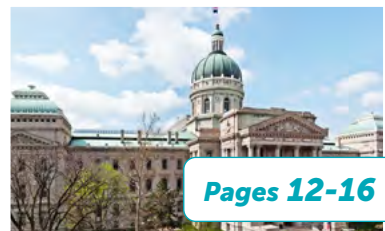




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Our July Quarterly meeting

We are delighted to welcome Radiant Health for this month's Member Spotlight feature...

Radiant Health's primary service area is Grant and Blackford counties as well as the surrounding contiguous counties that are part of our mobile crisis service area. Our organization is 220 employees strong and growing.

Read more... See page 8 - 11



Happy Summer to our members, affiliate members, partners, legislatures, and key stakeholders-

What a summer it has been! The Council started its summer in DC advocating to the federal legislature for Indiana to be one of the states selected to be in the **SAMHSA/CMS CCBHC Demonstration**. We learned then that Representative Bucshon was co-sponsoring the Mental Health Access Improvement Act that would allow CCBHC to be a Medicare provider type.

We also were able to get support from all the Indiana delegation to sign a letter of support for the demonstration - something that, as some of them shared, has not happened since the Farm Bill. I am grateful for the members who joined me on this DC visit and for our federal lobbyist team for making it such a success.

From there, the Council was able to be a part of members crisis stabilization services and receiving openings at **4C Health** and **Adult and Child**. Thanks to the state and many other key stakeholders, those we serve now have a place to go when in crisis.

To see photos from these events see page 6 & 7.

As our state advocacy continued to take place, we learned that Indiana was awarded the **State Demonstration for CCBHC**. The Council is grateful to the leadership at DMHA and our 8-member pilot sites for the work that they put in to make the application a success. We are also grateful for all the state and federal letters of support that were sent to SAMSHA on behalf of our membership. It was a true collaborative effort to get us to this award and it will continue to be as we enhance our system to CCBHC!

The timing of that notice could not have been better since we were back in DC that week for **National Council Hill Day**. We were able to thank our federal legislators directly. We again had amazing advocates from our CMHCS that helped us advocate for many federal policies including CCBHC and workforce. *See photos on page 7.*

Once back from Hill Day, it was time for the **Council's annual board retreat**, *(photo on page 6)* where the board updated our *why and how* statements and strategic initiatives.

One of the new statements that the board added is –

The Indiana Council is the hub that ensures the safety net is strong and 92 counties have access to quality, community-based behavioral health services. We are focused and dedicated to sharing information and resources to create a level playing field for our member CMHCs to succeed.

WELCOME

The Council has recently hired **Nancy Henry**, Data Quality Assurance Manager, to assist in developing our systematic data and sharing. We welcome her to our team and look forward to her assisting us with reaching this new how statement.

We also just extended an offer to a Director of State and Government Relations to assist with this work with legislatures and key stakeholders. Please welcome back **Sydney Moulton** to the Council team. As some of you will remember, Sydney was on the council's lobbyist team a year ago. She has now joined our staff team to assist us with our strategic plan. We are thrilled to welcome Sydney and Nancy to our team!

Learn more about Nancy and Sydney on page 5 .

It was great seeing all of you at our **July conference and business meeting** and we are so thankful to our partners, sponsors, speakers, staff and all of you that made it such a success. *See photos on pages 24-25.*

Looking forward to seeing you all again in **Bloomington, Indiana at our October CCBHC Conference.**

In the meantime, stay cool and remember that now is the perfect time to reach out to your state and federal legislators to show them the great work you are doing in your communities. To learn more about our lobbyist teams and how you can support their efforts locally see page 18.

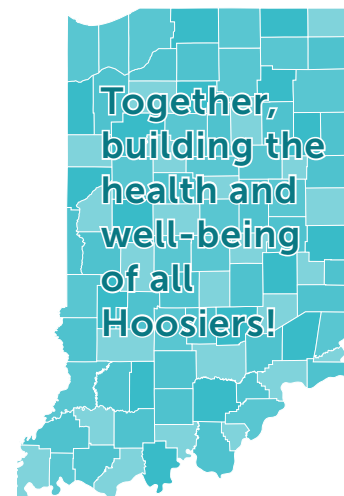
In advocacy,

Zoe

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The Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers

represents the collective interests of all community mental health centers (CMHCs) currently certified and accredited to provide community-based behavioral health services across all ninety-two counties in Indiana.

CMHCs in Indiana served over 300,000 behavioral health consumers in 2023.

CMHCs provide services primarily to those suffering from severe behavioral health and substance abuse conditions which further reduce additional costs to society by directing coordinated care to our most vulnerable citizens.

Click the image below to view / download our flyer on the benefits provided to our communities by our network of CMHCs.

INDIANA COUNCIL How do CMHCs benefit their communities?

Indiana's Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) provide comprehensive mental health care to persons of all ages who suffer from mental illness or substance use disorders.

- The 24 CMHCs focus on serving economically disadvantaged Hoosiers and those who typically encounter difficulties accessing care.
- The services CMHCs provide to their communities include: inpatient and outpatient treatment, crisis services, services for children and adolescents, elderly people, substance use services, residential services, peer-led services and more.
- CMHCs provide life-improving, critical mental health services to Hoosiers who otherwise might never receive care, including the economically disadvantaged, persons involved in the criminal justice system, and persons who are experiencing homelessness.

Access to high quality, comprehensive behavioral health care

Development of behavioural health workforce

Addressing the behavioural health care needs of underserved communities

Innovative service delivery approaches

Total Economic Impact for Indiana
\$1,382,440,371 ANNUALLY
\$510,369,303 NOW-DIRECT \$872,080,068 INDIRECT

Tax Revenue Generated
\$186 Million ANNUALLY
\$28.9 MILLION STATE & LOCAL \$50.6 MILLION FEDERAL

Employment
15,3040 TOTAL JOBS
3,511 NOW-DIRECT 11,829 INDIRECT

CMHCs have a positive impact on Indiana's economy.

- The overall economic footprint of CMHCs statewide is nearly \$1.4 billion
- CMHCs directly employ 11,829 Hoosiers, and indirectly support the jobs of an additional 3,511 Hoosiers through the supply chain, and via income generated by the CMHCs.
- Every \$1.00 invested by CMHCs generates another \$0.59 in additional economic activity.
- CMHCs help improve the state's mental healthcare workforce by providing internships to graduate students to learn skills needed to work in a community mental health environment.

How can you support Indiana CMHCs?

