
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS - COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS/PROBATION/DRUG COURTS



PREPARING **HEALERS**. TRANSFORMING **HEALTH**.

FIRST RESPONDER ECHO TRACK

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TIPPECANOE COUNTY, IN



Located 60 miles northwest of
Indianapolis

Population: 193,048 (2018)

7th fastest growing county in the state

3.6% unemployment



County seat and largest city is
Lafayette, IN.



Home to Purdue University, located
in West Lafayette, IN.

Enrollment: 43,411 (2018)

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS



- Opened in 1999
- 168 bed, 24/7, secure work release facility (male and female)
- Community supervision programs
 - Work Release
 - Home Detention
 - Community Services/Work Crew
 - Day Reporting
 - Pre-Trial
 - Forensic Diversion
 - Veterans Treatment Court
- Staff of 55
 - Corrections officers, armed surveillance officers, case managers, administrative staff and support staff.

HOW DO WE EFFECT CHANGE

- **We had to understand the value of community partnerships.**
- **We had to accept the way “*we have always done things*” is not necessarily the best way.**
- **We had to be willing to change our mindset from being a referee to being a coach.**
- **We had to be willing to open our minds to a variety of treatment resources with the understanding this is not always the most popular road to take.**
- **We had to be willing to partner with organizations that don’t think like us but have the same desired outcome.**
- **We had to be willing to be leaders in our field, to think far outside the box, and to push the envelope of change!**



TIPPECANOE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*HARM
REDUCTION IN
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS*

The Question is always: Public Health vs. Public Safety

A TEAM THAT MAKES SENSE!!!

Tippecanoe County Health Department

- Provide education to staff and participants on Harm Reduction, naloxone and Communicable Diseases.
- Provide vaccinations to staff and participants.
- Provide Harm Reduction supplies and naloxone to participants.
- Provide guidance during Hep A outbreaks.

Tippecanoe County Community Corrections

- Support the Health Department's initiatives to prevent the spread of disease.
- House the Health Department's recovery coach to provide substance abuse counseling to participants.
- Be a leader in the law enforcement community on harm reduction education.
- Partner with the Health Department to develop programs to guide participants into a healthy lifestyles.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Prevent

Distribute naloxone to all participants to PREVENT overdoses.

Immunize all participants to PREVENT the spread of communicable diseases.

Provide harm reduction supplies to PREVENT outbreaks in the community due to the sharing of injection equipment.

Promote

Presentations to train participants and employees on naloxone use, communicable diseases and harm reduction to PROMOTE education on injection drug use.

Developing programs that involve both the Health Department and Community Corrections to PROMOTE a joint effort to decrease the spread of disease in the community.

Protect

PROTECT the community from the spread of disease by educating participants on safer injection practices and providing the supplies to do inject safely.

Provide safe sex supplies and education to PROTECT participants against the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

PROTECT participants from spreading sexually transmitted diseases by providing STD testing and treatment.



Recovery Coaching

The Health Department has a recovery coach on staff that works with our syringe services program and community corrections 14 hours a week.

In 2021 we would like to expand these hours to full-time and include the jail. Most of our participants are people that are connected to all three locations. Through collaboration and having the same recovery coach in all three locations it builds a trust amongst participants and increases recovery rates.

Naloxone Distribution

Currently the Health Department is the main distribution hub and training center for naloxone.

We provide all law enforcement with the exception of one in the county with naloxone.

In 2020, we are distributing naloxone to participants in community corrections.

By 2021, we would like to expand naloxone distribution to the participants being released from Tippecanoe County Jail.

Gateway to Hope Expansion

The Tippecanoe County Health Department's syringe service program "Gateway to Hope" would like to expand all of its services to community corrections by 2021.

This expansion will take a collaborative effort between the Health Department and Community Corrections. The challenges and barriers that come with this program expansion we will combat together as a "TEAM".

FORGING A NEW COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS MENTAL HEALTH-SUBSTANCE ABUSE-LIFE SKILLS

Tippecanoe County Community Corrections



Behavioral Wellness Center

A System of Care and Recovery

Our focus is on the quality of care and services through:

- **C**ompassion – toward the individuals and community we serve
- **A**cceptance – of everyone's right to compassionate care
- **R**espect – of everyone's unique path towards their own healing
- **E**mpowerment – for everyone to have a voice and participate in their own care
- **S**incerity – in how we treat each other every day

THE CENTER WILL SERVE ANY TIPPECANOE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OR PROBATION PARTICIPANT.



Employment Preparedness

- Job search strategies
- Resume and cover letter writing
- Entrepreneurship
- Interviewing
- Job fairs

Financial Preparedness

- Financial education and budgeting

Educational Preparedness

- GED/higher education
- Microsoft windows

Life Skills

- Healthy eating and cooking
- Stress and time management
- Effective communication skills
- Parenting classes
- Basic first aid/CPR
- Basic vehicle maintenance
- Harm reduction/sex education

- Supervise and assist persons with suspended sentences, including drug and alcohol screens
- Bring to the court's attention violations of conditions of probation
- Conduct presentence investigation reports, risk/needs assessments, drug and alcohol evaluations using evidence-based practices
- **Connect persons with appropriate services (health care providers, peer groups, etc.)**



risks/needs



supervision

PROBATION



PROBATION AS PARTNER

If Patient is on probation:

- Defendant has strong incentive to maintain sobriety; will want to show compliance with treatment plan before an admission hearing
- Probation officers receive regular training on substance abuse, MAT, and have relationships with community resources (and discuss the same with with the defendant/patient)
- Defendant may already be connected with treatment providers

But...

- Although there is a movement towards more administrative sanctions, most violations must be reported to the court
- Some judges issue NO BOND warrants
- Lower burden of proof on PTR (preponderance) compared to new arrest
- Many judges impose graduated penalties for violations, which can eventually lead to prison time and halt community-based treatment

There are approximately 110 certified problem-solving courts in 54 counties across Indiana utilizing the drug court model, including:

- Drug Courts
- Veterans Treatment Courts
- Forensic Diversion Courts
- Mental Health Courts
- Domestic Violence Courts
- Reentry Courts
- Family Recovery Courts

For HIGH risk or HIGH needs defendants

DRUG COURTS

PROBLEM-SOLVING
COURTS



NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND

DRUG COURT MODEL

Eligible participants identified promptly

Coordinated team approach (Judge, Prosecutor, Defense, CC, Probation, MH, Mentors, others)

Nonadversarial approach with some relaxed rules to ensure appropriate response

Access to continuum of alcohol, drug and other related treatment

Sobriety monitored by regular drug and alcohol screens

Coordinated response to compliance, focused on incentives and rewards, not sanctions

Regular judicial intervention

DRUG COURT AS PARTNER

If Patient is participant of problem-solving court:

- Defendant has strong incentive to maintain sobriety; will want to show compliance with treatment plan before next hearing
- Team members receive regular training on substance abuse, MAT, and have relationships with community resources (and discuss the same with with the defendant/patient)
- Defendant will already be connected with treatment providers

DRUG COURT
WILL FOCUS ON
THERAPEUTIC
ADJUSTMENT



QUESTIONS

