

# 236 Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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## COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN

**County:** Ripley  
**LCC:** Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition  
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### Plan Summary

**Mission Statement:** The Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition shall address local efforts to prevent and reduce the effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among the citizens of Ripley County. Our organization will work with and coordinate the citizens of Ripley County in developing a comprehensive plan, on a local level, to prevent and reduce the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

**History:** The LCC adopted By-Laws in 1994, which have been revised most recently in 2015. The Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition (RCDAC) was originally named the “Ripley County Local Coordinating Coalition Against Substance Abuse” and was founded in April of 1990. Over the years, the RCDAC has worked continuously to put together strategies and plans that impact the substance abuse issues in Ripley County. In 2007, new leadership began to work closely with a community consultant to look at what the coalition needed to become stronger and possibly become eligible for Drug Free Community Funds. As we have watched substance abuse issues become more prevalent in our county, we knew that our coalition was not strong enough to implement all of the changes needed. We saw coalitions around us growing, bringing their community members on board and making an impact on the substance abuse issues in their respective counties. The new executive board and new part-time coordinator, knowing the possibilities, worked to stabilize and grow the coalition. We began to function as a coalition, bringing data and concerns to the table. The coordinator attended a DFC Support Grant Applicant Workshop, only to discover that we had a long way to go to become ready to take on the project. There were also members who understood what needed to be done.

In 2008, one of our partners, Batesville Community Schools, received SPF-SIG funds for the work to produce an Epidemiological Profile and Infrastructure Development. In 2009 the RCDAC served as the Ripley County Local Advisory Coalition for the SPF-SIG Project conducted with Franklin and Ripley Counties. Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition and the Franklin County LCC Stayin’ Alive worked together on the project, since the grantee serves students in both counties. This project helped the LCC prepare to move forward. We were able to integrate the data identified and use this in our Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP).

The plan also includes training and special events, partnering with other Ripley County providers, and bringing greater awareness to the issues, legislation, and trends concerning substance abuse in Ripley County. For the past 4 years, RCDAC has supported Fear Factory, a haunted house located in the RomWeber Marketplace that supports Cierra’s Club. Cierra’s Club was formed after the death of Cierra Adams to provide safe, drug free activities for the youth in Ripley County. Messages and exhibits throughout the haunted house depict the hazards of substance abuse and warn visitors not use drugs. Fear Factory was ranked as the fifth best haunted house in the State of Indiana in 2014.

Recently, STAAND (Students Taking Action Against Negative Decisions), the youth coalition of RCDAC, performed 5 live performances of the very powerful, Stand Up! Change Teens Statics in three of the public schools in Ripley County and two public performances, one in Osgood and one in Batesville. We have had great success in all of the administration of all four local public schools participate in our annual school dinner, which helps support our youth coalition, STAAND. All of the

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schools have youth actively participating. We are working on building the infrastructure of the group and maintaining consistency as students graduate and new members come into the group. The schools select the youth that they want to represent their school. The schools have been very cooperative with the coalition and with each other when scheduling events, including our recent performance of Stand Up! Change Teen Statistics, a musical drama about teen issues performed by the STAAND students to all of the freshmen in Ripley County.

RCDAC is coordinating with area agencies and SEL3CT to develop a mobile room and educational experience “Hidden In Plain Sight,” a traveling exhibit that will educate parents on what can be hidden in a child’s room. The exhibit will be an average teens bedroom but “hidden” in the room will be commonly used drug paraphernalia that parents might not suspect as associated with drug use. The exhibit will travel throughout Ripley County and the southeastern Indiana region so parents can actually enter the room and discover signs of high risk behaviors, such as drug use, self harm, and underage drinking.

Representation from law enforcement, child welfare, the clergy, community leaders, businesses and schools are a part of RCDAC’s board. Our Comprehensive Plan is designed to be relevant to the issues facing Ripley County. We are a working board, coordinating the efforts of all these agencies, to form a cohesive unit to education the residents of Ripley County on the growing problem of substance abuse.

The Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition was just renamed in October of 2014 and we are still in the process of getting our name publicized and recognized. We have a new logo and have purchased a banner and materials with our name to increase recognition at events and within our community. We also received our 501C3 status in March 2015.