CMHCs face many challenges, the biggest of which are acquiring and retaining a quality workforce, lack of adequate funding, and administrative burdens. The following measures would assist CMHCs to provide Hoosiers with more effective and timely services...

- Continue Telehealth supports, integrated care-to-face services, as during the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Continue and expand the Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) grantee program, implement Prospective Payment System rate methodology.
- Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates to reflect the true cost of services.
- Provide incentives to work at CMHCs, such as student loan repayment or tuition reimbursement.
- Improve the licensure process by removing barriers to get a license more quickly.
- Reduce the administrative burden to CMHC staff by streamlining processes and reducing paperwork.
- Allow reimbursement of support services for contractors, such as transportation to and from the CMHC.
- Improve Hoosiers' mental health literacy to help them recognize, manage and prevent mental, health and substance use disorders.

Text adapted from The Impact Of Indiana's Community Mental Health Centers by the Center for Health Policy. View /download the full report here

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WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

NANCY HENRY, Quality Assurance, Data Analyst Manager

We are excited to welcome our new quality assurance data analyst manager, Nancy Henry to The Council! Prior to joining the Council, she has worked in various areas in the behavioral health field, most recently as a project manager in mental health implementation research at IUPUI and the Richard L. Roudebush VAMC. In this position, she gained extensive experience in data management, which entailed the collection, cleaning, analyses, and visualization of both quantitative and qualitative datasets. Some of the studies in which she was involved include those examining concepts such as quality of care, employee burnout, recovery-oriented care in inpatient settings, and shared decision-making regarding medication.

In previous roles, Nancy worked in direct care, most notably as a care coordinator at a CMHC for over 11 years. This experience, coupled with her research background, provides a wider lens into the challenges and successes centers may encounter reporting data and quality metrics as they transition to the CCBHC model. Her time working in community mental health was a highlight of her career and a driver in working for the Council.

Along with her knowledge and experience, Nancy brings enthusiasm to the role of Quality Assurance Data Analyst as well as a commitment to the betterment of the delivery of behavioral health services in the state of Indiana. She is grateful for this opportunity and looks forward to meeting and working with the CMHC members and other Council partners.

Welcome to the team, Nancy!

SYDNEY MOULTON, Director of State & Local Government Affairs

Sydney Moulton is joining the team at the Council as our new Director of State and Local Government Affairs. Sydney comes to us with a decade of experience in government relations and legislative affairs. She began her career with the House Republican Caucus where she rose to Senior Legislative Assistant and she worked closely with the House Public Health Committee. Sydney also gained experience working for providers while she served as Legislative Coordinator for the Indiana State Medical Association. Most recently, Sydney was the Director of Health Practice at The Corydon Group where she gained extensive knowledge working on a variety of healthcare policy issues. Sydney will bring her expertise of the legislative process and Indiana's health landscape to help the Council achieve their goals.

Welcome to the team, Sydney!





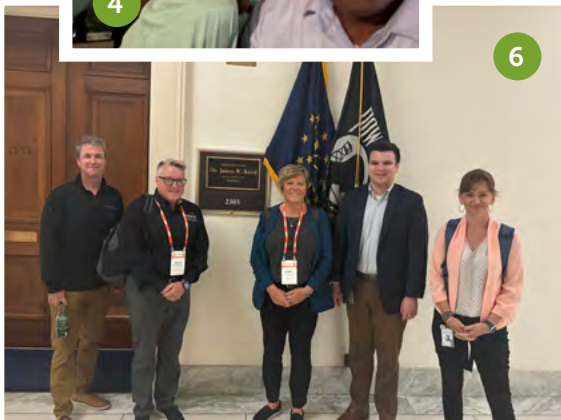
1. Indiana Council board of directors at the strategic planning meeting
2. Zoe Frantz & Mel Burks, Hamilton Center at strategic planning meeting
3. 4C CEO Dr. Carrie Cadwell at the opening of their crisis unit



RECENT EVENTS



1. Adult & Child Crisis Center ribbon cutting
2. Adult & Child Crisis Center staff
3. Indiana Council members in DC to lobby for CCBHC in Indiana
4. Indiana Council members at Hill Day with Senate staffers
5. Indiana Council members in DC for Hill Day
6. Indiana Council members in front of US Rep. James Baird's office





Radiant Health is a community mental health center located in Grant County, Indiana.

We are the united brand resulting from a merger of two well-known organizations in our area, Family Service Society, Inc. and Grant Blackford Mental Health, Inc. Our goal for the merger was to retain talent in our rural area, provide a full continuum of care from cradle to grave, and aggressively pursue CCBHC designation as a pathway to better care for our communities.

Our primary service area is Grant and Blackford counties as well as the surrounding contiguous counties that are part of our mobile crisis service area. Our organization is **220 employees strong** and growing. We pride ourselves for having grit and maintaining agility in times of change.

Transforming toward CCBHC has been a part of our vision since prior to the merger being finalized in April 2022 and we are energized to be part of the pilot moving the entire state toward CCBHC implementation and success.

Big wins the last 12 months include the full implementation of **Same Day Care** that reduced client wait times from 6 weeks or more to 2.5 hours. We offer Same Day Care at all outpatient locations. In addition, our crisis services team has been 24/7 since August of 2023.

Our mobile crisis team was certified in October of 2023 as the 2nd certified team in the state. To date we have responded to over 500 mobile crisis calls and intervened in 22 suicides where the individual had both means and intent when our team arrived. That's real impact. We're saving lives.

Radiant's future looks bright! We wake up each morning with one intention—save lives by making mental health access easy. As we look forward, we are reimagining the client experience, deconstructing all of our systems and process with an eye toward simplification—not just for our clients, but for our teams as well. Taking care of our own is the best path to excellence in care for others. We continue to look at innovative ways to diversify revenue and build long term sustainability into the organization. We're taking the long view as we set our sights on a future that creates a brighter kind of better for every life we touch.



RADIANT HEALTH

Recent highlights for Radiant Health

Indiana Council's Employee of the Year

Bob McHenry was awarded the "Employee of the Year (Practitioner)" for his outstanding service and clinical expertise in mental health. He has embodied these traits and has been a true champion in the growth of the organization, the deepening and efficacy of client care and the cultivation of community relationships. His compassionate care and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of his clients have earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues and clients alike. The Indiana Council Employee of the Year award criteria is directly in line with the four Cs of the Radiant Health strategic plan – Culture, Clients, Collaboration and Community. "Over the past year, Director of Rapid Response, Bob McHenry has embodied these traits and has been a true champion in the growth of the organization, the deepening and efficacy of client care and the cultivation of community relationships. He has developed meaningful collaboration among the experts of the organization across departments and between community partners in all areas, including healthcare partners, law enforcement, church leaders and other social service organizations" says President & CEO Lisa Dominisse



Bob McHenry – Indiana Council Award winner – Employee of the Year (Practitioner) member award

A New Address in Hartford City

Radiant Health announced the relocation of its services to a new address in Hartford City, IN.

