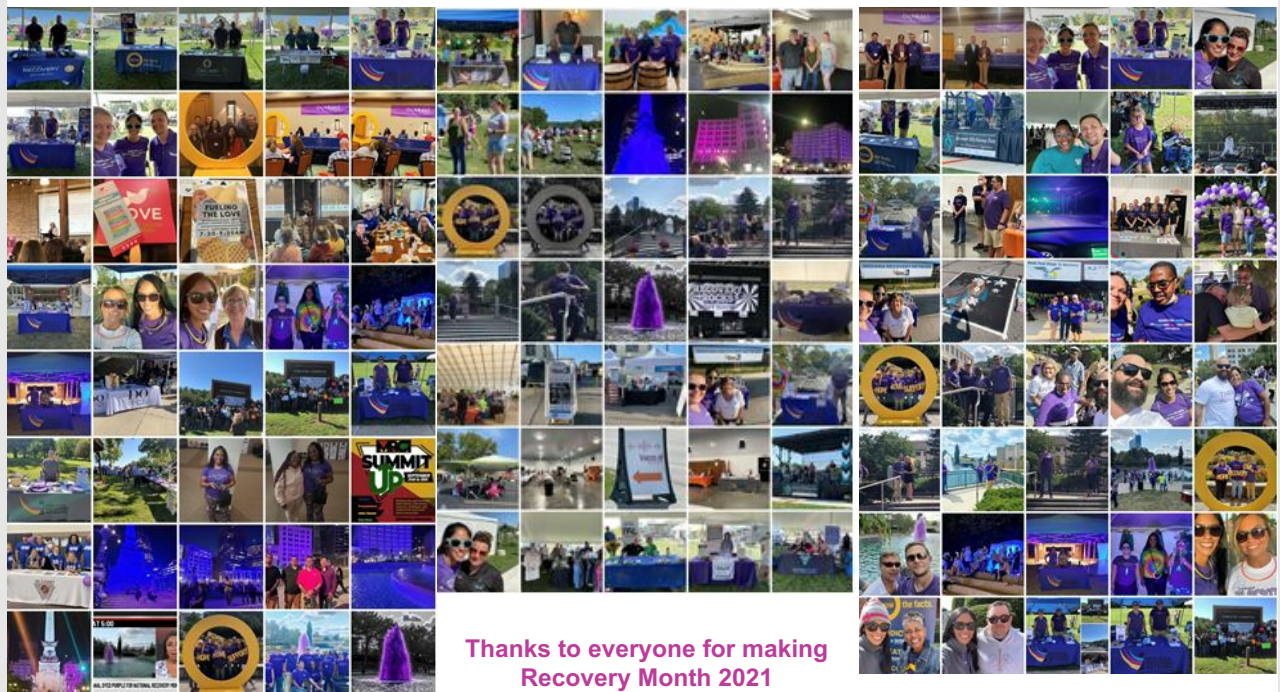




# National Recovery Month Highlights!



Thanks to everyone for making  
Recovery Month 2021  
a big success!

# IAIC

The IAIC team is beyond excited from the statewide participation in September's National Recovery Month. We are thrilled to know that President Biden and his team are committed to supporting our continued efforts.

Thank you to all of our partners and let's keep the momentum going!

**Recovery is for Everyone  
Every Person, Every Family, Every Community**

## IAIC Regional Recovery Hub

The IAIC RRH project continues to offer recovery support services to several other projects in the central region. Our programs at Hamilton County Jail, Moorehead Community Center, and the Syringe Exchange are still going strong. Our peers are building connections by meeting people where they are, listening to their goals/needs, and helping them reach them.

As of last week, we began our program in which a peer assists a Noblesville police officer with the Noble Act program in reaching out to those who may need services and resources. We are excited to have this partnership because it helps break down barriers along with showing that we don't have to continue the "Us vs. Them" mentality.

