

# Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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## Comprehensive Community Plan

**County: Vermillion**

**LCC: Local Coordinating Council for a Drug-Free Vermillion County**

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## Plan Summary

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Local Coordinating Council for a Drug-Free Vermillion County is to reduce the prevalence of problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and problem gambling. The healthy development of our citizens is being threatened by the problems and challenges of ATOD use and problem gambling in today's culture. It is our mission to promote healthy lifestyle patterns among Vermillion County residents and to make a positive difference in the area of ATOD issues.

**History:** The Local Coordinating Council for a Drug-Free Vermillion County was formed in 1989 by a core group of concerned citizens many of whom continue to actively serve. Our mission was to coordinate a comprehensive approach to dealing with the problems of substance abuse in Vermillion County. Since its formation, the coalition has held over 140 public meetings to address community issues and to solicit community involvement in the areas of prevention, treatment, and law enforcement/justice. The coalition serves as the recognized Local Coordinating Council (LCC) for the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana.

There were 16,234 people who live in Vermillion County in 2008 according to STATS Indiana, updated March 11, 2010. Their other data shows the following breakdown of ethnic diversity – 97.9% Caucasian, 1.1% Hispanic, 0.9% Black. There are 7 towns in Vermillion County: Clinton with the largest population of 4,799, Newport with population of 549 and is the county seat, Dana, Cayuga, Perrysville, Universal and Fairview Park.

Vermillion County consists of 2 school corporations which are North Vermillion School Corporation and South Vermillion Community Schools Corporation. The school enrollment for 2006 – 2007 is 2,800 according to STATS Indiana on March 11, 2010.

Law enforcement includes Vermillion County Sheriff's Department, Cayuga, Dana and Fairview Park Town Marshals and Clinton City Police Department.

**Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:** The LCC spent time at each monthly meeting over the last year (2009) following the guidance of the Comprehensive Community Plan. The LCC reviewed the problem statements, objectives and goals of the Comprehensive Community Plan to assure the mini-grants funded were in accordance to what Strategic Prevention Framework planning revealed and determine the problems in the county. This Comprehensive Community Plan has been developed to reduce specific problems found in the county.

In 2009, more data was gathered to see how we were doing in reaching the goals of the Comprehensive Community Plan. We have provided an update on each objective and feel our plan is still relevant for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug problems in the county.

## Membership List

**County LCC Name: Local Coordinating Council for a Drug-Free Vermillion County**

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Bob Spence	Sheriff's Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
2	Nina Alexander	Prosecutor	Caucasian	Female	Judiciary
3	Kim Hawkins	County Commissioner	Caucasian	Male	Government
4	Patti Spurr	NVCS	Caucasian	Female	Education
5	Jane Warmouth	NVCS	Caucasian	Female	Education
6	Michelle Striegel	Hamilton Center	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
7	Cheryl Vaughan	Concerned Citizen	Caucasian	Female	Parent
8	Becky Holbert	4-H	Caucasian	Female	Civic Organization
9	Elaine Pastore	LCC Coordinator	Caucasian	Female	Prevention
10	Sandee Frey	SVCS	Caucasian	Female	Education
11	Marion (Mono) Pastore	Sheriff's Dept. & Minister	Caucasian	Male	Religion
12	Michelle Stucker	Tobacco Prevention	Caucasian	Female	Prevention
13	Alaina Niece Vaughan	St. Mary of the Woods student	Caucasian	Female	Youth
14	Marla Mackiewicz	NVCS	Caucasian	Female	Education
15	Malynda Scifres	SVCS	Caucasian	Female	Education
16	Linda Avenetti	SVCS	Caucasian	Female	Education
17	Lori Porter	Concerned Citizen	Caucasian	Female	Parent
18	Vic Porter	Concerned Citizen	Caucasian	Male	Parent
19	Ron Stateler	Probation Department	Caucasian	Male	Judiciary
20	Meredith Addison	RN	Caucasian	Female	Parent
21	Elizabeth Morgan	Verm. Parke Health Clinic	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
22	Dr. Julia Wernz	Verm. Parke	Caucasian	Female	Treatment

