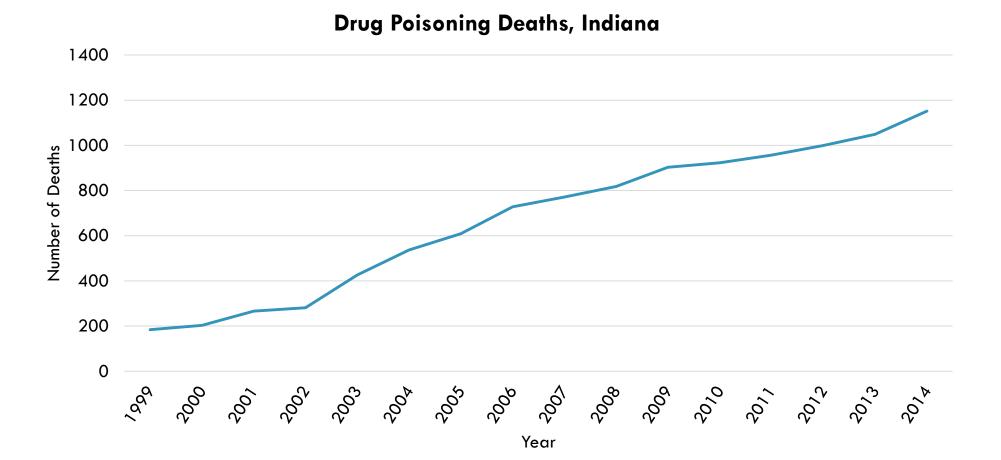
COMBATTING DRUG ABUSE IN INDIANA

INDIANA – DRUG ABUSE EPIDEMIC OVERVIEW

Drug Abuse Statistics

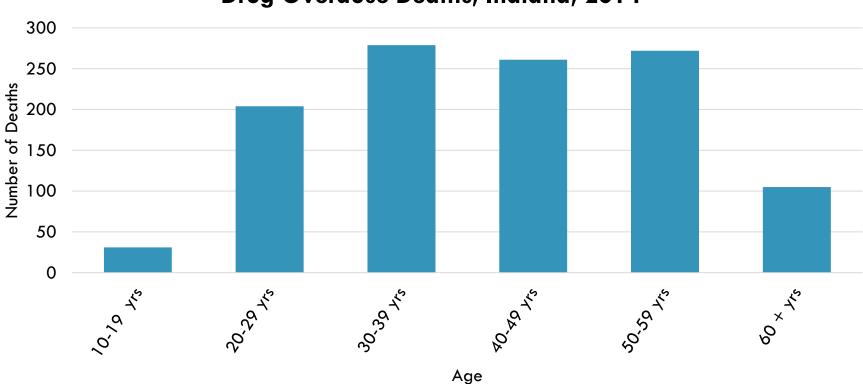
- In 2014, Indiana was ranked 16th nationally for its overdose rate.¹
- From 2003 to 2015, instances in which heroin was reported in overdose deaths increased by a factor of 57.²
- The increase in unintentional poisoning deaths from 1999 to 2009 was 500%.³

INDIANA – DRUG POISONING DEATHS



SOURCE: INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER, DATA ANALYSIS TEAM

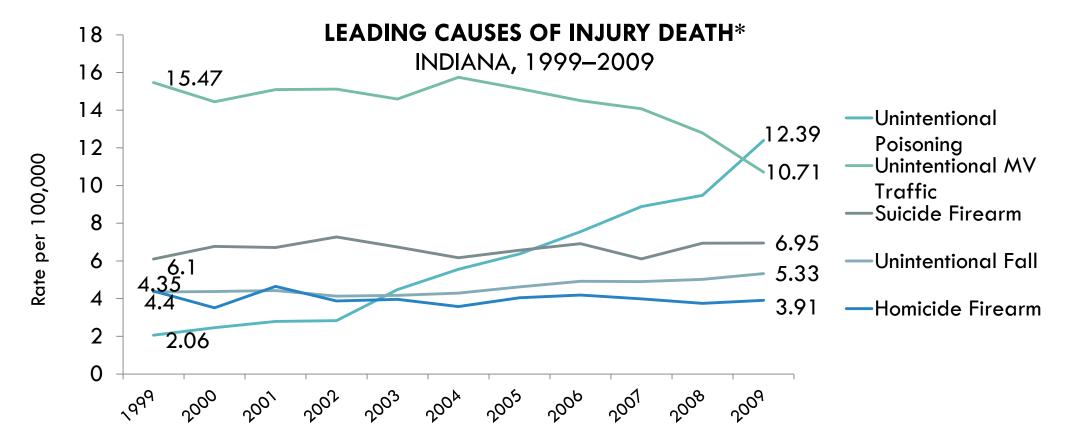
INDIANA - DRUG POISONING DEATHS IN 2014



Drug Overdose Deaths, Indiana, 2014

SOURCE: INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER, DATA ANALYSIS TEAM

