

# Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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## Comprehensive Community Plan

**County: Jackson County**

**LCC: Jackson County Drug-Free Council, Inc.**

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**New Plan \_\_\_\_ Plan Update   x**



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## Plan Summary

**Mission Statement: The mission of the Jackson County Drug-Free Council, Inc. is the prevention and reduction of substance abuse throughout the county, both youth and adults.**

### History:

The Jackson County Drug-Free Council, Inc. was officially created in 1991 by Indiana statute in association with the Governor's Council for a Drug-Free Indiana. We coordinate community resources, projects and services surrounding ATOD issues; assess community needs and develop plans and projects to address those needs; increase community awareness of ATOD issues and problems facing our county; and advise the Governor's Council for a Drug-Free Indiana on actions needed and the progress we have made in this county. We currently operate through DFC grant funding, and are in our 4th year of the 5 year grant cycle.

In the Spring of 2007, a Youth Council Coordinator was hired to actively engage the youth in Jackson County in the issues surrounding substance abuse, through events, programming and education, and to continually recruit new members to the Youth Council.

In December, 2007, a full time Coalition Director was hired to oversee all efforts of the JCDFC. The responsibilities of the Director include, but are not limited to: Coalition building, community representation, coordinating all council activities, strategic planning, grant funding and continued education and training.

The Council is served by a 12 member Board of Directors whose responsibilities include: attending quarterly board meetings as scheduled, to attend a minimum of six monthly council meetings annually, to accept responsibility for updating the Comprehensive Community Plan and recommended actions, to represent the council throughout the community through home, work, church and social groups, and to promote the council and recruit new members.

Jackson County, Indiana is located in south-central Indiana within ninety miles of two major drug trafficking centers: Indianapolis, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky, and are linked by I-65 which transverses our county. The total population of Jackson County is 42,404 (2008). One area of considerable growth has been in our Hispanic population which is 4.5%. Whites make up 93.2%; blacks .7%; American Indian .2%; Asians .8%. Nearly 25% of the population is under the age of 18; with 13.7% over the age of 65. Median income for Jackson County is \$43,134., with 9.4% below poverty. Educational achievement ranks well below state averages. There are 3881 students enrolled in Jackson County schools in grades 6 through 12. 79.8% of our residents are high school graduates, with 11.5% college educated.

**Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:**

The Jackson County Drug-Free Council, Inc. is a non-profit referral and resource organization made up of volunteer community members who annually update a Community Comprehensive Plan identifying problems related to substance abuse and addiction in Jackson County. Substances which are currently impacting Jackson County include alcohol, marijuana, methamphetamines and cocaine. The JCDFC continually gathers information through community and student surveys, and continually collects data from community law enforcement agencies, treatment facilities, school IPRC surveys, medical facilities, and judicial and social service agencies. Our problem statements for this Comprehensive Community Plan have been derived from these statistics, data and surveys. We have found that our three problem statements are directly connected to alcohol, marijuana, methamphetamines and cocaine. The use, abuse, availability and dealing of these substances is adversely impacting the youth and adults of Jackson County in many ways, including unhealthy lifestyles, criminal activity, endangerment of self and others, family and school disruption, unsafe neighborhoods, and a general erosion of values.

**Community Drug Fund Oversight Procedures:**

The JCDFC serves as an advisory board to the County Commissioners and County Council recommending worthy projects and programs for funding through the local Drug-Free Community Fund. This fund is established through assessed fees from alcohol/drug convictions in Jackson County, as mandated by state law. The grants are available to various organizations, schools, law enforcement, treatment facilities and community projects or programs. Applicants must address the issues of alcohol/drug education and prevention, treatment or justice, seeking to reduce substance abuse problems in our county. The grants are advertised in early Spring, with applications due in early May of each year. The grant process is overseen by the Director, and a local grant committee comprised of four active board members, and two outside representatives from the community. Applications are reviewed, and each applicant appears before the committee for the interview process and a brief question and answer session. The JCDFC requires written semi-annual reports from each grantee after funding is disbursed, and each grantee is required to attend council meetings, and be actively involved with the workings of the Council. A report for the 2008 local grant disbursements is attached.