From March 25, 2024, clients will be served from the new address of 410 Pilgrim Blvd, Suite 100, Hartford City, IN.

This move underscores Radiant Health's commitment to enhancing client care and expanding its presence in Blackford County. The new location, formerly occupied by IU Health, has been selected to optimize client experience and accommodate a growing team of Radiant Health experts.

"Our decision to relocate stems from our dedication to providing exceptional care to our clients and supporting the communities we serve," said Lisa Dominisse, President/CEO of Radiant Health.



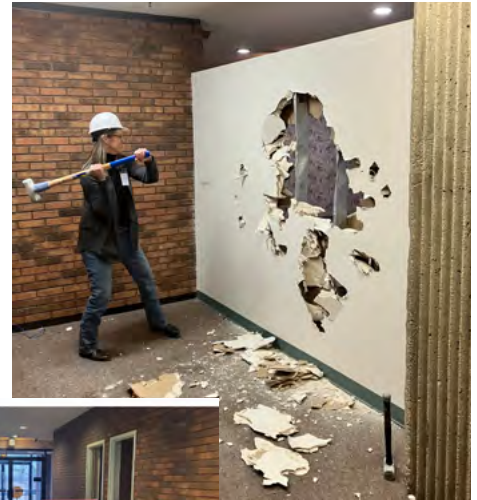
Lisa Dominisse and staff at Hartford City ribbon cutting

Renovations get underway

In March 2024, Radiant Health began renovations at its Radiant Health North facility located at 505 N Wabash Ave (formerly known as Cornerstone). These renovations mark a significant step forward in the organization’s commitment to improving community care services in Grant, Blackford, and neighboring counties.

The primary focus of these renovations is the establishment of the **Radiant Rapid Response Center**. This center is designed to provide essential support and care for individuals facing crisis situations, with the aim of better serving the community’s needs. Anticipated to be completed by early 2025, the Radiant Rapid Response Center will play a vital role in providing timely and effective assistance to those having a mental health crisis.,

Lisa Dominisse, President/CEO, expressed gratitude for the community’s understanding and patience during this renovation phase. “We greatly appreciate the support of our community partners as we work towards enhancing our facilities for the betterment of all. Together, we will continue to make strides in improving access to quality care services.”



Lisa Dominisse, President & CEO of Radiant Health taking a swing during building renovations

Radiant Crisis Center before and during construction

A new partnership for better health

In May 2024, **Indiana Health Centers** and Radiant Health announced a new partnership between the two esteemed organizations. By joining forces, Indiana Health Centers and Radiant Health are committed to fostering a collaborative approach to healthcare that prioritizes both mental and physical wellness, and to underscore the inseparable connection between mental and physical health, emphasizing the importance of holistic well-being within our communities.

A momentous ribbon tying celebration event was held on May 7th. It was a welcoming and uplifting gathering, symbolizing the unity and shared commitment to enhancing the health and happiness of individuals throughout Grant County.

Attendees witnessed the symbolic ribbon tying, representing the partnership formed between Indiana Health Centers and Radiant Health in their dedication to supporting holistic health initiatives.



Radiant Staff at Ribbon tying with Indiana Health Center

RADIANT HEALTH



*Radiant Staff at
Mental Health Matters
community event*

Mental Health Matters

Families and children of all ages were invited to join in the festivities at “Mental Health Matters” an event organized by Radiant Health. This event aims to reduce stigma surrounding mental health while providing attendees with valuable coping and self-regulation tools in a fun and engaging environment.

In partnership with the **United Way of Grant County**, this event provided a wide range of activities designed to promote mental wellness and inclusiveness. From mindfulness activities and art therapy to exciting obstacle courses and parachute play, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Families also had the chance to learn about local resources and support services available.

In addition to the array of activities, the event featured free food and drinks generously provided in part by the United Way of Grant County.

Attendees had the opportunity to enjoy a day of family fun, learn new coping skills, and connect with others in the community, overall an unforgettable experience.

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Latest news

DMHA QA/QI Quality Assurance Training

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health and Addiction's Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement team is hosting the annual Quality Assurance Guidance webinar for service providers.

A morning and afternoon session will be offered to accommodate schedules.

Please register using the links below.

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

- **Morning Session** / 10 – 11:30 a.m. (EDT)
- **Afternoon Session** / 1 – 2:30 p.m. (EDT)

This training is recommended for all DMHA certified addiction treatment services agencies. Please share this with your agency's staff. Topics covered will include a review of Indiana Administrative Code policies applicable to addiction treatment services, trends and information from quality improvement activities and a brief presentation about gambling addiction services in Indiana.

In preparation for the upcoming webinar, we are asking for providers to submit any questions to the **Clinical QA/QI Team inbox** no later than July 12, 2024. This will allow for the Clinical QA/QI Team to ensure provider questions will be addressed accurately

If you have any questions, please contact DMHA's Clinical QA/QI Team at DMHA.QA.QI@fssa.in.gov



Cost-sharing for HIP program to remain paused at this time

FSSA is working with its attorneys and consulting with its federal partners at Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and will explore all legal remedies regarding the June 27 ruling regarding the lawsuit against the Healthy Indiana Plan.

At this time, cost-sharing for the HIP program, including POWER account contributions and co-pays, will remain paused. MEDWorks and CHIP co-pays will resume effective July 1 as planned.

Indiana strongly disagrees with the ruling and believes the actions have unintended consequences. The implications of the decision handed down are far-reaching. FSSA is still evaluating the impact for the state and the 762,000 Hoosiers who rely on healthcare coverage through the Healthy Indiana Plan. HIP was designed to provide healthcare coverage to non-disabled adults ages 19-64, empowering them to become engaged and active consumers of their health care.

At this time, individuals on the Healthy Indiana Plan remain covered, but there is uncertainty as to what services are included in that coverage.

While the lawsuit took aim at HIP's POWER account contributions or premium-like payments, the June 27 decision revoked the entire 10-year waiver approval granted to Indiana in 2020 to operate HIP – creating uncertainty regarding which services are covered for HIP members and removing authority for certain administrative aspects of the program's operation. The ruling also has implications that conflict with state law.

