



Lake County Board of Health

February 5, 2025



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Staff Updates

Approved 2024 HFI Positions (*filled*)

- School Liaison (3)
- PHN
- TB Case Manager
- Lead Risk Assessor
- Medical Billing
- Food Inspector (2)
- Vital Record Clerk



2025 Public Health AmeriCorps Intern

- Community Needs Assessment
- Aging Population Program
- Community Health Fairs (2)





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Active Programs

Purdue Extension

- A Matter of Balance
- Heart Smart

Foodbank of NWI

- Infant/Maternal Pantry Packs
- Mental Health Pantry Packs
- Overhead Food Lockers

Indiana University School of Medicine

- Health Screenings
- Referral to clinical care

St. John Fire Department

- Community Risk Reduction & Mobile Integrated Health

Lake County Harm Reduction w/ Gary Harm Reduction

- (3) Harm reduction staff to focus on: Maternal and Child Health, Infectious Disease Prevention, and Trauma and Injury Prevention

Mental Health America NWI

- Safe Sleep
- Thumbody Special
- Gun Safety

VicTory4Kidz

- Youth Expos
- After school programs

Franciscan Health

- Lake Co. Community Health Worker Pilot Program (2) CHW's



Progress and Status

- Finalized class schedule with local libraries- BHS
- Added additional programs to their internal calendar
- Completed first cohort for Be Heart Smart (November & December classes)
- Began taking registrations for upcoming library locations
- 3 Library branches to host Be Heart Smart (4-week sessions)
- Collected pre-post evaluations from cohort



**Purdue Extension
Lake County**

Purdue Extension- Be Heart Smart



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Quantitative Data:

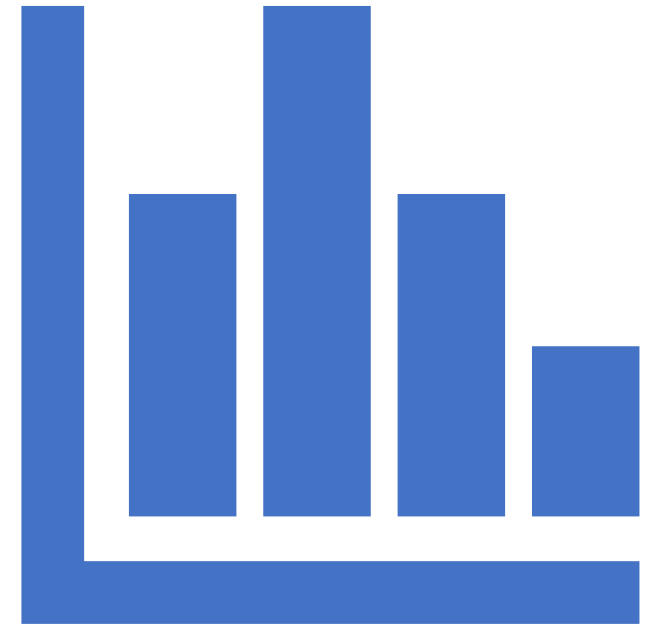
- 89% of Participants Are Concerned Being At Risk Of Health Problems
- 100% Know How To Reduce Sodium And To Make Healthy Meals
- 100% Agreed That Because Of The Program They will Monitor Their Heart Disease Factors and Blood Pressure
- 89% Are Interested, Because Of The Program, To Eat More Heart-Healthy Meals
- 89% Intend, Because Of The Program, to Practice Stress Reducing Techniques
- 89% Intend, Because Of The Program, To Daily Practice Physical Activity



Purdue Extension- Be Heart Smart

Qualitative Data:

- Wonderful encouraging program with excellent instructor. Thank you.
- Very informative classes Loved handouts and meal example and recipes Instructor very well informed and personable
- Great program
- Very informative and easy to follow recommendations Loved sampling healthy recipes.
- This was wonderful! Thanks, Linda!