## Membership List

**County LCC Name:**

| #  | Name                       | Organization                | Race | Gender | Category           |
|----|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------|--------|--------------------|
| 1  | Beth White,<br>President   | Jackson Co<br>A & D         | W    | F      | Judiciary          |
| 2  | JL Brewer<br>V.President   | Community<br>Corrections    | W    | M      | Law<br>Enforcement |
| 3  | George Lanham<br>Treasurer | Mill House/<br>Recovery     | W    | M      | Treatment          |
| 4  | John Long,<br>Secretary    | Brownstown<br>Police Dept.  | W    | M      | Law<br>Enforcement |
| 5  | Chris McNeely              | Meadows<br>Hospital         | W    | M      | Treatment          |
| 6  | Brenda Tracy               | Girls Inc.                  | W    | F      | Youth Services     |
| 7  | Bob Lucas                  | JC Sheriff's Dept.          | W    | M      | Law<br>Enforcement |
| 8  | J. Eric Turner             | Polarity<br>Counseling      | W    | M      | Treatment          |
| 9  | Mark Williams              | Self-Help                   | W    | M      | Treatment          |
| 10 | Brenda Turner              | Polarity<br>Counseling      | W    | F      | Treatment          |
| 11 | William Abbott             | Seymour<br>Police Dept.     | W    | M      | Law<br>Enforcement |
| 12 | Becky Alexander            | Centerstone                 | W    | F      | Treatment          |
| 13 | Cindy Hillenburg           | Seymour<br>Middle School    | W    | F      | Education          |
| 14 | Brianna Spray              | Turning Point               | W    | F      | Civic Org.         |
| 15 | RuthAnn Hendrix            | Community<br>Foundation     | W    | F      | Business           |
| 16 | Meagan Ramos               | Student                     | W    | F      | Youth              |
| 17 | Leah Schill                | Student                     | W    | F      | Youth              |
| 18 | Darlene McMahon            | Medora<br>High School       | W    | F      | Education          |
| 19 | Susan Henderson            | Girls Inc.                  | W    | F      | Youth<br>Services  |
| 20 | Stacey Waskom              | Big Brothers Big<br>Sisters | W    | F      | Civic Org.         |
| 21 | Connie Schrader            | JC Juvenile<br>Detention    | W    | F      | Judiciary          |
| 22 | Rick Wilson                | Nazarene                    | W    | M      | Religious Org      |
| 23 | Doug McClure               | Seymour High<br>School      | W    | M      | Education          |

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|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>24</b> | Judy Smith      | Parent                | W               | F | Parent          |
| <b>25</b> | Cathy DuBois    | Seymour HS            | W               | F | Education       |
| <b>26</b> | Marvina Lewis   | Girls Inc.            | W               | F | Youth Services  |
| <b>27</b> | Lin Montgomery  | Governor's Commission | Native American | F | Gov't. Agency   |
| <b>28</b> | Dr. Ken Bobb    | Health Dept           | W               | M | Medical         |
| <b>29</b> | Gayle Skaggs    | Parent                | W               | F | Parent          |
| <b>30</b> | Anthony Rust    | Student               | W               | M | Youth           |
| <b>31</b> | Roger Marling   | Excise Police         | W               | M | Law Enforcement |
| <b>32</b> | Joey Moore      | Mill House            | W               | M | Treatment       |
| <b>33</b> | Jenny Zabel     | Medora High School    | W               | F | Education       |
| <b>34</b> | Tom Wright      | The Banner            | W               | M | Media           |
| <b>35</b> | Christine Jones | Juvenile Det          | W               | F | Law Enforcement |
| <b>36</b> | Bill Brewer     | Polarity Counseling   | W               | M | Treatment       |
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## **Problem Identification**

**A. Problem Statement #1: Alcohol abuse is adversely affecting Jackson County.**

**B. Supportive Data:** Initial data collected for calendar year 2007

1. Minor in possession arrests- 84 (Seymour PD 63; Brownstown PD 21)
2. Only 30% of students surveyed perceive substantial risk to underage drinking
3. 39% of students surveyed report use in past 30 days
4. The average age of onset for alcohol use is 13
5. DWI/DUI arrests- 131 (SPD 101; BPD 23)
6. 60% of community surveyed perceive this as a high priority problem
7. Substance related domestic abuse arrests- 63 ( 48 SPD; 15 BPD)
8. 65% of children in CPS care as direct result of substance abuse
9. 177 between the ages of 18-20 in alcohol treatment programs

**End of Year 1 Update:**

1. Minor in possession arrests- 80 (SPD 45; JC Sheriff 35)
2. 37.8% of students surveyed perceive substantial risk to underage drinking (increase)
3. 30 day use: 9<sup>th</sup>/32.5%; 10<sup>th</sup>/ 45.1%; 11<sup>th</sup>/ 45.4%; 12<sup>th</sup>/ 53.4%; Avg of 44%
4. Avg age of onset of use: 14. Increase from 2007
5. DWI arrests- 149 (61 Sheriff; 88 SPD)
6. 43% of community surveyed felt that parents are unaware or disregard neg. effects
7. 55% agreed that social acceptance creates adverse interactions with family, schools, and law enforcement
8. 52% agreed that underage drinking remains a problem within our county
9. There were 18 domestic abuse arrests linked directly with substance abuse
10. Probation rated alcohol as the #1 issue most impacting their organization

