

PUBLIC POLICY PLATFORM

Together building the health and wellbeing of all Hoosiers

INDIANA COUNCIL PUBLIC POLICY KEY CONTACTS:

ZOE FRANTZ - PRESIDENT, CEO (812)-298-4533

SYDNEY MOULTON - DIRECTOR OF STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS (317)-752-5166

LEE ANN JORDAN - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION & MEMBERSHIP (317)-364-3684

INDIANA COUNCIL PUBLIC POLICY
KEY CONTACTS:

KELLI WAGGONER - 1816 PUBLIC AFFAIRS GROUP (317)-213-3876

GRANT WAGGONER - 1816 PUBLIC AFFAIRS GROUP (317)-430-9860

LOU BELCH - THE CORYDON GROUP (317)-213-3884

DEVON ANDERSON, THE CORYDON GROUP (317)-634-5963

ABBY KAERICHER - HALL & RENDER
AKaericher@hallrender.com

INDIANA COUNCIL
OF COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS
PO BOX 609
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47131
INDIANACOUNCIL.ORG





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 92 counties in Indiana. CMHCs in Indiana served over 350,000 behavioral health and substance use disorder clients this past fiscal year. CMHCs provide services primarily to those suffering from severe mental health and substance use disorder conditions which further reduce additional costs to society by directing coordinated care to our most vulnerable citizens.

2026 LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REQUIRED

CCBHC (Certified Behavioral Health Clinic):

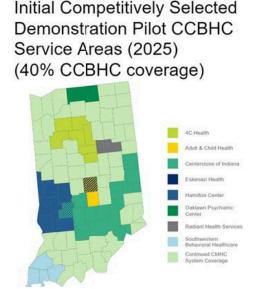
The promise of certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHC) is already yielding positive early results. This model has shown to greatly increase access to services. The demonstration sites have seen wait times decrease from 6-8 months to now providing same-day services.

The Need for Action in Indiana:

Indiana is facing a mental health crisis that has been exacerbated by the pandemic, economic challenges, and gaps in our current system. According to recent reports, many Hoosiers with severe mental illnesses and substance use disorders are unable to access timely and adequate care, leading to devastating consequences for families, increased strain on law enforcement, and overcrowding in emergency departments. This is why we need to continue the progress and make sure every Hoosier has access to the full range CCBHC services.

Supporting CCBHCs will allow Indiana to:

- 1. Expand Crisis Services: By providing real-time, 24/7 access to care, CCBHCs reduce reliance on emergency rooms and law enforcement for behavioral health emergencies.
- 2. <u>Address Severe Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder</u>: Comprehensive services tailored to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness and substance use disorders ensure they receive the long-term support necessary for recovery.
- 3. <u>Leverage Federal Funding:</u> Expanding CCBHCs enables Indiana to tap into federal funding streams, such as Medicaid demonstrations and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grants, to sustainably enhance behavioral health services.
- 4. <u>Integrated Care Models</u>: Promote whole-person care by advancing integration of behavioral health and primary care services under the CCBHC framework.
- 5. <u>Data-Driven Accountability:</u> Increase data collection and transparency to assist with identifying key metrics that will inform the demonstration process.



Long-Term CCBHC
Implementation
(100% CCBHC coverage)

Full Continuum of Care: Indiana can strengthen hospital throughput and community safety by aligning the CCBHC model with a support services - ensuring safe discharges, fewer readmissions, and reduced emergency department/jail recidivism.



By prioritizing these issues, the administration has an opportunity to address systemic inequities, improve public safety, and support the well-being of all Hoosiers. The CCBHC model is not just a policy solution – it is a lifeline for individuals, families, and communities in need. As well as the future for behavioral health care delivery in Indiana.



2026 LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REQUIRED

MEDICAID

Medicaid is the primary payer for behavioral health services in Indiana. A recent survey showed that across our CMHC network, approximately 83% of all clients seen were on some form of Medicaid. Medicaid is crucial to ensuring equitable access to care for vulnerable populations. As we navigate state and federal, we want to ensure minimal impact to services. Also keeping at the forefront, the unique needs and struggles of the populations we serve and how that can influence compliance with work requirements and eligibility redeterminations.

Medicaid in Indiana:

- 1. Maintain Reimbursement: Maintain Medicaid reimbursement rates that reflect the true cost of care in behavioral health.
- 2. Protect Against Service Reductions: Any cuts in Medicaid funding or covered behavioral health services would disproportionately harm low-income Hoosiers and increase pressure on emergency departments, law enforcement, and other systems.
- 3. Assist with Best Practices: Supporting policies that help providers navigate the Medicaid eligibility determination process with their clients.

ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN:

Indiana's CMHCs serve as the backbone of the State's behavioral health system, providing vital care to Hoosiers across all 92 counties. CMHC staff face increasing administrative demands that take away from direct care. Reducing these burdens is critical to strengthening access and sustainability of behavioral health services in Indiana.