### **General County Information:**

Ripley County is a rural community and is served by seven school districts with four school corporations which are Batesville Community School Corporation, Jac-Cen-Del Community School Corporation, Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Ed Coop; Milan Community Schools, Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Ed Coop, South Ripley Com School Corporation, and Southeastern Career Center. Sunman Elementary is located in Ripley County, but is administered by Sunman Dearborn School Corporation, which is located in Dearborn County and served by CASA, the Dearborn County LCC. One school district, Batesville Community School Corporation, serves both Ripley and Franklin counties, and has school buildings in both counties. Southeastern Career Center is also located in Ripley County and serves Ripley and the surrounding counties. Ripley County also has two religious schools which are St. Louis Catholic School in Batesville and St. Nicholas Catholic School in Sunman, and we have several homeschooled children. The LCC is currently working with youth and school administrators in strengthening our county wide youth coalition, STAAND, Students Taking Action Against Negative Decisions.

Ripley County has 2 small indoor theaters, 1 drive-in theater, a state park, an electronic publication, and other assets that we hope to utilize for addressing ATOD issues within the county. The two local

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newspaper publishers and the local radio station have partnered with us. Many times they attend and publicize our activities by placing our information, often on the front paper of the newspapers.

Based upon the 2012 census data, the total population of Ripley County is 28,497 (stats.indiana.edu) people which is a (-1.1%) from 2010. The median income for a household was \$48,495 (Ripley County Indiana). The population in poverty was (10.2%) (stats.indiana.edu). Poverty rate among Children under 18 is 15.1% (stats.indiana.edu). It is realistic to report that certain pockets in the county are less economically advantaged, for instance, in 2011 Batesville's median income was \$60,812 (City-Data), while Osgood's as only \$29,659 (Osgood City-Data). The current unemployment rate of 8.6% (Home Facts) is sure to affect the current economy.

The LCC continues to gain partners and work together to create and maintain a safe and drug free community. The Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition has applied for the Federal Drug Free Community Grant.

**Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:** Over the next three years the Ripley County LCC plans to focus on the following problems statements, identified for the 2015 CCP:

1. **Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs continue to be a problem for the youth of Ripley County.**
2. **The abuse and misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs continue to be a problem for adults and families in Ripley County.**
3. **The pervasive use and misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs impacts all of the citizens of Ripley County.**

### Membership List

#### County LCC Name: Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Allen, Rebecca	Family Connections	Caucasian	F	Prevention/ Treatment
2	Applegate, Meg	Margaret Mary Community Hospital	Caucasian	F	Prevention
3	Blessing, Cindy	CHOICES	Caucasian	F	Treatment
4	Campbell, Kevin	FCN Bank	Caucasian	M	Prevention
5	Gorris, Dan	JCD School	Caucasian	M	Prevention/ Law Enforcement
6	Copeland, Sandy	PCA	Caucasian	F	Treatment
7	Cumberworth, Jeff	Ripley County Sheriff	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
8	Main, Callie	STAAND	Caucasian	F	Batesville Youth

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9	Fehrbach, Brian	JCD School Member	Caucasian	M	Youth Serving
10	Hoyle, Rocio	SEIOC	Caucasian	F	Education
11	Hertel, Andy	Better options	Caucasian	M	Treatment
12	Hertel, Ric	RC Prosecutor	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
13	Jenkins, Mark	First Christian Church	Caucasian	M	Faith based
14	Johnson, Amber	SIEOC	Caucasian	F	Education/prevention
15	Jenson, Jane	STAAND	Caucasian	M	Batesville Youth Serving
16	Ketcham, Paul	Batesville School Members	Caucasian	M	Youth Serving
17	King, Ryan	Ripley County Judge	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
18	Konradi, Brenda	One Community One family	Caucasian	F	Treatment
19	Langferman, Ryan	Milan School Member	Caucasian	M	Youth Serving
20	Leonetti, Abby	JCD	Caucasian	F	Youth Serving
21	Linkel, Kim	Coalition for a Drug Free Batesville	Caucasian	F	Prevention
22	Peterson, Zoe	STAAND	Caucasian		Batesville Youth Serving
23	Mattingly, Mary	Safe Passage	Caucasian	F	Media
24	Zigan, Clarisse	STAAND	Caucasian	F	South Ripley
25	Moore, Fran	Milan High School	Caucasian	F	Education
26	Moorhead, Rob	South Ripley School Member	Caucasian	M	Youth Serving
27	Murphy, Pat	Milan School Member	Caucasian	M	Youth Serving
28	Phillips, Amy	YES Home	Caucasian	F	Youth Serving
29	Werning, Ashley	Prosecutor's Office	Caucasian	F	Judicial
30	Raver, Diane	Herald Tribune	Caucasian	F	Media
31	Riley, Kathy	OCOF	Caucasian	F	Prevention/Education
32	Rippe, Mary Ellen	Cierra's Club	Caucasian	F	Youth Serving
33	Rose, J Patrick	RC Health Dept./EMA	Caucasian	M	Education
34	Russell, Michelle	DCS	Caucasian	F	Youth Serving
35	Schmaltz, Shannon	RC Probation	Caucasian	F	Judicial