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**C. Goals:**

1. **Reduce percentage of teens reporting use by end of 2009 (IRPC data from some county schools done on an “every other year” basis, so complete data cannot be measured until 2010).**
2. **Decrease percentage of adults impacted by alcohol use/abuse by end of 2009.**

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

1. Minor in possession arrests were down from last year
2. Greater % of students surveyed perceive greater risk than last year; 7.8% increase
3. Age of onset of use has increased by a year, up to age 14
4. DWI arrests have increased slightly over last year

**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

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**D. Objectives:**

1. Support the development and activities of the Youth Council
2. Support efforts to reduce availability to underage youth
3. Distribute materials, information and presentations regarding the risks of underage drinking
4. Support law enforcement efforts in special patrols and educational programs for youth
5. Support community efforts in prevention/intervention/treatment
6. Support efforts to educate community on “social host” laws
7. Social marketing campaign to educate and inform community
8. Have a presence at local events, festivals, fairs, etc. to disseminate educational material and information regarding the risks of alcohol use/abuse
9. Continue to hold community forums/seminars for education/informational purposes
10. Support programs geared toward discouraging parental acceptance and encouragement of underage drinking
11. Work in partnership with local liquor retailers to post material/signage regarding underage drinking and contributing
12. Encourage Hispanic community representation on the council and in neighborhood watch efforts

**End of Year 1 Update:**

1. Continue to support activities of the Youth Council for educational purposes
2. Social marketing campaigns to reduce availability ongoing
3. Held Town Hall Underage Drinking forum with panel of speakers
4. Continue to support law enforcement efforts/ canine unit, onboard cameras, educational programming
5. Provided OP/IOP support for indigent treatment, continue to collaborate with other agencies in prevention efforts, provided support for SHS random drug testing supplies, provided support materials for Centerstone, Celebrate Recovery, Turning Point.
6. Continue social marketing campaign, columns in newspapers, school newsletters
7. Social marketing campaign during prom/graduation targeting underage drinking, social host laws, and contributing
8. Continue to have a presence at local fairs, health fairs, DARE events, festivals to disseminate educational material to community

9. Held Town Hall Meeting for underage drinking
10. Continue social marketing campaign geared towards parents social host
11. Support counselor for At-risk students at Medora High School and Juvenile Detention Center
12. Continue support of Friendly PEERsuasion programming in our elementary schools encouraging good decision making skills
13. Director attended CADCA and National Prevention Network Conferences; local Lunch and Learn seminars, IYI 5<sup>th</sup> Friday seminars, etc.

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**A. Problem Statement #2: Marijuana use is adversely affecting Jackson County youth.**

**B. Supportive Data:** Initial data collected for calendar year 2007

1. Possession of marijuana- 118 (23 Youth)
2. Only 41% of students surveyed perceive its use as substantial risk
3. 15% of students surveyed have used in the last 30 days
4. Average age of onset for marijuana use is 13.5
5. Dealing marijuana- 4 (Seymour Police Dept.)
6. Probation ranks marijuana as the substance most impacting their department
7. 65% of the children in care of CPS were touched by substance abuse

**End of Year 1 Update:**

1. Possession of marijuana- 98 (30 Sheriff 68 SPD)
2. 51% of students perceive its use as a substantial risk...up from last year
3. 17% of students have used in the last 30 days
4. Average age of onset for marijuana use was 13.9, up slightly from last year
5. Dealing marijuana- 3
6. Probation ranks marijuana as #2 most affecting their agency
7. 48% of students feel strong parental disapproval in its use

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**C. Goals:**

1. To reduce the percentage of Jackson County youth using marijuana by the end of 2009

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

1. Possession of marijuana arrests down from a year ago; down by 10
2. 51% of students perceive it as high risk, a 10% increase from last year's 41%
3. Age of onset of use up slightly
4. Dealing of marijuana arrests down slightly from last year
5. Probation now ranks marijuana as #2 substance impacting their agency, last year it was ranked #1.

