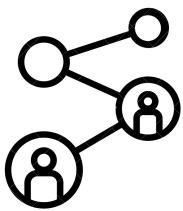


OD2A: LOCAL NEWSLETTER

May 2025

OD2A: Focus on Data

March was a busy month for OD2A grantees as we continue to meet CDC grant deliverables and serve Marion County.



250 referrals to community resources (such as shelter, food pantries, clothing pantry etc)



5050 Naloxone doses distributed to agencies/individuals



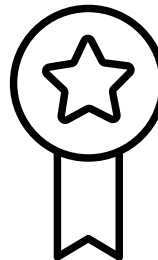
1080 mouth shields distributed to agencies/individuals



62 referrals to treatment/services



29 Naloxone trainings held across Marion County



5171 Fentanyl test strips distributed.



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Volunteer for the *Be a Good Neighbor* Event



Volunteer for the Be a Good Neighbor event on May 2nd, 2025!

This is the second event in the Be a Good Neighbor series, which is led by Marion County Public Health Department, Step Up, and Damien Center. The focus area for this event is the 46208 and 46205 zip codes, as they are heavily impacted by overdoses. The event will focus on awareness of overdose prevention, harm reduction and will promote screening services for HIV and hepatitis C.

Raphael Health Center is generously allowing us to use their facility as a home base, located at 401 E 34th St, Indianapolis, IN 46205.

The event will be “*Rain or Shine*” so please check the weather prior to the event and dress appropriately for being outdoors.

This event will be broken up into two shifts for those who are doing door knocking and outreach.

- Shift 1: 11am-1:30pm (arrive by 11am at the latest)
- Shift 2: 1:30pm-4:00pm (arrive by 1:30pm at the latest)

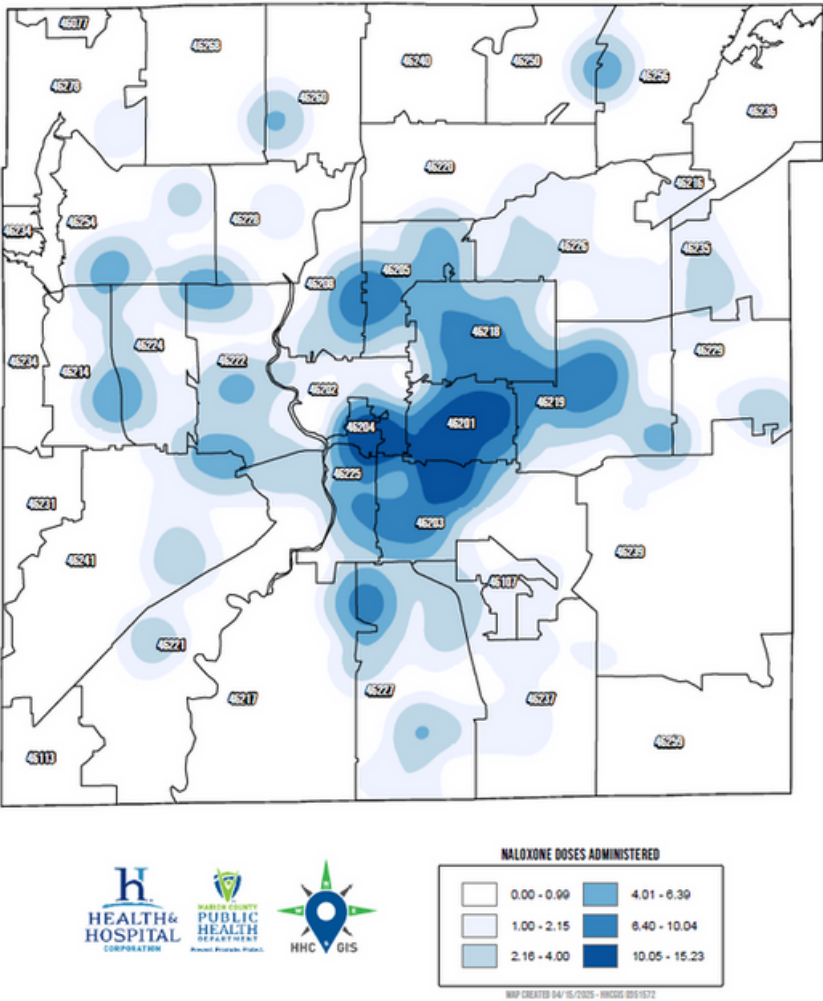
You can register [here](#).

