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### IAIC

The Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition hit the ground running in the new year with many different projects and programs; the Regional Recovery Hubs, Peer Recovery Supports, Be Well Indiana, Journey Home, Project CLear, Legislative Updates and much more.

We are hopeful you are all doing well and please feel free to reach out to get connected with us to learn more about how you can get involved with these opportunities.

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### IRN

Indiana Recovery Network Regional Recovery Hubs have provided services to over 17,000 Hoosiers through community based certified peer supports from April 2020 thru January 2021.



The IRN added three new Regional Recovery Hubs in the month of February, bringing the total number of hubs to 17. The IRN will be adding three new hubs in the spring! The IRN Peers App is now available for downloading on 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 3, then select number 6 to be connected directly to a certified peer.

The Indiana Recovery Network is collaborating with Purdue Extension to provide 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@mhai.net](mailto:smcdonough@mhai.net). The IRN is accepting new recovery focused organizations as members (membership to the IRN is FREE). Please reach out for additional information on the member registration process and criteria to Heather Rodriguez, Director of the IRN, at [hrodriguez@mhai.net](mailto:hrodriguez@mhai.net) and connect to our website at [indianarecoverynetwork.org](http://indianarecoverynetwork.org)

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### IAPRSS

IAPRSS is working towards identifying new curriculum and supports to continue its mission to advance peer recovery supports. As the profession of peer recovery supports expands, it is vital that IAPRSS continues to focus on methods, education and actions that will not only support the peer recovery professionals yet also the populations the peers serve. IAPRSS has made a commitment to ensuring all peers have access to the



supports provided by IAPRSS. For a limited time, IAPRSS has waived all membership fees so that IAPRSS membership is FREE! To learn more, and join IAPRSS, please visit [www.iaprss.org](http://www.iaprss.org)



### **Be Well Indiana Peer Recovery Support Video**

IAlC's peer support John Lee is doing great work on 211 getting people connected to recovery support services.

If you or someone you know needs help...

Dial 2-1-1

Select your language and enter zip code

Press 1 for mental health or substance use

Then press 6 to connect to a Peer Recovery Coach



## JOURNEY HOME

Journey Home will be an opportunity for individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) to transition back more successfully into the community after incarceration in jail. By better identifying, coordinating, and delivering clinical and social services, along with inclusion of guidance from a peer community resource worker, individuals will have an increased ability to recover, be empowered, and actively move forward in building their positive personal and professional trajectory. Individuals previously incarcerated have a higher likelihood that they have SUD.

Individuals previously incarcerated have a higher likelihood that they are negatively affected due to issues related to social determinants of health (SDOH). As such, these individuals experience a 3-8x increased risk of drug related death during the first 2 weeks after release from jail and that risk remains elevated up to at least the fourth week.

Journey Home will work to reduce this risk while building the skills these individuals need to walk a more productive path within their home and community to which they return.

Journey Home is in its early development phase. The core group working to create the framework and scalable model consists of staff from the following: Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition, Optum Health, Division of Mental Health and Addiction, UnitedHealthcare, Indiana State Department of Health, Office of the Governor, Indiana University School of Medicine, IN Rural Health Association, IN Primary Health Care, Association Crawfordsville Fire Department

Journey Home development activities include the following:

1. Determine three counties to build the framework and model.
2. Identify county leads and potential participant organizations.
3. Assess local resources and begin to actively work with local stakeholders.
4. Journey Mapping of individuals post-incarceration in each of the counties. Identification of gaps, barriers, and enhancement opportunities.
5. Create, implement, and evaluate the framework and model with input from each of the three counties.
6. Scale the framework and model to other counties.

Please reach out for more information:

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Indiana Legal Services, Inc

Project CLeAR is a civil legal services project that is available to assist you on your road to recovery. The project provides free civil legal services to eligible persons living with opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders. We work closely with recovery houses and programs in the northwest part of Indiana to provide know your rights trainings and on-site outreach. Project CLeAR receives referrals from the recovery houses and programs for eligible persons who have a civil legal issue that is preventing a person from gaining or maintaining their sobriety.

If you would like more information, please visit [Project CLeAR - ILS \(indianalegalservices.org\)](http://ProjectCLeAR-ILS(indianalegalservices.org))

Any questions can be directed to Staff Attorney Christopher J. Moeller (765) 423-5327 ext. 16236.



### Legislative Updates

Director Brandon George has been actively involved in the session. Subscribe below to get weekly updates and share your voice.

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Please ask your Senator to FULLY RESTORE the \$26M funding cuts for mental health and addiction services, including Recovery Works, in **HB 1001**, the Budget Bill.

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**Thanks for your support!**

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