STATE UPDATES



Resources available to help individuals transitioning to Indiana PathWays for Aging or Health and Wellness Waiver

On July 1, individuals age 59 and younger who had been receiving services through the Aged and Disabled waiver will begin receiving services through the Health and Wellness waiver.

FSSA is also launching Indiana PathWays for Aging, a Medicaid managed care program for individuals aged 60 and over. Some individuals on the PathWays program will qualify for additional services based on their needs and will be eligible for the **PathWays home and community-based services waiver**.

Those individuals were previously served by the Aged and Disabled waiver as well.



FSSA is committed to helping individuals and families navigate the transition. Multiple resources, including **a guide for who to contact** if you are in need of assistance, are available to help members navigate any challenges faced with the transition.

Information and resources for individuals on the Aged and Disabled Waiver can be found **on the FSSA website**.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING - Mobile Integrated Response System

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Mental Health and Addiction is releasing a request for funding for the Mobile Integrated Response System program using federal funding provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, State Opioid Response grant. The program uses a combination of the Trauma-Informed – Recovery Oriented System of Care and community-based mobile response teams to close critical system gaps in local regions across Indiana.

The MIRS program was designed to serve people with opioid use disorder starting in 2019, and in 2020 stimulant use disorders were added. MIRS teams must include at least one peer recovery coach or specialist per county on their team, but can also include clinical staff, case managers, social workers, law enforcement officers, and program managers. All MIRS teams must have a referral system in place to connect to individuals who may need program services. The core function of a MIRS team is to provide a warm handoff for the individual to the next appropriate intervention and step towards recovery. The mission of a MIRS team is to meet people where they are at to help connect them to the resources they need.

The application is available here and the deadline to apply is July 29 by 4:30 p.m. EDT



SAMHSA Headlines:

- **\$27.5 Million available in funding opportunities enhancing women’s behavioral health**

Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$27.5 Million in Funding Opportunities Enhancing Women’s Behavioral Health | SAMHSA

Community-Based Maternal behavioral health services program – \$15 million

- o This program improves access to timely, culturally-relevant, evidence-based maternal mental health and substance use treatment. Specifically, the program strengthens community referral pathways and provides seamless transitions in care for pregnant women who are at risk for or currently have a behavioral health condition in the perinatal and postpartum periods.

Women’s behavioral health technical assistance center - \$12.5 million

- o This program will enhance the capacity of women’s behavioral health providers, general health care providers, and others involved in the holistic care of women to address the diverse needs of women with or at risk for mental health and substance use conditions. The program is expected to identify and improve the implementation of evidence-based practices in women’s behavioral health across the life span.

- **Changing the Course on Suicide: The Launch of a New National Strategy for Suicide Prevention**

In the United States, **someone dies by suicide every 11 minutes**; the rates of suicidal behaviors have risen over the past decade; and disparities in suicide rate among certain populations are growing. There also is concern about suicide trends amid the ongoing mental health and overdose crises and on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic, in which many people experienced loss, social isolation, behavioral health problems, and inequities in health

care resources, education, housing and other suicide risk factors. [Read more about our nation’s plan to prevent suicide](#) and turning strategy into action.

- **Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$31.4 Million in Funding Opportunities for Priority Behavioral Health Needs**

On June 14, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), **announced notices of funding opportunities aimed at improving behavioral health** for racial and ethnic minorities, and other underserved populations, providing training and technical assistance to programs serving these populations, and integrating primary and behavioral health care. The funding totals \$31.4 million and supports the Biden-Harris Administration’s efforts to address the mental health and overdose crises, two key pillars of the President’s Unity Agenda. The funding opportunities include investments in a range of behavioral health efforts.

- **Notice of Funding Opportunity - Community-Based Maternal Behavioral Health Services Program**

Application Due Date: Monday, August 26, 2024

The purpose of this program is to improve access to evidence-based, timely, and culturally relevant maternal mental health and substance use (behavioral health) intervention and treatment by strengthening community referral pathways. Recipients will be expected to collaborate with pregnancy and postpartum healthcare organizations, refer individuals in need of behavioral health care to the appropriate entities, and provide short-term mental health and substance use services to individuals who cannot access care.

Learn more about the Community-Based Maternal Behavioral Health Services Program.

- **Anticipated Total Available Funding: \$15,000,000**

- **Anticipated Number of Awards: 6**

FEDERAL UPDATES

SAMHSA Training & Events

For a comprehensive review of all training and events available for practitioners through SAMHSA's Training and Technical Assistance Centers and can be found here -

- **Technology Transfer Centers (TTC) Program**



988's Two-Year Anniversary:

We celebrate with the state the success 988 has had with 94% of 988 calls placed in Indiana were answered in state, the fourth-highest rate in the nation and better than the national average of 88%.

The National Council for Mental Wellbeing President and CEO Chuck Ingoglia stated "In the two years since 988 became available in 2022, untold numbers of lives have already been saved. More than 10 million people have contacted the 988 Lifeline through calls, chats and texts since the transition to the new service.

"Still, we have just barely scratched the surface of its promise and potential. Building the ideal crisis care system doesn't happen overnight – just as the 911 system has become ubiquitous in the United States over decades of improvements and efforts to expand capacity, 988 will become more effective and increasingly impactful as it matures.

"National Council for Mental Wellbeing members, including Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs), provide these lifesaving crisis services every day. The CCBHC model offers powerful advantages for the funding, sustainability, implementation, coordination and enhancement of crisis response services in communities across the nation and serve as an important component of both local and national crisis response networks.

"Fully establishing the CCBHC model as a permanent part of our health care system through the Ensuring

Excellence in Mental Health Act and improving the efficiency of 988 through legislation like the Local 9-8-8 Response Act represent our best hope to quickly expand access to quality, reliable mental health and substance use care in communities across the country.

- **SAMHSA 988 team also has a new one-stop-shop website for ordering 988 print materials.**

You'll still be able to get to the "order print materials" link from the **988 Partner Toolkit**. You'll also still be able to find all the print materials when searching for marketing materials in the Partner Toolkit. If you still need more materials than we are providing, you can email our 988 print team at **988SAMHSA@gpo.gov**, where the team will be able to look at the cost of your request and how much stock we have.



