



Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

Oct 4, 2022

Updates

Overdoses Emerge as Leading Cause of Death in Marion County

In its annual report examining trends among the decedents it receives, the [Marion County Coroner's Office](#) recorded 799 people last year who died from accidental drug intoxication. This is an increase from 640 accidental drug overdose deaths in 2020, marking the second year where the count of drug overdose deaths has surpassed cardiovascular deaths. "It's unfortunate that these deaths are rising at such a significant rate," said Alfarena McGinty, chief deputy coroner.

The majority of deaths are linked to fentanyl, the report shows, accounting for nearly 78% of the deaths. Fentanyl has increasingly been cut in other street drugs in the past few years across the country, oftentimes without the user's knowledge.

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Dove Recovery House for Women Announce New Hires

Dove House will open in Jasper, in November 2022. Megan Durlauf has been named director of operations, and Dana Wood is clinical manager. They are the first hires for the new Dove House facility, which will house up to 15 women.

"Dove House is filling a huge unmet need in our rural community," Durlauf said. "I have witnessed countless women released from jail with nowhere to go except back to the people they were using substances with when they were arrested. I want to be part of the solution for women who need that safe space to get back on their feet."

Wood shared that "being able to provide treatment where women can remain in the community and retain positive connections is beyond words. I hope to provide a safe space for women to come when they are at their most vulnerable and provide the support to help them thrive in their lives."

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Opioid Treatment Center Moving from Downtown Indianapolis to Twin Aire

The planned treatment center move to southeast of downtown Indianapolis, and will be run by Eskenazi Health. "What we really like about Twin Aire is proximity to current patients," said Dr. Overley of Eskenazi Health. Transportation is a consistent barrier to treatment. With a closer clinic, it will be more likely that people can access treatment. The clinic, which offers methadone treatments is only one of two in Marion County. Eskenazi said the approval of the development will allow providers to almost double the number of patients they serve.

Eskenazi has a goal to open the new location by November 2023.

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Upcoming Events

Stigma Series: Challenging the Stigma Surrounding Addiction Part 1

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. EDT Oct. 5

Hosted by: Central East PTTC

Substance use disorders (SUD) are some of the most highly stigmatized health conditions worldwide, and stigma creates barriers to early intervention, screening, treatment and effective recovery. Addressing addiction like a disease instead of a moral failing requires shifts in practice as well as understanding. To challenge stigma, we must revise outdated ways of thinking about addiction to better align with the medical discoveries about what addiction does to the brain, and how it is most effectively addressed.

To learn more about this event and register, click [here](#).

Why Are Young People Struggling with Substance Use and Mental Health?

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. EDT Oct. 6

Hosted by: Hope Academy

IUPUI Campus Center—Theater

Young people are struggling with mental health and substance use now more than ever. But why? Has it always been this way? Or did things get much worse following the COVID-19 pandemic?

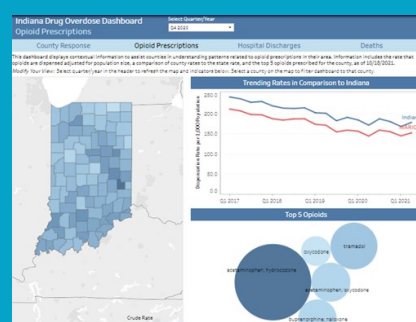
During this panel discussion, presented by Hope Academy, clinical experts and people with lived experience will help us answer these questions and provide insight on how we can move forward to best serve our most vulnerable youth.

This panel discussion is for anyone who works with teens including parents, counselors, clinicians, and school professionals.

Click [here](#) to register.

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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