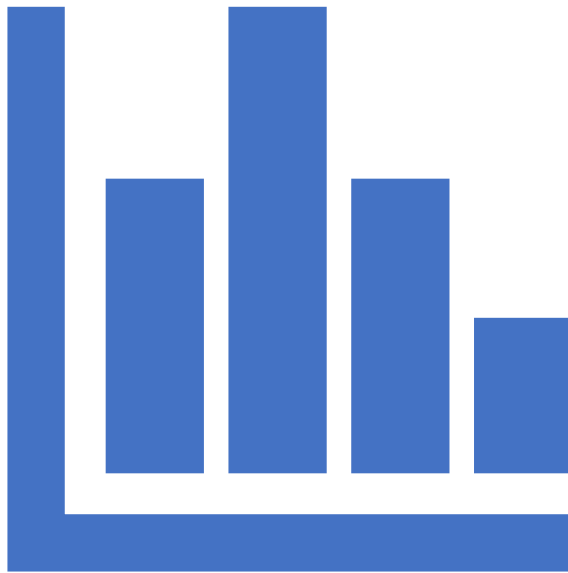
Progress and Status

- Community Risk Reduction Coordinator
- Mobile Integrated Health Coordinator
- 9 Community Paramedics Seeing Patients
- Stop the bleed courses scheduled for next 5 months
- CPR Classes schedules for the year (additional as needed)
- Car seat installation clinics scheduled monthly through 2025
- Working on contracts with hospitals for referral system
- Planning phase of Maternal and Child Health home visitation



St John Fire Dept. MIH

St. John Fire Dept. MIH



Quantitative Data:

- Patient Count Active In The Program - 21
- Patient Graduated From Program - 30
- Patients Scheduled For Referrals – 62
- Average Monthly Referrals – 18
- About 60% Decrease in 911/Hospital Use Since Enrollment
- Fall Risk Education – 13
- Outside Physician Referrals – 10
- Hone Safety Concerns Corrected – 35
- Smoke Detectors Installed – 44
- CO Detectors Installed - 41

St. John Fire Dept. MIH

Qualitative Data:

Case Study 1 – A patient was identified and appointment scheduled after **multiple calls for falls and lift assists**. Patient has a history of stroke with 90% loss of function to the right side.

During the visit it was **identified that a home visiting aid is not able to move and lift the patient alone**. A recommendation was communicated with the visiting service and a **second aid is being sent**.

Lift points were installed in the house in both ceilings and walls to aid in lifting and moving. The patient has **not used 911 or transported to the hospital for secondary injuries from the falls**. Currently approaching 5 months.



Gary Harm Reduction

Progress and Status

- Trauma and Injury (Overdose Prevention Specialist)
- Infectious Disease (HIV & Hep C Prevention Specialist)
- Maternal Health (Women's Health and Recovery Families Specialist)
- Staff now on-site part time at LCHD



Gary Harm Reduction



Quantitative Data:

- Intramuscular Narcan - 35
- Nasal Narcan- 557
- Fentanyl Testing Strips – 282
- Xylazine Testing Strips – 258
- IDU Kits – 185
- Safe Snort – 229
- Wound Care - 247
- Safe Smoke – 195
- Sharps Containers – 9
- Condoms - 1893

Mental Health America NWI



Progress and Status

- (ISS) Three staff, including one Spanish bi-lingual Family Resource Specialist have been identified to be trained as Safe Sleep Ambassadors
- (ITS) Funds allowed the restock of workbooks, ink pads and other materials
- (ITS) Scheduled 3 schools in February, 2 schools in March and 1 in May. This is approximately 550 students
- (GS) Started planning for gun lock purchase and scheduling of workshop sessions

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Quantitative Data:

- (ISS) Education was provided to 34 parents/caregivers
- Each participant was provided a portable crib for families reporting need for adequate safe sleep environment for baby
- Self-esteem and anti-bullying program was provided to 88 - 3rd grade students and 9 teachers at Homan elementary school in Schererville

Mental Health America NWI

Qualitative Data:

- (ISS) Partnered w/ IDOH to receive county specific data on SUID deaths and will be focusing efforts in Merrillville and Hammond
- Recently ran out of safe sleep swaddlers and HFI funds allowed for the purchase of 120
- Able to order 70 portable cribs just in time to restock as we were down to just 2 portable cribs left across all 4 offices in Lake County.





January 8th GO-LIVE **100% SUCCESS**



Accepting Online Orders And Credit Card POS Options



Planning Phase For VitalChek To Be Implemented Across Department



Department Digitization Project

In collaboration with Lake County Data Processing

Food Division – 100% completed

Environmental – 10% completed

Vital Records – *Planning Phase*



Mobile Health Clinic

- Exam room and blood draw
- Mobile clinic will offer most clinical services (i.e., immunization, lead testing, STI testing, etc.)

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**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 07, 2025**

12:00PM - 2:00PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**LAKE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**2900 WEST 93RD AVE.
CROWN POINT, IN 46307**

BARN #3 BEHIND THE MAIN BUILDING



QUESTIONS?

