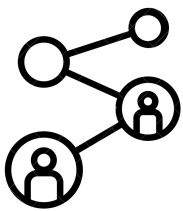


OD2A: LOCAL NEWSLETTER

August 2025

OD2A: Focus on Data

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



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



3,240 Naloxone doses distributed to agencies/individuals



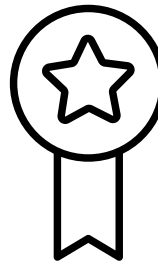
698 mouth shields distributed to agencies/individuals



116 referrals to treatment/services



11 Naloxone trainings held across Marion County



6,169 Fentanyl test strips distributed.

OD2A Recipient Meeting in Atlanta



The OD2A Recipient Meeting is hosted annually by the CDC in Atlanta as a way to bring OD2A recipients together so all OD2A sites throughout the country can discuss program progress, innovative solutions, and other important topics including best practices, technical assistance, training, and feedback on continuous improvement.

OD2A team members presented at two separate breakout sessions. Dr. Marion Greene and Andrea Bochenek participated in a panel discussion on management innovations with an emphasis on collaboration, resource allocation, data collection, and best practices. Denise Diaz-Hernandez and Jamesey Thomas presented on overdose surveillance infrastructure, spatial analysis and overdose forecasting models. Cate Vreede, Sarah Grubb, Alex Curtis and Alicia McClendon contributed greatly to the presentation slides and discussion topics.