- 1. <u>Streamline documentation requirements:</u> Align state and federal documentation standards to eliminate duplicative paperwork and provide parity for behavioral health services.
- 2. <u>Modernize Data reporting systems:</u> Having a single reporting data portal that all CMHC providers would utilize. This would cut down on duplication of reporting and provide accurate outcomes as there would be one portal. The Council is making a significant investment by creating a data warehouse and developing a population health tool.
- 3. **Reduction in duplicative audits:** Federal and State audit processes that collect the same data points can be used across multiple platforms and allow for reporting to multiple agencies.
- 4. <u>Streamline prior authorization requirements</u>: Current prior authorization practices slow access to care and increase administrative complexity. Adjusting or reducing these requirements for routine behavioral health services, with the option for other cost-saving measures, would improve efficiency, ease provider workload, and promote timely treatment.

With your support we will improve the mental wellbeing of Hoosiers!







Our Providers -Serving all 92 Indiana Counties

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

Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, Inc.

P.O. Box 875, Carmel, IN 46082 (317) 684-3684

indianacouncil.org



603 E. Washington St. - 9th Floor, Indianapolis IN 46204 Designated in: MARION JOHNSON





🛂 Aspire Indiana Health, Inc.

9615 E. 148th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 Designated in: BOONE, HAMILTON, MADISON, MARION Also serving: GRANT



🛂 Bowen Health

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



🗿 Community Fairbanks Behavioral Health

8180 Clearvista Pkwy, Indianapolis, IN 46256 Designated in: MARION, HANCOCK, SHELBY Also serving: MADISON, JOHNSON



🤨 Community Fairbanks Behavioral Health — Howard

322 N. Main St, Kokomo, IN 46901 Designated in: CLINTON, HOWARD, TIPTON



Cummins Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.

6655 East US 36, Avon IN 46123 Designated in: HENDRICKS, PUTNAM

Also serving: BOONE, MONTGOMERY, MARION



🔮 Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living, Inc.

1100 West Sixth Ávenue, Gary IN 46402

Designated in: LAKE Also serving: PORTER, LAPORTE



Family Health Center

515 Bayou Street, Vincennes IN 47591

Designated in: DAVIESS, KNOX, MARTIN, PIKE

4C Health 401 E. 8th Street, Rochester, IN 46975

Designated in: CASS, FULTON, MIAMI, PULASKI

Also serving: CARROLL, CLINTON, GRANT, MARSHALL, TIPPECANOE, WABASH HOWARD, TIPTON, WHITE



Hamilton Center, Inc.

620 Eighth Avenue, Terre Haute IN 47804

Designated in: CLAY, GREENE, PARKE, SULLIVAN, VERMILLION, VIGO Also serving: HENDRICKS, MARION, OWEN, PUTNAM



💶 INcompass Healthcare

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



LifeSpring 🚯 LifeSpring Health Systems

460 Spring Street, Jeffersonville IN 47130

Designated in: CLARK, CRAWFORD, DUBOIS, FLOYD, HARRISON, JEFFERSON, ORANGE, PERRY, SCOTT, SPENCER, WASHINGTON



🐠 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



Northeastern Center, Inc.

220 South Main Street, Kendallville IN 46755 Designated in: DEKALB, LAGRANGE, NOBLE, STEUBEN

WARRICK

Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, Inc.

OAKLAWN 330 Lakeview Drive, Goshen IN 46527



PARKVIEW

Park Center

23 Michigan City

LA PORTE

PULASKI

Walparaiso

WHITE

Lafayette

TIPPECANOE

MONTGOMERY

PUTNAM

OWEN

MARTIN

DUBOIS

SPENCER

Bloomington

LAWRENCE

ORANGE

CRAWFORD

PERRY

CLAY

DAVIESS

PORTER

JASPER

Merrillville

NEWTON

BENTON

WARREN

Terre Haute

0

VIGO

SULLIVAN

KNOX

Vincennes

GIBSON

VANDERBURGH

Evansville

ECHINTAIN

LAKE

ST JOSEPH

MARSHALL

Kokomo 6

HAMILTON

Noblesville 2

JOHNSON

WASHINGTON

HARRISON

BROWN

CLINTON

BOONE

Rocheste

ELKHART

Warsaw

Coshe

LAGRANGE

Kendallville

NOBLE

WHITLEY

HUNTINGTON

14

Muncie

HENRY

Marion

19

GRANT

MADISON

SHELBY

BARTHOLOMEW

JENNINGS

CHARK

Jeffersonville

FLOYD (1)

STEUBEN

DE KALB

Fort Wayne

WELLS

ADAMS

JAY

WAYNE

FRANKLIN

Lawrenceburg 12

OHIO

SWITZERLAND

UNION

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



Porter-Starke Services

601 Wall Street, Valparaiso IN 46383 Designated in: PORTER & STARKE



Radiant Health

505 N. Wabash Avenue, Marion IN 46952 Designated in: GRANT, BLACKFORD



Regional Health Systems

8555 Taft Street, Merrillville, IN 46410 Designated in: LAKE



💯 Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center

720 Eskenazi Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46202 Designated in: MARION



Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. 415 Mulberry Street, Evansville IN 47713

Designated in: GIBSON, POSEY, VANDERBURGH, WARRICK



Swanson Center

7224 W. 400 N., Michigan City IN 46360 Designated in: LAPORTE



Walley Oaks

415 N. 26th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904 Designated in: BENTON, CARROLL, FOUNTAIN, JASPER, MONTGOMERY, NEW/TON, TIPPECANOE, WARREN, WHITE