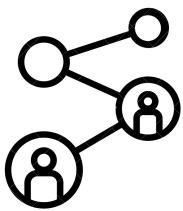


OD2A: LOCAL NEWSLETTER

September 2025

OD2A: Focus on Data

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



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



2,430 Naloxone doses distributed to agencies/individuals



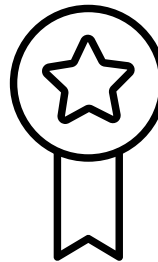
711 mouth shields distributed to agencies/individuals



138 referrals to treatment/services



13 Naloxone trainings held across Marion County



4,627 Fentanyl test strips distributed.



International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD), observed annually on August 31, is the world's largest campaign dedicated to ending overdose, reducing stigma surrounding drug-related deaths, and honoring those lost, alongside supporting their families and communities. The IOAD has been observed since 2001. Since 2012, the Penington Institute has led the International Overdose Awareness Day campaign.

To support participation and awareness-raising, the IOAD website offers a 2025 Campaign Kit, which you can download for free. This toolkit includes ready-to-use social media graphics, posters, campaign ideas, advocacy templates, media outreach tools, and branding assets—enabling individuals and organizations to advocate for overdose awareness in the communities they serve.

Resources are available [here](#).



September is recognized as National Recovery Month, a time dedicated to celebrating individuals in recovery and promoting the message that recovery is possible. It was first launched in 1989 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as *Treatment Works!* Month. Over time, the observance expanded to highlight not only treatment but also the broader journey of recovery, the resilience of individuals, and the support of families and communities. Today, Recovery Month unites organizations and advocates across the country to reduce stigma, share success stories, encourage those in need to seek help and reinforce the idea that recovery is a lifelong and achievable process.

SAMHSA offers a downloadable [toolkit](#) that provide resources and materials such as:

- Social media content to help spread awareness and hope
- Resources for learning about and supporting those in recovery
- Promotional materials about recovery



Purdue University has recently designed a continuing education opportunity for healthcare providers to treat patients with substance use disorders (SUDs) and opioid use disorders (OUDs). The DATA X-waiver was a special federal authorization once required for clinicians to prescribe buprenorphine for OUD treatment, creating an extra barrier to care. Despite the removal of the federal DATA X-waiver requirement to prescribe buprenorphine, stigma and lack of training continue to limit its use, and historically, only half of clinicians who obtained the waiver incorporated it into practice.

These modules emphasize recovery- and trauma-informed care, expand practitioner confidence, and fulfill the required OUD education for DEA licensure, ultimately helping to close the treatment gap and improve access to compassionate, effective care.

More information is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Circle Lighting: Recovery Kick Off Month

Date: Friday, September 5th, 2025

Time: 8:30pm

Location: 1 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46204

About the Event:

Celebrate National Recovery Month with the Recovery Pillar of Mental Health America of Indiana! Join us as we come together with our community to watch the Circle glow purple in honor of recovery.

Recovery Month Block Party

Date: Saturday, September 20th, 2025

Time: 10 am - 1 pm

Location: 3839 Lafayette Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46254

About the Event:

Hosted at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, this event is open to the public and will include a free community naloxone training from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Attendees who complete a pre- and post-survey will receive a \$20 e-gift card.

Food will be provided for attendees.

Outpacing the Stigma 5K run

Date: October 18th, 2025

Time: 9am

Location: 1100 West 42nd St. Indianapolis, IN 46208

About the Event:

the 5th Annual Overdose Lifeline Outpacing the Stigma 5K Run/Walk will honor lives lost to drug overdose. Participants will run and walk to remember those lives, especially Hoosier lives, as well as raise awareness. Funds raised through 5K registrations and fundraising efforts of teams and individuals will support operations of Heart Rock Recovery Center; including subsidized housing support for moms and babies.



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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.