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36	Patterson, Sara	Health Department	Caucasian	F	Prevention
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**Problem Identification**

**PROBLEM STATEMENT #1: Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs continue to be a problem for the youth of Ripley County.**

**A. SUPPORTIVE DATA:**

1. Student alcohol use exceeds state and national averages in most grades, including middle school youth. For example, 38 % of 8<sup>th</sup> graders used alcohol monthly, compared to 14% for the state average and 11% at the national level. 39% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders in Ripley County use alcohol monthly, compared to 28% for the state average.
2. Community Perception surveys rank Alcohol (71.80%), Marijuana (49.80%) Prescription Drugs (30.20%), Over-the-Counter (13.7%), and Heroin (14.2%) as the top five drugs of choice among underage youth.
3. As reported by the IPRC ATOD survey, underage/binge drinking (with a significant increase by 10<sup>th</sup> graders) is prevalent and happening at rates higher than the state average.
4. Data received from SEL3CT shows that 95% of respondents believe that alcohol use by underage youth is a problem.
5. Data received from SEL3CT showed that Alcohol was the number one perceived substance choice for youth.

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### B. GOALS:

1. Increase substance abuse education among youth.
2. Evaluate/monitor the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs among the youth of Ripley County through the use of the ATOD Survey and IYT Survey.

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### End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

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### End of Year 3 Annual Benchmarks (Final Report):

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### C. OBJECTIVES:

1. RCDAC will continue its partnership with Margaret Mary Health and the Ripley County Health Department to continue implementation of the following programs within the local school districts: Generation Rx (target audience 4<sup>th</sup> Graders); Get Real About Tobacco (target audience 6<sup>th</sup> Graders); Marijuana Education (target audience 7<sup>th</sup> Graders); BOUNCE Curriculum by Chad Varga (target audience 6<sup>th</sup> Graders); Mentoring Successful Athletes (target audience High Schoolers); and Smokeless Tobacco and Tobacco Education including Electronic Nicotine Delivery Devices (target audience High Schoolers).
2. Continued tracking of County and State IPRC IYS Data and working with youth groups (EX: STAAND) to help aid in prevention, thereby hopefully decreasing substance abuse by 10% among youth.
3. Support efforts to educate the public on the harm of underage drinking.
4. Support law enforcement, probation, and justice programs through the provision of training, equipment and other material needs.
5. All four schools invite STAAND to perform Stand Up Change Teen Statistics! to freshmen and follow up with discussion groups.

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**PROBLEM STATEMENT #2: The abuse and misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs continue to be problem for adults and families in Ripley County.**

A. **SUPPORTIVE DATA:** Ripley County Data 2017

**Alcohol**

- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents 107 (54.9%) indicated alcohol use. The state average is 47.0%
- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents 62 (31.8%) were alcohol dependent (this means that alcohol was the primary reason for treatment). The state average is 29.5%
- There were 36 alcohol related collisions out of the 791 total vehicle collisions. This would be a rate of 1.25 and the state rate is 1.30. One of the collisions resulted in a fatality.
- 7 of the 91 Child removals was due to parental alcohol abuse. This is an average of 7.7% while the state percentage is 8.1% for child removals due to parental alcohol abuse.
- There were 92 DUI arrests, 15 Public intoxication arrests and 42 arrests for liquor law violations in 2017.

**Tobacco**

- The estimated adult smoking rate of Ripley County is 25% (state average is 22%).
- 23.3% of mothers smoked during pregnancy (state average is 13.5%)

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- It is estimated that 48 deaths were due to tobacco.
- Cost of secondhand smoke for Ripley County is 9.6 million dollars.

### **Marijuana**

- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents 92 people indicated marijuana use (47.2%). The state average is 48.5%.
- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents, 37 people (19%) indicated marijuana dependence (this means that marijuana was the primary reason for treatment). The state average is 20.6%.
- There were 50 arrests due to marijuana possession. There were 18 arrests due to sale of marijuana.