We continue the work of helping those who have substance use or mental health issues in the hopes of providing a safe space for acceptance and the ability to step out of the shame and into who they want to be. Although it may seem that the work that needs to be done is huge, we are making baby steps toward progress and change that in the long run will result in creating a kinder, more accepting, and less stigmatizing world where help and connection are the given. For additional information please email Danielle Burkett, IAIC Manager of Peer Supports, at [atdburkett@mhαι.net](mailto:atdburkett@mhαι.net)

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## IRN

Indiana Recovery Network Regional Recovery Hubs have provided services to over 55,000 Hoosiers through community based certified peer supports from April 2020 thru September 2021. The IRN added three new Regional Recovery Hubs since the winter/early spring, bringing the total number of hubs to 20. Our newest hub is in partnership with the American Indiana Center of Indian (AICI), which the IRN provided support and funding through the RRH grant for the creation of a BIPOC led and focused RCO. AICI is opening their new RCO this fall which will be "The People's Circle Recovery Café."

The IRN Peers App is available for downloading on both Apple and Android devices, providing Hoosiers in need with another way to directly connect to peers across the state and in local communities. Regional Recovery Hub peers are also available through 211 7 days a week and can be found under option number 1, then select number 6 to be connected directly to a certified peer.

The Indiana Recovery Network, in collaboration with Purdue Extension, is providing community education opportunities on recovery ecosystems, starting a recovery community organization, and technical assistance for creating a recovery community organization. For additional information on these training efforts please email Sean McDonough, Project Coordinator of the IRN, at [smcdonough@mhαι.net](mailto:smcdonough@mhαι.net)

The IRN is accepting new recovery focused organizations as members. Please reach out for additional information on the member registration process and criteria to Heather Rodriguez, Director of the IRN, at [hrodriguez@mhαι.net](mailto:hrodriguez@mhαι.net) and connect to our website at [indianarecoverynetwork.org](http://indianarecoverynetwork.org)



Congratulations to IAIC Manager and IRN Director Heather Rodriguez for being awarded Division of Mental Health & Addiction's "Recovery Advocate of the Year".

Heather goes above and beyond to support all the Regional Recovery Hubs and her passion to make a difference for the minority communities is inspiring.

We are so proud to have her as one of our leaders and we are grateful to see her get the recognition she deserves. Great job Heather!



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# IAPRSS

IAPRSS continues to work towards equitable access to peer recovery support across the state. By supporting peer recovery workforce development, IAPRSS is a state, and national leader, in advocacy, support and education related to peer support professionals and the organizations which utilize their skills. IAPRSS is working alongside several amazing organizations, and peers, to assist with a firm, sustainable infrastructure for the peer support profession. By ensuring that peer support professionals have the opportunity, and access, to training, and credentialing, this ensures that the populations served will receive supportive, person-focused support.

If you are interested in learning more about IAPRSS, please visit [www.iaprss.org](http://www.iaprss.org)



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## Advocacy

Director Brandon George was a featured speaker for the Talk Justice An LSC (Legal Services Corporation) Podcast - *Expert guests discussing COVID's effect on the Opioid Crisis*. He also wrote a blog for Be Well Indiana - *Maintaining Recovery in Crisis*. His continued advocacy efforts on a national level and with state leaders is making a big difference for Hoosiers. IAIC partner and Governor Holcomb's Executive Director for Drug Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement for the State of Indiana, and the Chairman of the Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse, Doug Huntsinger, shares in the Indy Star *Op-Ed: For addicted, COVID increased isolation and fear. Here's how to support recovery*.

[Listen to the Podcast here](#)

[Read the blog here](#)

[Read the Op-Ed here](#)



Deputy Director Jodi Miller was a panelist speaker at IN ARMS with the Recovery Assist Platform (RAP) team; Kelly Urban with INSTEP, Angela Shamblin with the Marion County Public Health Department, Carol Key with RCR Technology and Dean Babcock a consultant with MCPHD.

The RAP team has been busy putting together the Recovery Assist Platform, which is a website that includes a directory of services for persons with substance use disorder in Marion county and surrounding areas, a universal referral form, release of information form and a transportation toolkit, which was developed by IAIC Deputy Director Miller.

[Visit the website here](#)