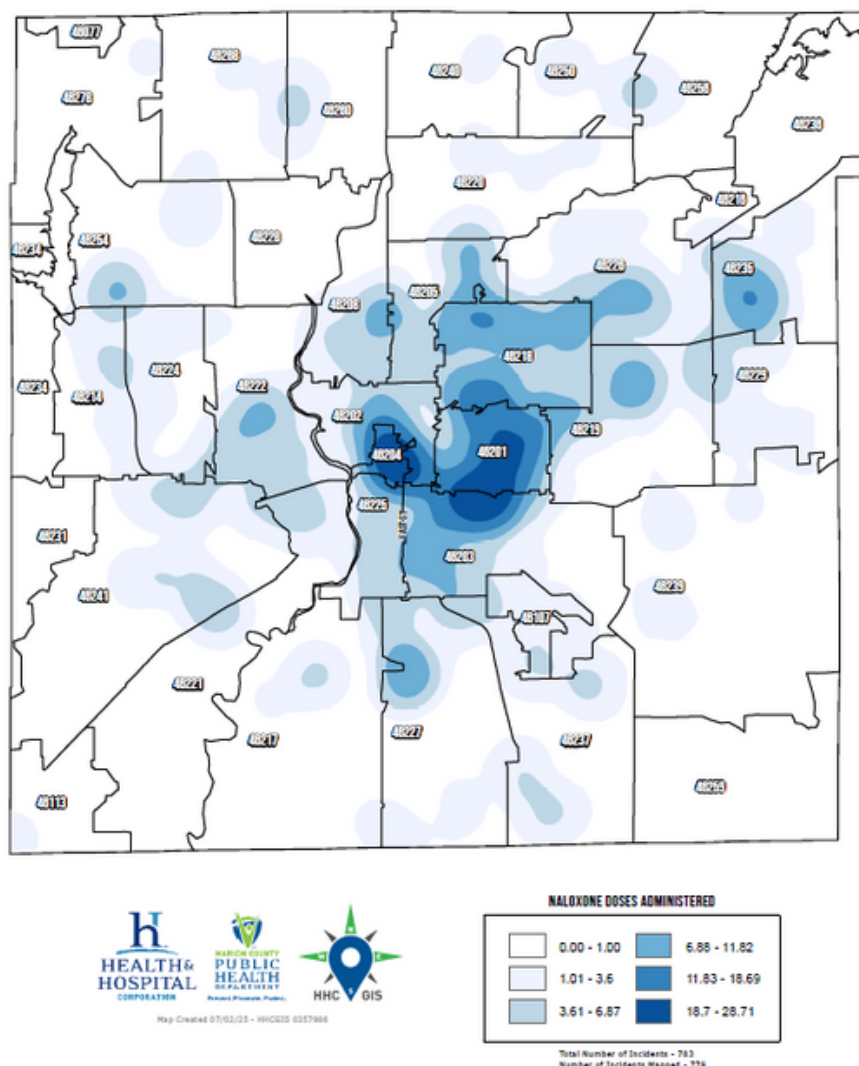


Mandy Billman and Sarah Grubb presented at the 2025 NACCHO conference in Anaheim, California. NACCHO (National Association of County and City Health Officials) hosts an annual conference that pulls together public health officials from across the country to discuss all aspects of public health. Mandy and Sarah presented on “*Collaborative Impact: Enhancing Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Processes through Strategic Partnerships*”.

Mandy and Sarah discussed how the formation of a collaborative effort with the Marion County Coroner’s office in response to the dramatic increase of drug overdose deaths in Marion County from 2019 to 2022. As part of the OD2A:Local grant, MCPHD was able to strategically invest in the Marion County Coroner’s office and expand collaboration between the Coroner’s office, MCPHD, and other community organizations. Mandy and Sarah discussed how these fund allocations eased caseload burden, improved data sharing, increased public facing reports, and enhanced Marion county's OFR team.

Density Analysis of Suspected EMS Overdose Runs, Q2 2025

DENSITY ANALYSIS OF INCIDENT LOCATIONS OF NALOXONE EMS RUNS
(BY MARION COUNTY ZIPCODE - QUARTER 2, 2025)



The Epidemiology team at MCPHD released the density analysis of EMS suspected overdose runs for Marion County for the second quarter of 2025 (April - June). For each EMS run logged in NEMSIS, analysts looked for the administration of Naloxone to the patient to determine if each EMS run was for a suspected overdose. EMS data is collected in NEMSIS and NEMSIS contains approximately 95% of all EMS runs in Marion County.

Compared to Q1 2025, we see similar trends in 46204 and 46201, but saw a decrease in EMS runs in the west side of the county. In addition, there was a slight increase of EMS runs where naloxone was administered in 46235.

Additional information and previous maps are available on the MCPHD webpage.

Indianapolis Fire Department Partnership



The Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD), in partnership with the Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD) recently launched the first phase of IFDs' participation in the Naloxone Leave Behind (NLB) initiative, aimed at reducing overdose deaths in Marion County.

IFD which has responded on 1,711 overdose incidents between January 1, 2025 and May 29, 2025, will carry the kits on their apparatus, and when appropriate, leave the kits with family members, friends or patients, once the suspected overdose patient has been stabilized.

For IFD, this will be a multi-phase effort, beginning with 7 of their 44 stations and expanding to the full department by the end of the year. The initial stations were identified as part of IFD's participation in a coalition of agencies across Indianapolis known as the MACRO-B coalition. The coalition is focusing on four Indianapolis ZIP codes: 46202, 46205, 46208, and 46218. For this initial deployment, the stations received training on how and when to distribute the NLB kits, as well as an initial supply of the kits.

For more information or to contact a project coordinator, please visit www.marionhealth.org/nlb

Webinar

Evaluating and Sustaining Communication Campaigns

Part 3 of the Building Effective Public Health Communications Campaigns Webinar Series



Join the Addiction Policy Forum on July 31, 2025, for the final session of the three-part webinar series, focused on evaluating and sustaining public health communications campaigns.

Presenters will discuss evaluation approaches for monitoring reach, engagement, behavior change, key metrics for tracking campaign impact, and strategies for sustaining campaigns over the long term. They will also share practical costing strategies for scaling campaigns and offer best practices related to staffing, resource alignment, and leveraging partnerships.

Recordings of part 1 and part 2 are available online:

- Part 1: [Planning a Communications Campaign](#)
- Part 2: [Implementing a Communications Campaign](#)

[Register 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.