		<b>Health Clinic</b>			
<b>23</b>	<b>Dan Wallon</b>	<b>Clinton City Police</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Amy Certain</b>	<b>NVCS</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Education</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Brian Stewart</b>	<b>IN State Excise Police</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Connie Faulds</b>	<b>Concerned Citizen</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Parent</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Curtis Stoffell</b>	<b>Clinton City Police</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Scott Miller</b>	<b>SVCS</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Education</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Beth Holycross</b>	<b>Concerned Citizen</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Parent</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>John Hawkins</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Religion</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Jared Emery</b>	<b>IN State Excise Police</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Brittany Hollowell</b>	<b>NVCS student</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Youth</b>
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## Problem Identification

**A. Problem Statement #1:** Alcohol use and abuse among youth and adults is higher than the state average.

**B. Supportive Data:**

1. The Sheriff’s Department works in conjunction with city, state, conservation officers, and town marshals. In 2009, the Sheriff’s Department reported 52 arrests for public intoxication, 136 arrests for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, 2 arrests for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and 3 arrests for possession of alcohol by a minor and 32 arrests for minor consumption.
2. In 2009, the Clinton Police Department in cooperation with other police departments made 23 arrests for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated and 0 arrests for Driving Under the Influence. They had 21 Public Intoxication arrests and 17 Minor Consumption arrests.
3. The Vermillion County Probation Department reports 2 juveniles on probation for alcohol related offenses.
4. The Clinton Police Department did not have data for their 2009 Labor Day Weekend Project.
5. The 2009 Indiana Prevention Resource Center ATOD survey shows approximately 43.9 % of Vermillion County 12<sup>th</sup> grade students surveyed reported monthly use of alcohol. The state average is 35.7%.
6. Hamilton Center reports in 2009 they had 222 unduplicated clients with substance abuse/dependence diagnoses

**End of Year 1 Update:**

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**End of Year 2 Update:**

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**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

- 1.

**C. Goals:**

1. Increase Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated arrests.
2. Increase arrests for possession of alcohol by a minor.
3. Decrease youth reporting monthly use through the Indiana Prevention Resource Center survey.
4. Increase the number seeking assistance for substance abuse counseling.

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

- 1.

**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

- 1.

**Final Report (end of Year 3):**

- 1.

**D. Objectives:**

1. Provide financial assistance to treatment/intervention programs and services.
2. Support the creation of new self help groups (AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery, etc.)
3. Provide education on alcohol problems in the county and provide information through newspaper, health fairs, and information sessions.
4. Support prevention/education programs through the schools and other community organizations with an emphasis on proven prevention strategies.
5. Provide financial support for law enforcement Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated saturation patrols.
6. Fund law enforcement equipment needed to reduce access to alcohol for youth, detect drunk drivers, and other efforts to reduce alcohol problems in the county.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

1. Support Prevention/Education:
2. Support Intervention/Treatment:
3. Support Law Enforcement/Justice:

**End of Year 2 Update:**

1. Support Prevention/Education:
2. Support Intervention/Treatment:
3. Support Law Enforcement/Justice:

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

1. Support Prevention/Education:
2. Support Intervention/Treatment:
3. Support Law Enforcement/Justice:

**A. Problem Statement #2:** Vermillion County residents are using marijuana, tobacco, meth, cocaine, and prescription drugs at a higher rate than the state average.