MCPHD staff can register for the event under the HOPE system to receive volunteer credit.

Email Jthomas@marionhealth.org for any questions or concerns.

Density Analysis of Naloxone EMS Runs in Marion County

DENSITY ANALYSIS OF INCIDENT LOCATIONS OF NALOXONE EMS RUNS
(BY MARION COUNTY ZIPCODE - QUARTER 1, 2025)



The Epidemiology team at MCPHD released the density analysis of naloxone EMS runs for Marion County for the first quarter of 2025 (January - March).

The density map is a useful tool that provides a visualization of the areas in Marion County where there is a high concentration of suspected overdoses. The size of each hot spot and the color gradient provides greater context into the size and severity of the hot spot.

Additional information and previous maps are available on the MCPHD [webpage](#).



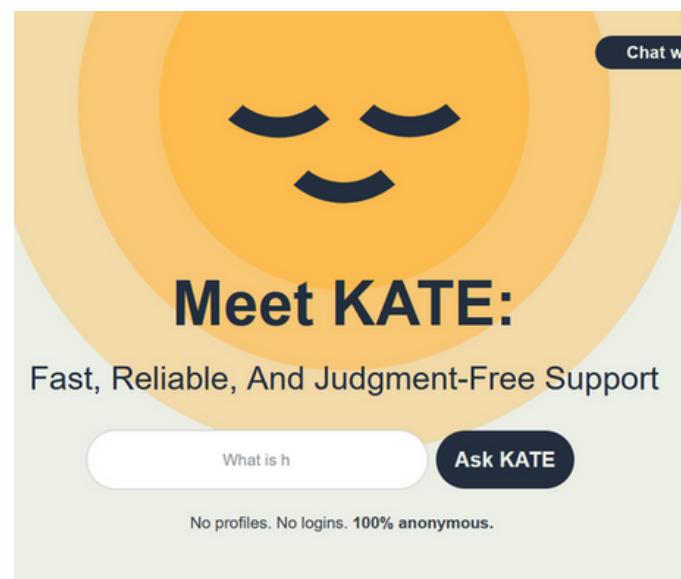
Every year the Indiana Recovery Council (IRC) conducts a lived experience survey to collect information from individuals in recovery with mental health, substance use or gambling issues regarding barriers and any stigma or discrimination they face. The IRC will use the survey results to make recommendations to the Indiana State Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) about ways to decrease barriers and help those with lived experience live well in their recovery.

If you are an individual with lived experience, or a family member, please click [here](#) to fill out the survey.

New Chatbot for Overdose and Harm Reduction Education

Overdose Lifeline has created a new Chatbot named KATE that provides anonymous access to health information on harm reduction and overdose prevention.

The Chatbot is free, available online, and completely anonymous. KATE utilizes trusted health information resources including the CDC and the FDA to answer questions and connect users to services.



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SAMHSA has created a [practical guide](#) to provide key considerations for healthcare providers in the appropriate use of 988 and 911. The guide offers practical steps for integrating crisis care into daily practice, real world scenarios, sample scripts, and de-escalation techniques. The guide attempts to address confusion that providers might have on what services 988 [offers](#) and how to determine which hotline is most appropriate to meet their patient's needs.

IDOH: Free Naloxone Training

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is providing free virtual [Naloxone training](#) for first responders and for the general public as well. The trainings will cover the basics of the opioid epidemic, statistics, stigma reduction, and how to administer Naloxone during a suspected overdose.

The training is free for anyone and can be accessed [here](#).



Overdose To Data Action Grant

The CDC implemented the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) cooperative agreement in 2019 to address the raising rates of fatal and non-fatal overdoses in the United States. OD2A focuses on understanding and tracking the complex and changing nature of the drug overdose crisis by seamlessly integrating data and prevention strategies. In August 2023, CDC awarded new five-year cooperative agreements to 90 jurisdictions including Marion County.

OD2A recipients focus on:

- Address the evolving epidemiology of the drug overdose crisis.
- Close identified gaps in prevention activities.
- Apply lessons learned from the previous OD2A funding opportunity.
- Reflect the differing roles and spheres of influence state and local health departments and their partners have.