



Substance Use Disorders Council

*The Substance Use Disorders Impact Council is a United Way of the Wabash Valley initiative designed to implement a Collective Impact methodology for focus on well-rounded approaches to support prevention, treatment and recovery solutions for substance use disorders throughout the 6-county service areas in the Wabash Valley. We believe that by providing effective substance use disorder programs, we can help break the cycle of generational poverty, and bring more households to financial stability.*

## SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IMPACT COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

*The Substance Use Disorders Impact Council aligns its efforts with the UWWV Strategic Plan and the bold community goal to **move 10,000 families out of financial struggles and into stability!***

*Identification of SUD-related key issues and service gaps provided the foundation for the strategy guide and were developed through the implementation of two grants awarded to UWWV:*

- 2017-2018 Indiana United Way, United Against Opioid AmeriCorps Program:  
*Provided a Vigo County, Indiana Landscape Scan and Asset Map formulated through community surveys and community conversations.*
- 2019 HRSA, Rural Community Opioid Response Program-Planning Grant:  
*This federal grant allowed rural community stakeholder surveys and conversations to develop a comprehensive Opportunity & Gap Analysis.*

### Substance Use Disorders Vision:

Our communities recognize substance use as a public health issue that is **preventable** and **treatable**. Those suffering are met with dignity and respect in the absence of stigma and prejudice, and each community embraces recovery and a drug-free, healthy Wabash Valley.

### Substance Use Disorders Mission:

Promote & support effective evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery programs and initiatives to reduce the impact of substance use in our communities.

### We Believe That:

- Substance use disorders occur when from the use of alcohol and/or drugs causing clinically significant impairment, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.
- Widespread substance use adversely affects economic growth and prosperity including business attraction and retention and associated workforce and job opportunities.
- Substance use strongly correlates with community generational poverty and household financial instability.
- Success in our fight against substance use depends upon successful partnerships and collaborations throughout our communities.

## **Measurements**

The SUD Impact Council will secure and report the following numbers on a regular basis to measure the impact being made in our communities.

### **Substance-Use-Related Arrests:**

*Our Council will work with each of our six county sheriff's departments to secure monthly reports on substance use-related arrests. The data will be compiled and reported via a monthly dashboard.*

### **Substance-Use-Related DCS Child Removal Cases**

*Our Council will work to establish a relationship with Indiana and Illinois DCS so as to secure a monthly or quarterly report on Substance-Use-Related removal cases by county for the six-county service area.*

### **Indiana Youth Survey Substance Use Statistics**

*Our Council will share the survey data, including the Mean Age of First Time Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs and the Percentage Reporting Monthly Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs.*

**Objective:    Reduce our community-wide prevalence of substance use disorders**

**Strategy A:    Growth of Treatment/Recovery Providers**  
*"There's not enough beds."*

**Tactics:**

- *Explore partnerships to expand rural community access to in-patient detox & sober living facilities*
- *Evaluate & facilitate NA and AA expansion possibilities*
- *Assist in expansion of training opportunities for providers*

**Strategy B:    Development of Resources for a Full Continuum of Care**  
*"It takes a village."*

**Tactics:**

- *Expand funding opportunities for individual or whole-family-based support and coaching programs*
- *Support program options for law enforcement including assisted diversion and harm reduction*
- *Fund/conduct media/marketing and educational awareness on stigma to build community support*

**Strategy C:    Prevention Strategy for Youth**  
*"We have to get to the kids before they start."*

**Tactics:**

- *Expand funding opportunities for school-based prevention messaging programs*
- *Increase mentor-student connections and/or parent-student involvement*
- *Balance a continuum of youth prevention with universal, selective and indicated programming*

**Strategy D:    Expand Practical Life-Assistance Recovery Supports**  
*"Recovery is hard if you don't have a home or a job."*

**Tactics:**

- *Expand employment programs/opportunities for those in recovery and/or past incarceration*
- *Expand housing availability and assistance/scholarship for successful recovery program participation*
- *Increase adult-mentor connections and/or parenting programs (coping, life, budget, prevention skills)*