**B. Supportive Data:**

1. The Sheriff's Department works in conjunction with city, state, conservation officers, and town marshals. In 2009, the Sheriff's Department reported 5 arrests for dealing marijuana, 45 arrests for possession of marijuana, 27 arrests for possession of paraphernalia, 12 arrests for maintaining a common nuisance, 0 arrests for dealing cocaine, 0 arrests for possession of cocaine, 9 arrests for dealing or possession of a schedule drug, 24 arrests for possession of controlled substance, 42 arrests for purchase of a precursor, and 15 arrests for manufacturing a controlled substance. In 2009, the Clinton City Police Department in cooperation with other police departments reported 0 arrests for dealing marijuana, 6 arrests for possession of marijuana, 7 arrests for possession of paraphernalia, 0 arrests for maintaining a common nuisance, 0 arrests for dealing cocaine, 0 arrests for possession of cocaine, 0 possession of a schedule drug, 0

possession of controlled substance, 0 arrests for possession of a legend drug or precursor, 0 arrest for manufacturing a controlled substance. Clinton City Police Bike Patrol Unit will begin operation as needed for festivals and other community events to heighten visibility of law enforcement, build rapport, and better access groups suspected of ATOD abuse. No data is available at this time, but it is believed that their presence has a positive effect on decreasing ATOD issues. Indiana State Excise Police are closely involved with ATOD efforts in Vermillion County. The recent purchase of a tazer helps in the enforcement and arrest of offenders. No data is available for Vermillion County, but State statistics show positive results of tazer use.

**2.** Indiana Prevention Resource Center's 2009 survey states Vermillion County 12<sup>th</sup> graders report monthly marijuana use at 20% and the state average at 16.7 %.

**3.** Partnership for a Drug-Free America released the 2009 Parents and teens Attitude Tracking Study Report. It reveals that 1 in 5 teens (20%) in grades 9-12 have abused prescription drugs at least once in their lives, 1 in 7 teens (15%) have abused prescription pain reliever in the past year, and 8 % have reported cough medicine abuse in the past year. Vermillion County believes this is a problem locally.

**4.** The Indiana State Police reports 7 meth labs in Vermillion County in 2009.

**5.** In 2009, the Vermillion County Probation Department reports 4 juvenile cases for substance abuse, 3 drug tests were positive for 4 juveniles on probation for substance abuse and 12 drug tests were positive out of 38 adults on probation for substance abuse. In both age groups, some were tested more than once.

**6.** Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation reports that 31.6% of Vermillion County women smoke who are pregnant. Vermillion Parke Health Clinic reports statistics for 2009 that of their clients, 60% pregnant women smoke. The state average is 20% pregnant women smoke according to 2002 Indiana Birth Certificate Data from Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation.

**7.** The Indiana Prevention Resource Center's PREV- STAT 2003 data states 32-33 % of adults smoke in Vermillion County. The state average is 23%.

**8.** The 2009 Indiana Prevention Resource Center survey states Vermillion County 12<sup>th</sup> graders report an average 32.75% monthly cigarette use while the state average is 24.4%. The same grade averages 24.05% monthly smokeless tobacco use and the state average is 10.5 %

**9.** In 2009, there were 20 restaurants in the county and 11 of these were smoke free environments. The LCC believes that contributes to the social norm of tobacco use being acceptable.

**10.** Hamilton Center reports 222 unduplicated clients in 2009 with substance abuse/dependence diagnoses.

**11.** The 2009 Indiana Prevention Resource Center states Vermillion County 12<sup>th</sup> grade students report monthly use of meth at 2.85% and the state average is 0.9 %

**12.** 4-H provided High School Heroes as mentors to the SV elementary school students.

### **End of Year 1 Update:**

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### **End of Year 2 Update:**

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**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

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**C. Goals:**

- 1. Increase marijuana related arrests
- 2. Increase cocaine related arrests
- 3. Increase controlled substance related arrest.
- 4. Increase number of meth lab related arrest.
- 5. Reduce the number of students reporting use of tobacco and marijuana.
- 6. Increase the number of smoke free restaurants.
- 7. Reduce the number of pregnant women smoking.
- 8. Increase the number seeking assistance for substance abuse counseling.

