

# Substance Use Disorders Impact Council



United Way  
of the Wabash Valley

The Substance Use Disorders Impact Council is a multi-sector volunteer committee of nonprofit, government, education, and business leaders who are preferably issue experts in and/or are passionate about supporting prevention and treatment solutions in our community. The council is a subcommittee of the full United Way of the Wabash Valley Community Impact Committee (CIC).

## All UWWV Impact Councils will work towards the overall **BOLD GOAL**

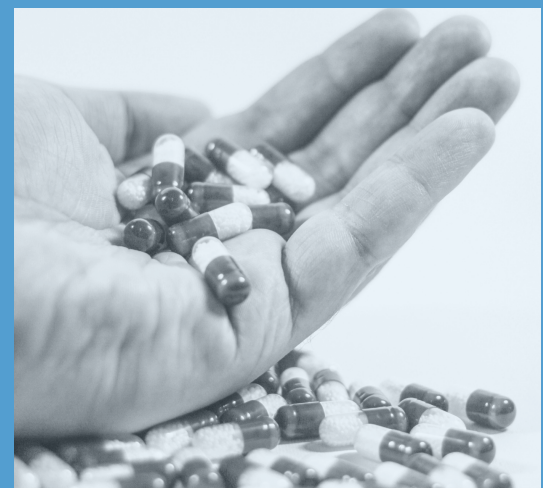
**Move 10,000 families out of financial  
struggles and into stability!**

### Objective

Works and invests to bring successful results to the agreed-upon specific outcome targets in support of the overall UWWV community goal.

### Structure

The council membership shall be 15-20 persons (including a chair and co-chair seated on the CIC), working through two distinct teams. A development team shall include individuals either working in or with substance use disorders, but should also include passionate and engaged community members from business, government, nonprofits, or related coalitions. The resource team shall oversee the financial investments requested by the development team. Representation should include multiple counties within the United Way service area, and all council members must be financial supporters of UWWV.



## Investment Guidelines

Based on their knowledge, members of the impact councils recommend and monitor the investment of resources in efforts that align with the objectives. The impact council will be granted funding from the CIC for investment in community initiatives, programs and/or impact products. One (1) standard and two (2) optional investment strategies are available to all impact councils:

- **Collective Impact Grant Funding** – Standardized multi-year open grant process conducted via evaluation teams and based upon “Requests for Proposals” (RFPs) as developed by the impact council.
- **Alternative Investment Opportunities** - Impact growth opportunities such as matching funds for a potential larger federal or specialty grant opportunity.
- **Develop Collaborative Impact Products** - may brainstorm and propose “impact products” (a community program or initiative) and seek collaborative partners to further develop and operate or execute the product with provided funding.

## Framework Strategies from "Stronger United Plan"

No single issue resulted in more discussion during our community conversations than drug abuse and the related community impact. Both opioid and meth addiction run high and show lasting impacts on parents and children negatively affecting community safety and our local economy. We believe that by providing supports to substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs, we can help break the cycle of poverty.

### Objective: Support Prevention and Treatment Solutions

#### Strategies:

- Improve collaborative efforts to identify gaps/overlaps in service
- Engage in public policy and advocacy related to mental health impact on addictions
- Support additional prevention or treatment options or facilities
- Support for families: transportation and/or after-treatment care

#### Proposed Measurements:

- Drug related emergency room visits
- Treatment facility numbers
- Drug court
- Jail records