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CMS Announcements

CMS Issues CY 2025 Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule

On Wednesday, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that solicits public comments on proposed policy changes for Medicare payments under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), and other Medicare Part B issues, effective on or after January 1, 2025. The proposed rule includes several behavioral health provisions, and National Council will be providing template comments for members to use as the deadline for comment submission approaches. [Check out a fact sheet on the CY 2025 Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule here.](#)

Department of Labor:

Behavioral Health Parity Rule submitted to OMB

On Monday, July 1, the U.S Department of Labor (DOL) submitted a rule to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that seeks to address disparities in treatment for mental health and substance use disorder challenges. In conjunction with HHS and the Department of Treasury, DOL first issued the proposed rule, [Requirements Related to the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act](#) (MHPAEA), in August 2023.

[To read more, click here.](#)



July is **Minority Mental Health Awareness Month**,

a time for us to reflect on the health care disparities that exist in racial, ethnic and cultural groups. To raise awareness and keep you informed, we're sharing resources, content and learning opportunities throughout the month.

Here's a preview:

- Visit [Addressing Health Equity and Racial Justice](#) to access tools and learn about our diversity, equity and inclusion commitment.
- [Learn how we're offering hope](#) to those living with or at risk of developing substance use disorders, with a focus on Black and Hispanic/Latinx populations.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

Marketing Committee

The Marketing committee met on June 20th. Zoe Frantz shared council updates with the committee.

The committee discussed the need for each CMHC to submit 2-3 testimonials with the focus of CCBHC, Crisis Care, Group Home, and Workforce development.

The deadline to submit these to LeeAnn Jordan is August 15, 2024.

Finally, the committee shared some success stories and activities around workforce development and the use of AI in their departments.

Quality Improvement Committee

QI last met on 6-6-24 and discussed the following items

- a. Treatment plan parody legislation
- b. Allowing audit access when audit is taking place to assist surveyor in "finding" items that they aren't able to locate in file.
- c. CCBHC transformation – what are current measures, what will be state requirements, how can we work together as a group to make that process smooth



Adult Services Committee

The Adult Service Committee remains committed to maintaining connections with fellow CMHC leadership to problem solve specific issues, provide feedback where members have more experience in a certain area, and share new programming individual centers have initiated.

As I've shared before, some of our members have been active in sub-groups of the Adult Services Committee including the Residential Workgroup and ACT Workgroup. At our recent meeting, one center shared new interest in exploring AMHH in response to MRO service pack issues due to PA's being denied. Another center encouraged exploration of IOT for both mental health and substance use treatment.



Kelli Waggoner

Kelli was a founding partner of KWK Management Group in 1992. She began her 37-year career in governmental affairs as deputy legislative liaison and assistant to Indiana Governor Robert D. Orr, with jurisdiction over Health and Human Services. Kelli was the governor’s liaison with the Indiana State Senate and adviser on healthcare services, in addition to serving as a contact for other state agencies.

In 1989, Kelli joined Krieg DeVault Alexander & Capehart, where she played an instrumental role in building their health policy group and supervised day-to-day legislative activities for the firm’s clients. She also developed a curriculum and training sessions in legislative and management issues.

Kelli received her BS in Political Science from Ball State University and her Masters Degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs. She and her husband Jeff live in Brownsburg. She previously served as the chair of the Hendricks Regional Health Board of Trustees.



Grant Waggoner

Growing up in a politically involved family, Grant comes by his passion for government naturally. In 2012, he worked as an intern for Hallowell Consulting, managing donor outreach and organizing fundraising events for Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson’s general election campaign. While serving as a liaison

between the consulting firm and campaign, Grant also worked extensively with Sec. Lawson’s advance team.

In his role as VP of Governmental Affairs, Grant works with multiple clients spanning healthcare, education, gaming and more. He represents clients at the local and state levels, before administrative agencies, and in front of the General Assembly. In addition to handling the administrative duties for KWK clients, Grant is responsible for daily client communication during legislative sessions.

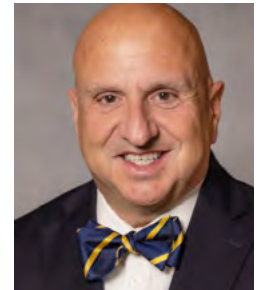
Grant is a graduate of Indiana University Bloomington with a BS in Political Science. During his time in Bloomington he served on his fraternity’s fundraising team for IU Dance Marathon, raising money for Riley Children’s Hospital.



Lou Belch

Lou oversees the strategy and day-to-day operations for all health care clients of **The Corydon Group**.

Lou has been a well-known fixture at the Indiana Statehouse since he was named legislative liaison for the Indiana Health Professions Bureau (now the Professional Licensing Agency) in 1989 under Governor Evan Bayh. In 1991 Lou left state government and began lobbying for the Indiana State Medical Association, one of Indiana’s most prominent health associations. Since 1997, Lou has been a contract lobbyist specializing in representing health-related clients and has one of the best track records of success of any governmental-affairs professional – having developed and maintained key relationships on both sides of the political aisle for the past three decades.



Ryan Kennedy

Ryan joined The Corydon Group in 2024 as Manager, Communications and Policy. Ryan developed a passion for writing and storytelling at a young age. He graduated from Indiana University in 2013 with a degree in journalism.

Prior to joining The Corydon Group, Ryan honed his skills in the tech industry where he developed programs to keep executives and salespeople alike up to date on the ramifications of local policy and world events. He became adept at translating complex subjects into easily digestible information.

An accomplished journalist, his work can be found in publications all over Indiana. His stories feature interviews with business leaders, community heroes, and sports legends, but Ryan finds fulfillment in amplifying the voices of people whose stories would otherwise go unheard.



MEET OUR LOBBYISTS

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Abigail Kaericher

Abby Kaericher practices in the area of government relations with a focus on federal, state and local advocacy. She adeptly navigates the complex legislative and regulatory landscape, advocating for clients in a bipartisan manner

and influencing policy decisions. Combining in-depth policy insight with attention to detail, Abby develops tailored strategies that deliver tangible results. Abby has hands-on experience working with various health care interest groups to develop consensus on key issues related to data privacy, behavioral health and more.

In addition to her legal practice, Abby acts as a strategic federal advocacy advisor to health care clients. She leverages her legal background in health care to advocate for her clients before bipartisan members of Congress. From general reimbursement matters to merger concerns, Abby's advocacy efforts cover a wide range of health care issues.

Previously, Abby served as the Associate General Counsel and Vice President of Legislation at the Federation of the American Hospitals, representing more than 1,000 for-profit hospitals and health systems to Capitol Hill and the Administration. Additionally, she gained valuable experience working with the FTC in their health care division.