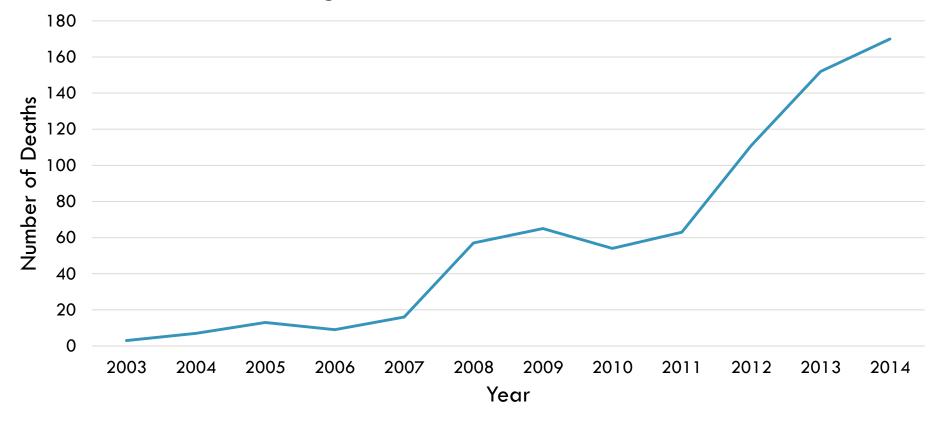
INDIANA – LEADING CAUSES OF INJURY DEATH



*AGE-ADJUSTED RATES | SOURCE: WISQARS - CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL

INDIANA – DRUG DEATHS WITH HEROIN

Drug Deaths with Heroin, Indiana



SOURCE: INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EPIDEMIOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER, DATA ANALYSIS TEAM

INDIANA – DRUG DEATHS WITH HEROIN

Indiana Drug Deaths with Heroin (Age Adjusted Rates)							
	Drug Deaths *			Drug Deaths with Heroin**			
	Number	Age-Adj. Rate		Number	Age-Adj. Rate		
2003	426	7.0		3	0.05		
2004	537	8.7		7	0.11		
2005	609	9.8		13	0.21		
2006	728	11.6		9	0.14		
2007	771	12.2		16	0.26		
2008	818	13.0		57	0.92		
2009	903	14.2		65	1.00		
2010	923	14.3		54	0.86		
2011	957	15.0		63	1.00		
2012	999	15.8		111	1.77		
2013	1,049	16.3		152	2.45		
2014	1,152	17.9		170	2.72		

INDIANA — YOUTH AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES



GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT, TREATMENT & PREVENTION

- Established by executive order on September 1, 2015.
- 23 member Task Force composed of experts from a variety of specialties tasked with identifying strategies to combat Indiana's growing drug problem.
- Task Force Meetings
 - 5 meetings held since September 2015
 - Meeting in various regions around the state to understand how drug abuse impacts different areas of Indiana
- Task Force will continue to meet this year and will issue a final report.
- Governor Pence stressed that immediate steps should be taken, not just study and analysis.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Member	Organization		
John Hill	Governor's Office		
Dr. Jerome Adams*	Indiana State Department of Health		
Dr. Tim Kelly	Community Health		
Judge Mary Beth Bonaventura*	Indiana Department of Child Services		
Supt. Doug Carter	Indiana State Police		
Commissioner Bruce Lemmon	Indiana Department of Correction		
Dr. John Wernert*	Indiana Family and Social Services Administration		
Dr. Charles Miramonti	IU Medicine/Indianapolis EMS		
Dan Miller	Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council		
Sheriff John Layton	Marion County Sheriff's Department		
Chief Michael Diekhoff	Bloomington Police Department		
Rev. Rabon L Turner	New Hope Missionary Baptist Church		

Member	Organization		
Justice Mark Massa	Indiana Supreme Court		
Judge Roger Duvall	Scott County Circuit Court		
Dr. Joan Duwve	Indiana State Department of Health		
Tony Gillespie	Indiana Minority Health Coalition		
Dr. Joseph Fox	Anthem, Inc.		
Judge Wendy Davis	Allen County Superior Court		
Bernard Carter	Lake County Prosecutor		
Sen. Jim Merritt	Indiana State Senate		
Rep. Wendy McNamara	Indiana House of Representatives		
Sen. Jim Arnold	Indiana State Senate		
Rep. Terry Goodin	Indiana House of Representatives		

*COMMISSION ON IMPROVING THE STATUS OF CHILDREN MEMBER

ENFORCEMENT

- Goal: Identify effective strategies so federal, state, and local law enforcement can partner together to combat drug abuse.
- Collaborative approach is key-need to have regional and local cooperation.

