

Goal

- Indianapolis ranks at or near the bottom of almost every measure of health and healthy living. One primary root cause of these poor health outcomes is substance use disorder. To help our city reach its full potential, in November 2015 the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation adopted the following goal: to reduce rates of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use in Marion County.

Funding 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.

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,” 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.

Grants Awarded Since November 2015

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

- Grant to develop 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.
- Goal: Inform the Foundation’s grantmaking, raise awareness of the effects of opioid addiction, and identify effective solutions for combatting opioid use disorder.



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

- Grant to establish a new public health bureau called “Side Effects,” which is focused on central Indiana and also covers statewide health policies impacting central Indiana. “Side Effects” produces regular reports and news series in formats for broadcast, web and print distribution.
- Goal: Elevate Indiana’s public health challenges and potential solutions by disseminating information and raising awareness in a manner that could spur community engagement and action.



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



- Grant to enhance 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 Eskenazi Health Midtown Community Mental Health Center.
- Goal: Reduce overdose deaths by improving engagement with treatment for patients with opioid use disorder.

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



- Grant to support planning 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: Increase access to treatment and support for people with mental health and substance use problems by diverting appropriate individuals to mental health and social services instead of the criminal justice system.

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 an employer-driven model that will grow the supply of licensed clinical social workers trained to treat substance use disorder that will meet the needs of health systems across Indianapolis.
- Goal: Expand the capacity to provide addiction treatment services in Central Indiana, and develop a new training model that can be replicated by other providers and education systems around the state.

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



- Capital grant to support the facility expansion of *Fresh Start Recovery Center*, an evidence-based substance use disorder residential treatment facility offering comprehensive care – including addiction services and parenting skills training - for pregnant women, mothers and children.
- Goal: Help to decrease the devastating effects of opioid misuse among pregnant women and mothers in Indianapolis by expanding access to residential treatment services.

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 about opioid use disorder in Indiana, beginning with a 10-week in-depth series starting September 2017. The series highlights successful prevention, harm reduction 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.