John Williams

John Williams was Press Secretary for the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight in the 1990s. He also served as the Chairman's advisor on domestic policy matters, ranging from

annual appropriations and budget issues to health care, social security reform and transportation funding. Throughout his professional career, John has served the community in various civil and governmental positions. In 2004, he was the Director of Transition at the Indiana State Department of Health for Governor-Elect Mitch Daniels and, in 2007, served on the transition team of Mayor-Elect Greg Ballard. From 2013 to 2014, he was a member of the Marion County

Convention and Recreational Facilities Authority Board of Directors and served as Chairman of the Indianapolis Public Improvement Bond Bank in 2015. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Woodson Center, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and supporting policies and programs that promote the social and economic self-sufficiency of low-income communities.

Andrew C. Coats

Andrew Coats has over two decades of experience in Washington, DC. During this time, Andrew has worked on Capitol Hill, the Bush Administration and in the private sector representing clients in the health care space.



Andrew has been working with Hall Render since 2017 where he has led lobbying efforts for the Alliance for Quality Medical Device Servicing, SSM Health, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health and for a number of other health providers. In 2018, Andrew helped write and advocate for the State Offices of Rural Health Reauthorization Act of 2018, which was signed into law as a stand-alone bill. Since joining Hall Render, Andrew has specialized in working with HHS, CMS, FDA, HRSA and Republicans in the House and Senate.

From 2010-2016, Andrew worked with Liberty Partners Group, lobbying clients on health care related matters and other issues. Andrew was the lead Republican lobbyist for Sandy Hook Promise, where he advocated for a comprehensive mental health reform bill that was signed into law in 2016. Sandy Hook led a coalition of mental health and gun safety organizations that significantly contributed to Congress passing the reform package.

During his time on the Hill, Andrew was a health Legislative Assistant for an Indiana member of Congress. Andrew began his career in the Bush Administration as a Congressional Liaison under Elaine Chao in the U.S. Department of Labor.

DEI CHAMPIONS:

Gina Forrest Transforms DEI at Aspire Indiana Health



Gina Forrest holds the vital role of Chief Culture Officer at Aspire Indiana Health, where she spearheads the organization's transformation regarding intercultural perspectives encompassing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

Her efforts extend to championing the inclusion

of the deaf community, identifying and tackling concerns, and reshaping the organizational ethos. Additionally, she leads workshops aimed at bridging generational divides within the workplace.

As an African American woman, Gina is deeply committed to advancing the voices of Black and Brown women in professional spheres. Through mentorship and advocacy, she addresses issues such as colorism, leveraging her position to advocate for fairness and equal access to opportunities. Furthermore, Gina has crafted workshops focused on understanding neurodiversity, advocating for more inclusive policies, and fostering supportive workplace environments.

The cornerstone of Gina's successful DEI strategies lies in what she terms the PEACE philosophy: patience, education, accountability, consistency, and ease. Prior to her current role, Gina held the inaugural position as the Chief Diversity Officer of the Indiana Supreme Court, and is currently a faculty with Indiana University, teaching and mentoring students each semester in the area of public health and health equities.

Read more at [Diversity Global here](#)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Dr. Gina Forrest, will be offering Aspire's series of workshops to you and your organization.

Who:

Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) in Indiana

What:

Intercultural Perspectives:

A Day of Learning, Reflection, and Action

Workshop Titles:

- Cultural Humility Journey: Enhancing Cultural Competence
- Welcoming Words: The Power of Inclusive Language
- Everyday Impacts: Identifying and Reducing Microaggressions
- Identity Continuum: Exploring Gender, Sex, and Expression
.... and more

When/Where:

At a time convenient for you! We can travel to your location because in-person is best! Ideally, a full day (8-5 or 9-6), but two days of four-hour sessions would work too! We need a room, projector, screen - we will bring everything else!

Why should we partner? Here are some compelling reasons to consider:

- Build a Stronger Network & Access to Expertise
- Cost Efficiency & Consistency in Standards
- Improve Employee Engagement
- Stay Current with DEI Trends
- Shared Learning Opportunities
- Tailored Content
- Practical Implementation Strategies
- Enhance Employee Retention
- Increase Awareness and Ensure Legal Compliance

Next Steps: Please review and share it with others in your organization

Email to schedule your training -

gina.forrest@aspireindiana.org

Please reach out with any questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Hamilton Center's Sheriff Shootout Golf Outing raises over \$34,000

112 Wabash Valley organizations came together to support children's mental health services.

Hamilton Center, Inc. (HCI) hosted the 33rd Annual Sheriff Shootout Golf Outing at Rea Park in Terre Haute on Friday May 10th, 2024. As is tradition, Sheriff's teams compete in a morning Sheriff's Tournament for the coveted Sheriff's Shootout Trophy, while the rest of the field competed among 58 teams for 1st through 7th place prizes in the Community Tournament. This year, in a field of six, the Sheriff's Shootout Trophy was claimed by Vermillion County Sheriff's Department. Top 7 finishers for the Community Tournament were Farmer's Insurance, Central Indiana Asphalt, Vermillion County Sheriff's Department, Ryan Luce State Farm, JR Davis Vending, The Four Brothers, and USI Insurance, respectively. In all, over 112 unique organizations helped raise over \$33,000 to support a variety of programs at Hamilton Center geared toward youth mental health services.

"We feel privileged for this event to garner this much engagement from so many organizations in the Wabash Valley," said **Melvin L. Burks**, President & CEO of **Hamilton Center, Inc.** "These funds serve hundreds of children and their families from across the Valley."

Congrats To Adult & Child

Adult & Child Health opened its newly created crisis center to the community last month, offering refuge, resources and road to recovery for people suffering a serious mental health crisis.

"We've had individuals who we've worked with 22, 23 times in one month. Now, we have a place we can bring that individual, get them medication, connect them with resources they need," said Jim Engmark, a crisis intervention deputy for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. "This is going to help us break the stigma we all know about."

[Read Daily Journal article here](#)



Registration open!



Susan Li Mental Health & Addiction Conference

Save the date - September 20th - Mark your calendar to attend this educational retreat at **Community Fairbanks Recovery Center** with colleagues across Indiana who have a common interest in raising awareness and sharing best practices for individuals and families navigating the complexities of mental health and addiction.

[For more information and to register, click here](#)

PRESS RELEASE

Northeastern Center's Community Health & Outreach Center: Providing Essential Services To Locals In Need.