### **Opioids**

- There were 26,360 opioid prescriptions dispensed to Ripley county residents. That means that there is .91 RX scripts for every resident (man, woman or child).
- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents, 46 people (23.6%) indicated Rx opioid misuse. The state average is 21.8%.
- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents, 20 people (10.3%) indicated Rx opioid dependence. The state average is 11.1%.
- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents, 44 people (22.6%) indicated heroin use. The state average is 20.7%.
- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents, 38 people (19.5%) indicated heroin dependence. The state average is 15.7%.
- The Health Department reports that there were 8 drug poisoning deaths in Ripley county. 7 of these deaths were opiate involved and 3 of the deaths were heroin involved.

### **Stimulants**

- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents, 12 people (6.2%) indicated cocaine use. The state average is 10.8%.
- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents, 35 people (17.9%) indicated meth use. The state average is 1.7%.
- Of the 195 treatment admissions for Ripley county residents, 18 people (9.2%) indicated meth dependence. The state average is 3.6%.
- There were 3 meth labs seized by Indiana State Police.
- 9 people were arrested for cocaine/opiate possession and 9 people were arrested for cocaine/opiate sale.
- 10 people were arrested for synthetic possession and 7 people were arrested for synthetic sale
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**B. GOALS:**

1. Increase the number of families served at drug prevention efforts and events.

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

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**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

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**End of Year 3 Annual Benchmarks (Final Report):**

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**C. OBJECTIVES:**

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1. Continue to support Law Enforcement working together in their efforts to stop drug trafficking and illegal activity involving drugs in Ripley County.
2. Support efforts by Choices Emergency Response Team (CERT)
3. Provide community forums to bring together community leaders to discuss substance abuse issues and formulate a multi-sector solution.(Family Fun Night; Recovery Family; Better Options Counseling; Celebrate Recovery Programs; Lock Your
4. Continue to partner with the Prosecutor to provide the Strategies to Protect Your Family education program that encourages drug testing of youth and provides free drug kits.
5. Support positive youth activities and peer to peer mentoring programs that offer positive lifestyle choices. (Court Services – RCATS).
6. Work with schools on developing drug testing policies that stress the importance of intervention programs and community support for students who test positive for drugs.
7. RCDAC will continue to promote and work with the Health Department and Sheriff on Take Back Drug days (Protect Your Family Initiative and Free Drug Kits, Face Shields, Lock Your Meds Campaign).
8. Educate parents on high risk behavior indicators with the Hidden in Plain Sight presentation.

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**PROBLEM STATEMENT #3: The pervasive use and misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs impacts all of the citizens of Ripley County.**

**A. SUPPORTIVE DATA: Ripley County Data 2017**

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### **End of Year 3 Update (Final)**

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#### **B. GOALS:**

1. Increase awareness of the problems and solutions of drug use and misuse.

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## End of Year 3 Annual Benchmarks (Final Report):

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### C. OBJECTIVES:

1. Work with One Community One Family and Collaborative Research Initiative with IU to develop and publish the collection of local data that is consistent and ongoing. (SEL3CT)
2. Provide opportunities to have dialog and bring awareness to the community about Drug Court and Community Corrections.
3. Work with schools to reach parents and other adults that care for youth, provide workshops and events about drug recognition and awareness, and provide evidence based solutions.
4. Maintain a Facebook page and develop a website for the LCC to share information (i.e. survey, drug tip line, pharmaceutical collection locations, events and meeting, etc.) and expand community interest.
5. Work with school districts to encourage sharing IPRC survey results to the community at large. Currently Batesville School System is the only school that shares their results openly with the public.
6. Continue to support SROs at schools and encourage attendance at Coalition meetings.
7. Continue holding town hall meetings, community forums, etc. to educate the community and parents on these issues. (Substance Abuse in the Workplace).
8. Actively work to increase membership of the Coalition
9. Support school prevention efforts, including STAAND performance of Stand Up Change Teen Statistics to freshman.
10. Work with schools to apply for grant opportunities to increase evidenced based curriculum provided in the classroom.
11. Support Coordinator and Coalition membership training and awareness.
12. Provide Face Shields and Narcan to public for use in an overdose situation.
13. Promote availability of Choices Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the event of an overdose.

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**Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: July 2021**

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