**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

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**D. Objectives:**

- 1. Support efforts of Youth Council in educational and informational programming for youth regarding risks of marijuana use
- 2. Support law enforcement activities and educational programming for youth
- 3. Support community efforts in prevention/intervention/treatment programs
- 4. Social marketing campaign to educate and inform the community
- 5. Have a presence at events, festivals and school events to disseminate material and information regarding the risks of marijuana use
- 6. Continue to hold community forums/seminars for educational/informational purposes
- 7. Encourage Hispanic representation on the council and in neighborhood watch efforts

**End of Year 1 Update:**

- 1. Continue to support youth efforts in educating students in Jackson County
- 2. Continue to support law enforcement activities and educational programs
- 3. Provide IOP/OP treatment; provide counseling services to at-risk students through Medora High School and Juvenile Detention Center; provide random drug-testing materials for Seymour High School; provide mentoring materials to Big Brothers Big Sisters; provide materials to Centerstone, Celebrate Recovery and Community Corrections
- 4. Continue social marketing, column in local newspaper on marijuana generated more online feedback than any other article before
- 5. Continue to have a presence at events/health fairs/ festivals/ DARE Events to disseminate educational material
- 6. Hold Community Forums, sponsored Gang/Drug Seminar
- 7. One barrier is that we still don't have Hispanic representation on our council

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**A. Problem Statement #3: Methamphetamine/Cocaine importation, dealing and use is adversely affecting Jackson County.**

**B. Supportive Data:** Initial data collected for calendar year 2007

1. 65% of the children in the care of the CPS were affected by substance abuse
2. 56% of the community surveyed felt majority of the crime was directly related to methamphetamines and cocaine
3. 63 arrests for domestic violence, substance related ( 48 SPD, 15 BPD)
4. Manufacturing Meth- 21 arrests (17 SPD; 3 BPD)
5. Dealing Meth- 4 arrests Dealing Cocaine- 24 arrests (Seymour PD)
6. Possession of Meth arrests- 20 (Seymour PD)
7. Possession of Meth w/ firearm- 2 (Seymour PD)
8. ISP reports 44 clan meth labs found in Jackson Co. (820 statewide) State website

**End of Year 1 Update:**

1. 53% of community surveys felt meth was directly related to violent/domestic crime
- 2 18 domestic battery arrests, substance related
3. Manufacturing meth- 9 ( 4 Sheriff 5 SPD)
4. Dealing meth- 18 ( 9 Sheriff 9 SPD)
5. Dealing cocaine- 12 ( 4 Sheriff 8 SPD)
6. Possession of cocaine- 51 (20 Sheriff 31 SPD)
7. Possession of 2 or more precursors with intent- 7 ( 2 Sheriff 5 SPD)
8. ISP reported 15 meth labs dismantled in Jackson Co. Decrease from last year

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**C. Goals:**

- 1. To reduce the availability and use of methamphetamines and cocaine in Jackson County by the end of 2009

**End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:**

- 1. Manufacturing arrests have decreased substantially; down by 12
- 2. Percentage of community members that feel this is main cause of crime has decreased; down by 3%
- 3. Domestic battery arrests due to substance abuse are down
- 4. # of meth labs dismantled by ISP is substantially down from last year; down 29!
- 5. Dealing in cocaine arrests substantially down from last year; down 50%

**End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:**

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**D. Objectives:**

- 1. Support local law enforcement interdiction and educational efforts
- 2. Work in tandem with local law enforcement to present seminars for the community regarding meth/cocaine
- 3. Encourage Hispanic representation on the Council, and in neighborhood watch efforts
- 4. Continue to have a presence at local events, fairs, festivals to disseminate educational materials to the communities
- 5. Social marketing campaign for community awareness information
- 6. Continue to hold community forums/seminars to educate and inform community

- 7. Support community efforts in prevention/intervention/treatment programs
- 8. Continue educational opportunities for director/board/council members to keep them informed and up-to-date on this material

**End of Year 1 Update:**

- 1. Continue to support law enforcement efforts/ provided onboard cameras and canine unit
- 2. Sponsored two Meth Seminars in collaboration with law enforcement
- 3. Director/ Board President attended South Central Indiana Meth Summit
- 4. Continued to have presence at local events to disseminate educational material
- 5. Sponsored Gang/Drug seminar; continue to write monthly columns in papers
- 6. Continue to hold forums/seminars throughout the county to educate community
- 7. Continue to support OP/IOP treatment; provide support materials for domestic violence; provide materials for Centerstone and Celebrate Recovery; provide materials for lifeskills programming through Community Corrections
- 8. Director attended CADCA conference and National Prevention Network conference

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**A. Problem Statement #4:**

**B. Supportive Data:**

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**A. Problem Statement #5:**

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**C. Goals:**

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***Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!***

**Next Annual Update Due: June 30, 2010**

**Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due:**

**Date of Community Consultant Review: May 2009**

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**Terms and Conditions:**

The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

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