



**Indiana  
Department  
of  
Health**

# Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

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## Updates

### Governor's Public Health Commission Makes Recommendations

The Governor's Public Health Commission (GPHC) is recommending increased local public health funding to ensure that every Hoosier has access to the core public health services that allow them to achieve their optimal health and well-being. The recommendations include providing local health departments with stable, recurring, and flexible funding to build and sustain their foundational public health capabilities.

Find out more by visiting [in.gov/gphc](https://www.in.gov/gphc).

Join us for Public Health Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Indiana Statehouse North Atrium. Show your support for public health by wearing blue and gold.

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### Colts Kicking Mental Health Stigma

The Indianapolis Colts dedicated the Nov. 28 Monday Night Football game to their mental health awareness campaign called Kicking the Stigma. Throughout the game, fans learned about mental health awareness and how they can contribute to the effort. Proceeds from the game will go toward several mental health-focused not-for-profit organizations, including Public Advocates in Community Re-Entry and Step-Up. To donate to Kicking the Stigma, click the link below.

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### Indiana Mom Raising Awareness About Fentanyl Dangers

Indiana communities continue to be devastated by fentanyl, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Indiana hit a record-high for drug overdose deaths in 2021. Cammie Wolf Rice, who grew up on the southside of Indianapolis, is familiar with these dire statistics. She lost her son to drug overdose, and since his death, she has been advocating for removing stigma from substance use disorder. "The stigma in our country is so horrific that it took me two years to say the word 'overdose'", she says.

To combat stigma, she founded an organization in honor of her son, the Christopher Wolf Crusade. Currently, the organization has run a two-year pilot program inside Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. The program pairs patients with care coaches who implement a personalized pain management plan. For more information about the Christopher Wolf Crusade, visit the link below.

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## Upcoming Events

### Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

**8:30 a.m-1:30 p.m. CT, Dec 8**

**Hosted by: Great Lakes MHTTC**

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to equip teachers, parents, caregivers, and peers with skills needed to help adolescents with mental health challenges. In this training, participants will learn methods to address addiction challenges in youth ages 12-18. The session will be led by Riley Cleary, MSW, who is a program manager for the Illinois Association of Behavioral Health. For more information about this event, click [here](#).

### 2022 Mental Health and Addiction Symposium

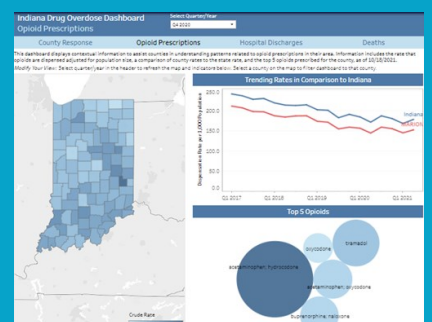
**8:30 a.m-4:30 p.m. EST, Dec. 9**

**Hosted by: Mental Health America of Indiana  
Marriott East, 7202 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219**

Mental health and substance use disorders are at record highs in Indiana. As our state builds a new crisis system, it is important to recognize the gaps in funding for mental health services and how Hoosiers can become involved in Mental Health America of Indiana's mission. At this event, participants will engage in workshops related to research findings, review the final report from the Indiana Behavioral Health Commission, and listen to a presentation from Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. For more information about this event, click [here](#).

## 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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