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

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**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

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**Final Report (end of Year 3):**

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**D. Objectives:**

- 1. Develop and support community education seminars.
- 2. Provide education on meth, marijuana, cocaine, tobacco, and prescription drugs in the county and provide information through newspaper and health fairs.
- 3. Support prevention/education programs through the schools and other community organizations with emphasis in proven prevention strategies.
- 4. Support education to restaurant owners to implement smoke free environments.
- 5. Fund cessation services.
- 6. Assist with funding to law enforcement efforts to reduce availability of drugs in the county.
- 7. Engage the faith based community to become involved with community efforts to reduce drug use.
- 8. Provide financial assistance to treatment/intervention programs and services.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

- 1. Support Prevention/Education:
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- 3. Support Law Enforcement/Justice:

**End of Year 2 Update:**

- 1. Support Prevention/Education:
- 2. Support Intervention/Treatment:
- 3. Support Law Enforcement/Justice:

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**



- 1. Support Prevention/Education:
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- 3. Support Law Enforcement/Justice:

**A. Problem Statement #3:** There are not enough treatment/intervention options for those seeking recovery assistance particularly in the northern part of the county.

**B. Supportive Data:**

1. There is one new recovery program offered in the northern part of the county-a dual NA/AA group. Also, a new NA group in the southern part of the county was started.

One Celebrate Recovery self-help group for females and new Back to the Streets ATOD ministry programs for males and females are available in the county jail which is in the northern part of Vermillion County.

2. Both North and South Vermillion Community Schools provide intervention programs to the students.

3. 222 unduplicated clients sought treatment at Hamilton Center for substance abuse/dependence diagnoses in 2009. 37 gas subsidy cards were provided for those needing assistance traveling to treatment.

4. Newspaper articles were monitored in 2009, and no treatment/recovery articles were detected.

5. In 2009, there were 2 NA and 2 AA groups in Vermillion County. Celebrate Recovery and Back to the Streets ATOD (alcohol, tobacco and other drug) program are provided at the county jail.

6. Indiana State Epidemiological Profile 2007 states that approximately 8% of the population has an alcohol abuse or dependence. STATS Indiana data states that there were 16,234 residents in Vermillion County in 2009. That would mean approximately 1300 people would be in need of treatment for their alcohol abuse or dependency.

7. 2009 Prev Stat data reveals a median household income of \$42,707 and unemployment rate of 7.2% and updated 2010 as 14.4 % unemployed. The median income is lower than the state average and unemployment rate is higher than the state average. The 2009 Prev Stat did not include data on medical insurance. The data reveals economic issues within the county. This may cause a lack of financial resources for those in need of treatment So, there would be people who may not have funds to be able to afford treatment.

8. An Addictions Counselor provides evaluations for the Prosecutor’s Office. He reports a significant increase in prescription drug use and abuse, particularly Fentanyl and Oxycodin, especially with younger individuals.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

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**End of Year 2 Update:**

- 1.

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

1.

**Goals:**

1. Increase the number of treatment/intervention services available in Vermillion County.
2. Increase the number of people seeking assistance.

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

1.

**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

1.

**Final Report (end of Year 3):**

1.

**D. Objectives:**

1. Provide financial assistance to treatment/intervention programs and services.
2. Support the creation of new self help groups (AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery, etc.)
3. Communicate with faith community about recovery needs and opportunities for service to recovery community.
4. Creating and distributing information on treatment options for residents of Vermillion County.
5. Provide community education on need for treatment and provide information through newspaper, health fairs, and information sessions.
6. Provide resources to those seeking treatment including scholarships to pay for programs and gas assistance to travel to appointments.
7. Encourage development of resources for those seeking or in recovery including help lines, substance free activities, etc.

**End of Year 1 Update:**

1. Support Prevention/Education:
2. Support Intervention/Treatment:
3. Support Law Enforcement/Justice:

**End of Year 2 Update:**

1. Support Prevention/Education:
2. Support Intervention/Treatment:
3. Support Law Enforcement/Justice:

**Final Update (end of Year 3):**

1. Support Prevention/Education:
2. Support Intervention/Treatment:
3. Support Law Enforcement/Justice:

**Next Annual Update Due: April 2011**

**Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: April 2013**

**Date of Community Consultant Review: April 15, 2010**

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