



**Indiana
Department
of
Health**

Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

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Updates

Stitching Away Stigma

The Indiana Department of Health Harm Reduction Program has launched its newest program, Stitching Away Stigma. This program strives to increase awareness and reduce stigma associated with substance use, as well as encourage participation in harm reduction programs.

Community members are warmly invited to support people with substance use disorder and those that love them by donating handmade items and notes of encouragement.

Let's stitch away stigma!

[CLICK LINK HERE](#)



Upstream Prevention Installs 14 NaloxBoxes in Johnson County

Upstream Prevention is an organization that strives to decrease suicides and address substance use in Johnson County. During downtown Edinburgh's annual Turn the Town Purple event, which memorialized fellow community members who have died from overdose, Upstream Prevention provided doses of naloxone and information about the life-saving drug.

Upstream Prevention is one of Indiana Department of Health's grantees through the IN CARES ECHO program, which focuses on communities experiencing high rates of opioid-related overdose to put community-based solutions in place. This grant, with funding from the Duke Energy Foundation, has provided money for NaloxBoxes. The NaloxBoxes were provided by Overdose Lifeline and have been posted at various locations throughout the county, such as at each of the county's library branches, community corrections and more.

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Upcoming Events

Science of Substance Use, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Advocacy

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. EDT, Sept. 13

Hosted By: South Southwest ATTC

This workshop will provide a summary of how the brain is impacted by substance use that is rooted in science to reduce stigma of the disease. An overview of medications approved for treating substance use disorders will be offered, with a highlight on approved Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment will be highlighted with discussion on strategies that increase quality of care and coordination of services.

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

Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders: Supporting Kinship Families

1 p.m. EDT, Sept. 14

Hosted by: National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare

National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) invites you to a webinar on services and supports for kinship and grand families affected by substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders.

Click [here](#) to register for this event

Health Equity Webinar Series: Teen Substance Use Disorder Treatment in the Black Community

Noon – 1 p.m. EDT, Sept. 15

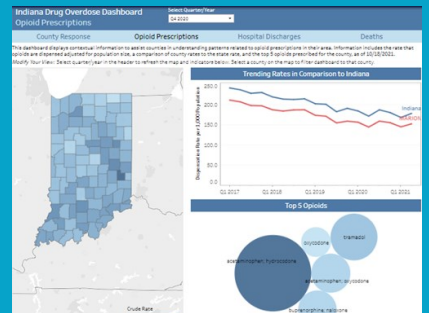
Hosted by: Central East ATTC

African Americans are overrepresented among drug abusers in the U.S., but they are also more likely to seek treatment for their drug addiction. In 2020, around 7,095 people aged 15 to 24 years died from a drug overdose. Opioids, primarily prescription pain relievers and heroin, are the main driver of overdose deaths. This webinar will explore the most common substance of choice, signs and symptoms of teen substance use and discuss treatment options for this population.

To register for 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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