Immediate Steps Taken:

- Drug seizures
- Scott County Organization
- Marion County Organization
- Presentations to date:
 - Hendricks County Drug Court
 - Vanderburgh County Prosecutor
 - Regional Therapeutic Communities
 - Strengthening Penalties on Drug Dealers

TREATMENT

- Goal: Analyze available resources for treatment and identify best practices for treating drug addiction.
- Lack of treatment is a national problem:
 - "In 2013, an estimated 22.7 million Americans (8.6 percent) needed treatment for a problem related to drugs or alcohol, but only about 2.5 million people (0.9 percent) received treatment at a specialty facility." -National Institute on Drug Abuse
- Immediate Steps Taken:
 - DOC Starke County Pilot
 - County Jail Pilot
 - Gold Card Program
- Presentations to date:
 - Midtown Community Mental Health and Addiction Model
 - Naloxone Deployment and Training
 - Project ECHO
 - Acute Pain Prescribing
 - Indianapolis EMS & IMPD Naloxone Initiative
 - Indiana Hospital Association Prescribing Guidelines and Patient & Community Engagement

PREVENTION

- Goal: Identify programs and/or policies which are effective in preventing drug abuse, including early youth intervention programs.
- Opportunities to work with the Commission on prevention efforts, especially in the areas of education and services for youth.
- Immediate Steps Taken:
 - Youth First funded in Governor's Budget
 - Expanding youth assistance programs
- Presentations to date:
 - Youth Assistance Program in Hamilton County
 - Southwest Indiana Youth Assistance Programming
 - Local Coordinating Councils
 - Indiana Addiction Hotline
 - MPH Data Initiative

RECOMMENDATIONS TO DATE

Governor Pence directed:

- FSSA to pursue a Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration waiver.
- All agencies to raise awareness of Aaron's Law, which increased access to naloxone.
- DWD to expand youth assistance programs.
- PLA and Task Force members to send the INSPECT Oversight Committee recommendations to improve INSPECT and increase access for prescribers and dispensers.
- The Commission for Improving the Status of Children to develop age-appropriate substance abuse curriculum for students and find ways to better connect affected youth with substance abuse services.
- ISDH to work with stakeholders to develop guidelines for prescribing acute pain medications.
- PLA to expedite rulemaking process for chronic pain prescribing rules.
- IDHS to identify gaps in naloxone availability compared with overdose demographics.
- DOC to pilot a Regional Therapeutic Communities program in Starke County.
- FSSA to implement a Gold Card Program for physicians.
- CJI and FSSA to identify a county jail to pilot a therapeutic SUD treatment program for offenders awaiting adjudication or serving sentences while in jail.

LEGISLATION

- The Governor's legislative agenda for 2016 includes four items recommended by the Task Force:
 - SB 89 Lifeline Law
 - Expands the Lifeline Law to grant immunity for certain individuals who call emergency personnel when an individual is at risk of a drug overdose.
 - SB 187 Overdose intervention drugs reporting and standing orders
 - Ensures that lifesaving overdose intervention drugs are available statewide by requiring a licensed prescriber at the Indiana State Department of Health to issue a statewide standing order.
 - SB 271 Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse
 - Established the Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse to comprehensively address drug abuse issues at the state and local level.
 - HB 1235 Drug Offenses
 - Increases penalties for drug dealers convicted of serious and aggravated offenses.

COLLABORATION

- Opportunities to partner with other entities and organizations who are also tackling the drug abuse crisis:
 - Commission on Improving the Status of Children
 - Very impressed with the work the Commission is doing and felt it was a good model going forward
 - Substance Abuse & Child Safety Subcommittee
 - Educational Outcomes Task Force
 - Attorney General's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force

Child Welfare Legislation

- HB 1064 Terminating the parent-child relationship
- HB 1069 No contact orders and battery
- HB 1271/SB 159 Child abuse allegations in military families
- **SB 26 CHINS**
- SB 305 Human trafficking

Juvenile Delinquency Legislation

- SB 90 Release of delinquents by intake officers
- SB 160 Disposition of waived juvenile by juvenile court
 - HB 1369 Comm'n on Improving the Status of Children to review innovative juv. justice programs including juv. community corrections.



Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2016, Indiana State Library, Room 211

2016 Meetings
 August 17, 2016
 November 16, 2016

Website

The website to view all documents handed out at Commission meetings and the webcast of today's meeting can be found at www.in.gov/children



Latest News & Headlines

The first annual report of the activities and accomplishments of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) is now available. 18 leaders from all parts of Indiana state government met bi-monthly to