



Goal

- By 2025, Indianapolis will substantially reduce its rates of prescription drug and heroin abuse and rank among the best (bottom quartile) of the fifty largest cities in the United States for death by overdose and non-fatal emergency department visits.

Strategies

- Raise awareness of the scope of the opioid epidemic and evidence-based policies to prevent and reduce opioid use.
- Expand access to evidence-based prevention, treatment and harm reduction programs and initiatives, and support pilots for new programs and initiatives.
- Assess opioid prevention, treatment and harm reduction strategies and evaluate effectiveness of programs.

Foundation Funding Since November 2015, Categorized by the Foundation's Opioid Funding Strategies

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Grants:

WFYI (November 2016: \$600,000 over two years; November 2018: \$600,000 over two years)

- Grant to build a robust health reporting initiative called "Side Effects" focused locally on central Indiana and on Indiana's statewide health policies. The public health news bureau produces regular reports and news series in formats for broadcast, web and print distribution.
- Goal: Elevate Indiana's public health challenges by disseminating information and raising awareness of key health-related issues.

Gannett (August 2017: \$92,800 over one year)

- Grant to launch "State of Addiction: Confronting Indiana's Opioid Crisis," a year-long *Indianapolis Star* special reporting project to educate Hoosiers about the opioid epidemic in Indiana, beginning with a 10-week in-depth series starting September 2017. The series highlights successful prevention and treatment efforts.
- Goal: Raise awareness of the scope of the opioid epidemic, address the stigma associated with addiction and elevate evidence-based policies to prevent and reduce opioid use.

The Hahn Foundation (March 2018: \$25,000 over one year)

- Grant to support the Alliance for a Healthier Indiana's "State of Our Health Road Show" in Marion County.
- Goal: Raise awareness of Indiana's poor health rankings, including rankings related to tobacco use, opioid use disorder and overdose deaths. Increase local support and grassroots engagement for improving Hoosier health.

Indiana Chamber of Commerce (August 2018: \$125,000 over two years)

- Grant to help launch the Indiana Workforce Recovery Initiative, a collaborative five-year effort focused on developing a comprehensive employer response to the opioid epidemic, and to support Marion County implementation of the program in partnership with the Indy Chamber.
- Goal: Provide Indiana employers with the resources necessary to effectively address the opioid epidemic and ultimately reduce hiring, retention, and performance issues resulting from opioid misuse.

Butler University (November 2018: \$8,000 over one year; February 2019: \$7,000 over one year)

- Grant to co-sponsor an event with Butler University and Community Health Network to bring David Sheff, award-winning author of *The New York Times* bestselling memoir Beautiful Boy, to Indianapolis for an evening of discussion about ways to address the acute crisis of substance use disorder and related behavioral health issues.
- Goal: Raise awareness of the scope of the opioid epidemic and address the stigma associated with addiction.

Indiana Primary Health Care Association (April 2019: \$5,000 over one year)

- Grant to support the Indiana Primary Health Care Association's 2019 Annual Conference focused on addiction.
- Goal: Raise awareness of the scope of the opioid epidemic and elevate evidence-based policies to prevent and reduce opioid misuse.

Reports:

Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI (December 2015: \$22,971)

- A report describing the extent of the toll of the opioid crisis in Indiana and Marion County and evidence-based strategies to address the crisis. The *Report on the Toll of Opioid Use in Indiana and Marion County* was published in September 2016 and disseminated statewide.

Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI (October 2018: \$50,000)

- An updated version of the *Report on the Toll of Opioid Use in Indiana and Marion County* was published in October 2018 that included current data on the scope of the opioid epidemic and recommendations for action by employers, health systems, lawmakers, K-12 schools and colleges and universities.

Convenings:

- September 2016: Co-hosted "Summit on Opioid & Tobacco Addiction for Indiana Funders" with Indiana Philanthropy Alliance. Event recording and meeting materials are located here: <https://www.inphilanthropy.org/tobacco-opioids>.
- 2017: Launched "Indiana Funders Collaborative: Focusing on Substance Use Disorder," bringing together private and public funders who are interested in preventing and reducing the incidence and impact of substance use disorder and related behavioral health issues in their communities and across the state. The Collaborative meets quarterly, and Jim McClelland, Executive Director for Drug Prevention, Treatment, and Enforcement for the State of Indiana, has formally joined the Foundation as a co-convenor of this group.

