Indiana Department of Health

Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

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Updates

Peer Recovery Services In Delaware County

Delaware County Jail has launched a pilot peer recovery program for incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders. The program aims to support program participants during incarceration and upon re-entry. Called the "Integrated Reentry and Correctional Support Program", or IRACS, the program has proven to be a positive experience for both incarcerated individuals and peer coaches. IRACS is also being implemented in Blackford, Davies, Dearborn, and Scott counties.

Travis Jester leads the program in Delaware and Blackford counties. As someone who has experienced substance use and recovery himself, he offers a unique point of view for the program participants. There are positive responses to the program so far because the coaches can speak to their peers about their firsthand experiences with incarceration, substance abuse, and recovery. The coaches work directly with jail staff and inmates, providing them counseling and evaluating their needs. Each IRACS peer counselor has access to the facility during business hours, allowing them to meet with their peers often.

IRACS implementation and rollout is still in process. To learn more about IRACS, visit the link **here.**

National Recovery Month Recap

September was National Recovery Month! Beginning in 1989, National Recovery Month was created by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to celebrate the dedication of recovery service providers and promote innovative evidence-based treatments.

In Indianapolis, several exciting initiatives took place in spirit of National Recovery Month. On September 26-27, the Indiana Annual Recovery Month Symposium (INARMS) took place in Plainfield. Featuring keynote speaker Beth Macy, participants engaged in discussions about recovery, re-entry, and harm reduction. To cap off National Recovery Month, the Indiana Recovery Network colored the Indiana Central Canal purple.

Check out a recap of National Recovery Month **here.**

Upcoming Events

Centering Youth Voices & Prioritizing Youth Engagement with PATCH (Providers and Teens Coordinating for Health)

October 12, 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 PM CST

Hosted by: Great Lakes MHTCC

In the first session of this webinar series, participants will learn about school-based mental health interventions for at-risk youth. The conversation will be led by Erica Koepsel, director of PATCH.

Learn more about this event **here.**

The Other Gender: Using a Trauma-Informed Framework for Working with Men in Addiction Treatment Programs

October 13, 12:30 PM EST

Hosted by: New England ATTC

This training focuses on trauma-informed practice that is applicable for men in addiction treatment programs. Experts from CODAC Behavioral Healthcare will be facilitating the training.

Learn more about this event **here.**

Stress Physiology, Neurobiology, and the Pharmacological Criteria of SUD

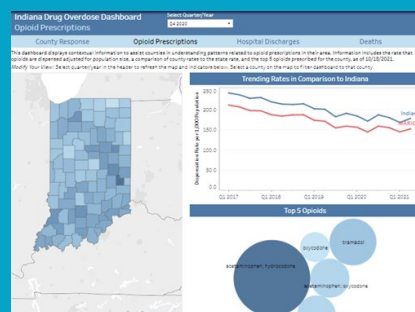**October 17, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. PT**

Hosted by: Northwest MHTTC

In this training, participants will learn about the human central nervous system and its adaptations to substance use. Jeffery Roskelley, a co-occurring disorders specialist, will be leading the session.

Learn more about this event **here.**

Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard

Please visit the Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard, where you will find data from 2017 up to provisional data for 2021. In this dashboard, you will find data regarding opioid prescriptions, hospital discharges, and drug-related deaths. You can use this dashboard to explore overdose data at the county and state levels.

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