The Northeastern Center's Community Health & Outreach Center which houses the NEC Cares, NEC Connect, and Emergency Solutions, & Targeted Case Management programs has been providing essential mental health-based services to local individuals in our communities for the



last few months. NEC Cares provides short-term, observation and crisis stabilization services in a home-like, non-hospital setting. NEC Connect provides free transportation to any adult in the criminal justice system. Emergency Solutions is a 24/7 emergency mental health hotline that is available to anyone experiencing an emergency mental health crisis. The Targeted Case Management Program work with clients and their outpatient care team to provide intensive outpatient treatment to people experiencing serious mental illness and substance use disorder.

The Community Health & Outreach Center has been open since August of 2023, with the NEC Connect and Emergency Solutions programs residing there since its opening, NEC Cares opened in December 2023 as a pilot program and began full 24/7 operation in the first quarter of 2024. NEC Cares provides walk-in, referral, and drop-off options for those entering the program. Individuals can remain at the NEC Cares program for up to 23 hours. During that time NEC Cares operates under a 'no-wrong door' approach and individuals will not be turned away if NEC Cares is unable to directly assist them and they will work on finding the individual the help they need elsewhere and getting them connected with that program or service.



COMMUNITY NEWS

In the 10 months since the Community Health & Outreach Center's inception, the programs it provides have been able to make an irreplaceable and positive impact on law enforcement, community organizations and individuals in need; providing stabilization for those in crisis, filling transportation gaps and providing emergency mental health assistance. Organizations



and law enforcement within the local communities have had a great deal of positive feedback to offer regarding the services the Community Health & Outreach Center provides.

"So glad NEC Cares and Mobile Crisis are out there for us AND that we don't just give people a bag of food and hope for the best." – Angie Kidd, Common Grace Ministries

"As an organization, Hearten House relies heavily on the services of NEC Connect for transportation of our residents. An important piece of our program is ensuring women get connected and can take advantage of all of the resources in the community. We appreciate our relationship with the Northeastern Center." – Angie Helms, Hearten House

"It gives the officer working more options to get a person in need of mental health services that normally would be overlooked or not thought of in the past because NEC Cares was not available. It is a great tool for the officers that are trained in crisis intervention to transport the person or make arrangements to have the person be in contact with NEC." – Joseph Patterson, Town Marshall, Fremont, IN

"As a recovery organization in NE Indiana, Inspiration Ministries wouldn't be able to accomplish its mission and visions without the Northeastern Center. NEC provides more than just services to clients; they are an avenue of critical care for our most vulnerable community. Evidence continues to show the important of peer professionals in the recovery space, and NEC makes an important effort to train and utilize peers in not only their outpatient services but also in their NEC Cares facility." – Andrew Foster, Inspiration Ministries

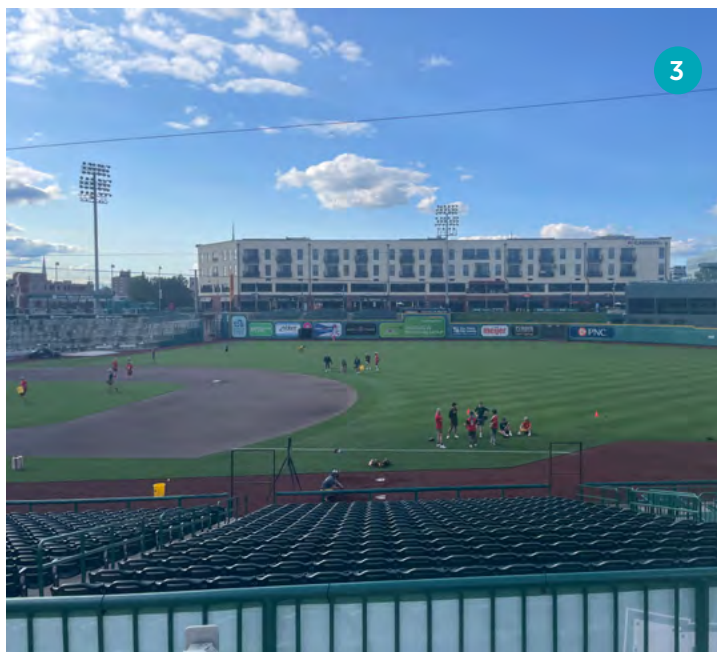
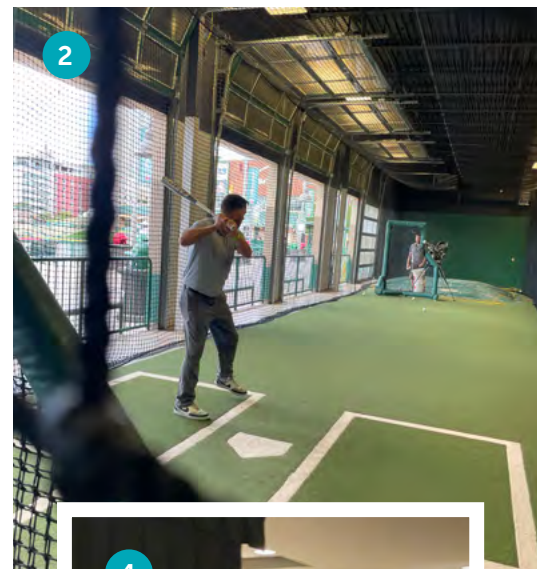
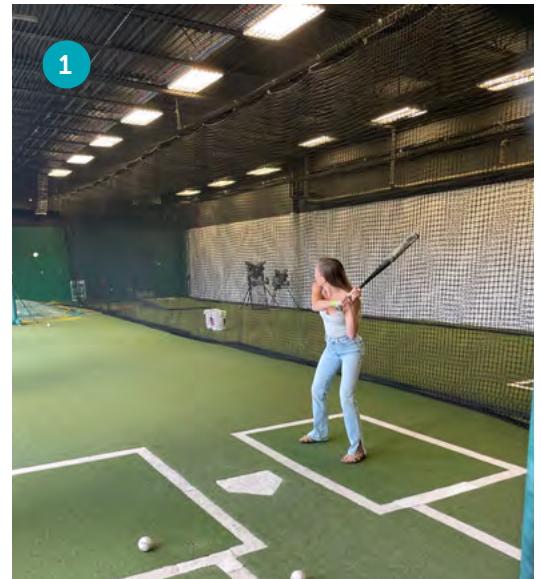
The Community Health & Outreach Center's NEC Cares program is available 24/7 for those in crisis, and their Emergency Solutions Team is also available 24/7 to assist those with a mental health emergency.