Expand access to evidence-based prevention, treatment and harm reduction programs and initiatives, and support pilots for new programs and initiatives.

Grants:

Eskenazi Health Foundation (November 2016: \$700,000 over two years)

- Grant to scale up and evaluate Project POINT, a demonstration project that connects high-risk, opioid misusing patients with ongoing substance misuse treatment after an overdose. This initiative includes a partnership between Eskenazi Health Emergency Department, Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services and the Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center.
- Goal: Reduce overdose deaths by improving uptake of treatment for patients with opioid use disorder.

Ascend Indiana (March 2017: \$376,000 over 18 months)

- Grant to develop a plan in partnership with Community Health Network and a post-secondary institution to build a model that grows the supply of licensed clinical social workers trained to treat substance use disorder to meet the needs of health systems across Indianapolis.
- Goal: Increase the number of licensed clinical social workers specializing in substance use disorder, improve training quality for those who enter the field and lower cost of behavioral health care.

Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (March 2017: \$25,000)

- Grant to support the planning process for the establishment of the City of Indianapolis' Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (M-CAT), an integrated first responder model that brings together law enforcement officers, paramedics, and crisis specialists to divert persons with mental illness or evidence of substance use into treatment rather than into the criminal justice system.
- Goal: Support the City's planning efforts to reform the criminal justice system in a manner that increases access to addiction treatment and reduces opioid use in Indianapolis.

Volunteers of America Indiana (VOAIN) (June 2017: \$130,000 over one year)

- Grant to support the facility expansion of the *Fresh Start Recovery Center*, an evidence-based substance use disorder residential treatment facility offering comprehensive care for pregnant women, mothers and children.
- Goal: Connect pregnant women and mothers with opioid use disorder with evidence-based treatment, and provide intensive parenting skills training to help these women keep their children out of the child welfare system.

Prevention Matters (November 2017: \$12 million over four years)

- Grant to launch [*Prevention Matters*](#), an initiative to give Marion County public and accredited private K-12 schools the opportunity to access funding and connect with prevention experts who provide free, step-by-step guidance to identify and implement evidence-based substance use prevention program(s) that best meets the needs of each applicant's students, staff and school environment. At scale, *Prevention Matters* will deliver evidence-based prevention programs to nearly 84,000 Marion County students.
- Goal: Equip Marion County students with the skills to help them avoid drugs and alcohol and to reduce substance use among young people.

Indiana University School of Medicine (February 2018: \$844,065 over two years)

- Grant to develop and pilot *CARE Plus*, a treatment and community health worker outreach program that utilizes a human-centered design approach to provide services to opioid-dependent mothers and their babies, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT), personalized coaching, text messaging, social services and intensive attachment therapy.
- Goal: Develop a scalable model to engage with and treat opioid-dependent mothers to ultimately improve long-term health and social outcomes for these mothers and their infants.

Indiana State Medical Association (February 2018: \$230,000 over one year)

- Grant to develop and pilot free comprehensive continuing medical education on controlled substance prescribing and pain management for doctors and other clinicians through development of a mobile application, on-demand podcasts and monthly live webinars that are also recorded and viewable online.
- Goal: Increase knowledge and adoption of controlled substance prescribing best practices to limit the over-prescription of opioids and reduce opioid misuse.

Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County (November 2018: \$1,450,000 over three years)

- Grant to support the launch of the Marion County Public Health Department's Safe Syringe Access and Support program and to conduct a cost-effectiveness analysis of the program.
- Goal: Reduce the risk of infectious diseases, prevent overdose deaths, and divert criminal justice involvement in Marion County by expanding access to an evidence-based treatment, prevention, and harm reduction program.

Indiana University Health Foundation (September 2019: \$813,170 over two years)

- Grant to establish a partnership with the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) to provide virtual peer recovery coaching services and referral to treatment for Marion County parents and caregivers involved in DCS cases where substance use disorder is suspected. Grant funding will also support an evaluation conducted by the IU School of Social Work.
- Goal: Provide parents and caregivers with immediate, accessible substance use disorder treatment services, thereby improving outcomes for children and families interacting with the child welfare system.

Total Opioid Funding (November 2015 through December 2019): \$18,104,006