To contact Emergency Solutions please call 1-800-790-0118.

To contact NEC Cares please call: 260-927-1246

Thank you to all of our members & sponsors who joined us at our July quarterly meeting!

- 1: Heather Scott of Incompass trying her hand in the batting cages
- 3: Brit Vincent of Centerstone taking a swing!
- 5: Beautiful Parkview Field at our networking event
- 2: Speaker Evan Dentley presenting on Workforce Burnout and support for youth workers
- 4: Attendees at our July quarterly meeting in Fort Wayne
- 6: Southwestern CEO Katy Adams, and Director Kayce Smith discussing Southwestern's newest Neurodevelopment Center (NDC)
- 7: David Reed & Austin Hollabaugh of DCS Indiana discussing DCS WRAP & Family preservation updates
- 8: Katy Adams, Zoe Frantz, Lindsay Hyer (IPLA) & Evan Bartel (IPLA)
- 9: Clubhouse Indiana Lunch with Indiana Council members & staff



QUARTERLY MEETING



• Numbers show head office locations. • Click provider logos to visit their sites



1 Adult & Child
603 E. Washington St. – 9th Floor,
Indianapolis IN 46204
Designated in: **MARION, JOHNSON**



2 Aspire Indiana Health, Inc.
17840 Cumberland Road, Noblesville IN 46060
Designated in: **BOONE, HAMILTON, MADISON, MARION**
Also serving: **GRANT**



3 Otis R. Bowen Center for Human Services, Inc.
2621 E Jefferson St, Warsaw, IN 46580
Designated in: **HUNTINGTON, KOSCIUSKO, MARSHALL, WABASH, WHITLEY**
Also serving: **ALLEN, DEKALB, LAGRANGE, NOBLE, STEUBEN**



4 Centerstone of Indiana, Inc.
645 S. Rogers Street, Bloomington, IN 47403
Designated in: **BARTHOLOMEW, BROWN, DECATUR, FAYETTE, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JENNINGS, LAWRENCE, MONROE, MORGAN, OWEN, RANDOLPH, RUSH, UNION, WAYNE**
Also serving: **CLARK, DELAWARE, HENRY, JOHNSON, MARION, PUTNAM, SCOTT**



5 Community Fairbanks Behavioral Health
8180 Clearvista Pkwy, Indianapolis, IN 46256
Designated in: **MARION, HANCOCK, SHELBY**
Also serving: **MADISON, JOHNSON**



6 Community Fairbanks Behavioral Health – Howard
322 N. Main St, Kokomo, IN 46901
Designated in: **CLINTON, HOWARD, TIPTON**



7 Cummins Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.
6655 East US 36, Avon IN 46123
Designated in: **HENDRICKS, PUTNAM**
Also serving: **BOONE, MONTGOMERY, MARION**



8 Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living, Inc.
1100 West Sixth Avenue, Gary IN 46402
Designated in: **LAKE** Also serving: **PORTER, LAPORTE**



9 Family Health Center
515 Bayou Street, Vincennes IN 47591
Designated in: **DAVIES, KNOX, MARTIN, PIKE**



10 4C Health
401 E. 8th Street, Rochester, IN 46975
Designated in: **CASS, FULTON, MIAMI, PULASKI**
Also serving: **CARROLL, CLINTON, HAMILTON, HOWARD, TIPTON**



11 Hamilton Center, Inc.
620 Eighth Avenue, Terre Haute IN 47804
Designated in: **CLAY, GREENE, PARKE, SULLIVAN, VERMILLION, VIGO**
Also serving: **HENDRICKS, MARION, OWEN, PUTNAM**



12 InCompass.
285 Bielby Road, Lawrenceburg IN 47025
Designated in: **DEARBORN, FRANKLIN, OHIO, RIPLEY, SWITZERLAND** Also serving: **DECATUR, FAYETTE, HENRY, JEFFERSON, JENNINGS, RUSH, SCOTT, UNION, WAYNE**



13 LifeSpring Health Systems
460 Spring Street, Jeffersonville IN 47130
Designated in: **CLARK, CRAWFORD, DUBOIS, FLOYD, HARRISON, JEFFERSON, ORANGE, PERRY, SCOTT, SPENCER, WASHINGTON**



14 Meridian Health Services
240 N. Tillotson Avenue, Muncie IN 47304
Designated in: **DELAWARE, HENRY, JAY**
Also serving: **ALLEN, FAYETTE, HOWARD, LAPORTE, MADISON, MARION, RANDOLPH, RUSH, ST. JOSEPH, TIPPECANOE, WAYNE**



15 Northeastern Center, Inc.
220 South Main Street, Kendallville IN 46755
Designated in: **DEKALB, LAGRANGE, NOBLE, STEUBEN**



16 Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, Inc.
330 Lakeview Drive, Goshen IN 46527
Designated in: **ELKHART, ST. JOSEPH**



17 Park Center
909 East State Boulevard, Fort Wayne IN 46805
Designated in: **ADAMS, ALLEN, WELLS**
Also serving: **HUNTINGTON, WHITLEY**



18 Porter-Starke Services
601 Wall Street, Valparaiso IN 46383
Designated in: **PORTER & STARKE**



19 Radiant Health
505 N. Wabash Avenue, Marion IN 46952
Designated in: **GRANT, BLACKFORD**



20 Regional Health Systems
8555 Taft Street, Merrillville, IN 46410
Designated in: **LAKE**



21 Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center
720 Eskenazi Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46202
Designated in: **MARION**



22 Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
415 Mulberry Street, Evansville IN 47713
Designated in: **GIBSON, POSEY, VANDERBURGH, WARRICK**



23 Swanson Center
7224 W. 400 N., Michigan City IN 46360
Designated in: **LAPORTE**



24 Valley Oaks
415 N. 26th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904
Designated in: **BENTON, CARROLL, FOUNTAIN, JASPER, MONTGOMERY, NEWTON, TIPPECANOE, WARREN, WHITE**

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Calendar 2024 Save the dates!

Cup of Joe with Zoe

Half hour State leader meet and greet with our members and partners. Second Tuesday of every month at 8:30am EST via Zoom.



UPCOMING DATES:

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[>> Click here for Zoom link](#)

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October CCBHC Conference – October 9-11 – Bloomington, Indiana...

Additional details coming soon!

For further information on any of these events please contact [LeeAnn Jordan](#)

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