

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

A Division of the



Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Wabash County

LCC: AACTION (Against Alcohol Controlled substances and Tobacco In Our Neighborhoods)

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement:

The mission of Wabash County AACTION is to identify the needs of the area regarding alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and abuse, monitor programs which are recipients of Drug Free Indiana monies, and act as a resource in Wabash County for alcohol, tobacco and other drug information.

History:

In 1989 the Governor of the State of Indiana founded the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana. Under this statute each county was to form or appoint an organization to act as a Local Coordinating Council. This Council was to have representation from the following areas: Youth Parent, Religion, Civic Organization, Law Enforcement, Judiciary, Local Government, Treatment, Medicine, Business, Media, Education, Self-Help, and Labor. This council would be given the responsibility of administering the local drug-free funds. These funds are raised, by statute, through fines levied by the courts for those convicted of drug and alcohol offenses.

Of the local drug-free monies collected, one-fourth goes to the State for administration of the program and the rest stays in the county where collected. The funds are administered by county government. The Local Coordinating Council (LCC) is responsible for seeking grant applications and recommending funding of local programs to the County Commissioners and County Council, who then approve the funding of these programs with the drug-free monies.

Each year the LCC writes a grant for drug-free money to fund the operation of the council. Since the monies are limited the amount available for operation is also limited.

In 1999, the Wabash County LCC decided that they would like to be able to apply for grants from other sources to help fund programs and informational materials they would like to develop. They also found that the name LCC was hard to explain and decided to change the name of the organization to be more descriptive of the function. The name was changed to Wabash County WASA (Working Against Substance Abuse) and in 2000 the group was incorporated as a 501 © (3) not-for-profit organization. An organization chart was developed with the LCC as a committee to do the functions of the drug-free Indiana statute. A budget was developed with part designated for a drug-free monies grant and part to be funded by other sources.

A grant was written in 2000 to the Community Foundation of Wabash County for monies to purchase office equipment and set-up an office in a business locations. This grant was approved and an office was established at 17 East Main Street, Wabash.

In 2001 WASA started the application to be the lead agency for the Tobacco Settlement dollars. This grant was given by the State of Indiana to one agency in each county. In June 2002 WASA received \$53,800 for programs dealing with tobacco. The grant is an annual

grant in that amount for two years with the possibility of another two years if the State Legislature continues to fund the program.

In the fall of 2003, WASA, Inc. modified their organizational structure to include a self-appointing executive board. The LCC was made a committee under this board with non-voting representation to the board. Following a series of meetings a decision was made by the WASA executive board to discharge the LCC committee from WASA, Inc. WASA, Inc. retained all functions dealing with the Tobacco Settlement.

A group of interested community members were gathered to restructure a new LCC. The by-laws for this new organization, Wabash County LCC, were adopted in December 2003 and approved by the state.

In June 2004 Wabash County LCC adopted the name of Wabash County AACTION (Against Alcohol, Controlled Substances and Tobacco In Our Neighborhoods).

The elected officers for 2006 are:

Chairperson	David Young, North Manchester Police Department
Vice President	Helen Chambers, Hands of Hope / Family Service Society
Secretary	Linda Wilk, Hands of Hope / Family Service Society
Treasurer	Donna Bogert, Youth Service Bureau

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:

During 2006 Wabash County AACTION had the limited opportunity to utilize the services of a Lily Grant Intern, Sarah Samblanet, from Manchester College. With the assistance of Sarah we have been able to compile more accurate statistical data, as it applies to ATOD issues in Wabash County, than has been previously available. This opportunity may not be available again in the foreseeable future. Wabash County AACTION has taken this opportunity to complete a Comprehensive Community Plan instead of a plan update. The CCP includes updated and current information which accurately reflects the needs of Wabash County and has assisted us in focusing our grant efforts as well as specific areas of need to be focused on by the LCC in 2007.

Membership List

County LCC Name: AACTION

Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
Tim McVicker	Bowen Center	Caucasian	M	Treatment
Bob Land	Indiana State Police	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
Cori Morgan	Carey Services	Caucasian	F	Business
Bree Day	Carey Services	Caucasian	F	Business
Marianne Pogue	Family Focused Nurturing	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
Rhea Pogue	Family Focused Nurturing	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
Helen Chambers	Hands of Hope, a division of Family Service Society, Inc.	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
Linda Wilk	Hands of Hope, a division of Family Service Society, Inc.	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
Patty Fleck	Indiana State Excise Police	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
Jason Hesting	Manchester High School	Caucasian	M	Education
Danette Norman Till	Manchester College	Caucasian	F	Treatment
Les Gahl	Manchester College	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
Lindsey Weld	Manchester College	Caucasian	F	Education
David Young	North Manchester Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
Rick Tolley	New Foundations Ministries	Caucasian	M	Ministry
Deb Finch	Southwood High School / Southwood	Caucasian	F	Education / Parent

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Julie Lengel	Southwood High School	Caucasian	F	Education / Parent
Deb Dale	Southwood High School	Caucasian	F	Education / Parent
Sandra Boone	Southwood Peers Educating Peers	Caucasian	F	Education
Jim Sparks	Southwood Peers Educating Peers	Caucasian	M	Education
Janice Binkerd	Southwood High School	Caucasian	F	Education / Parent
Denise Wood	Southwood High School	Caucasian	F	Education / Parent
Kerilyn Butcher	Tribal Trails Girl Scout Council	Caucasian	F	Youth Organization
Marcia Eckstein	Tribal Trails Girl Scout Council	Caucasian	F	Youth Organization
The Honorable Bob McCallen	Wabash Circuit Court	Caucasian	M	Judiciary
Brian Hauptert	Wabash County Commissioners	Caucasian	M	Local Government
Marti Striker	Wabash County Day Reporting	Caucasian	F	Youth Organization
Mary Ann Mast	Wabash County Mental Health Association	Caucasian	F	Self-Help
Trisha Haynes	Wabash County Drug Court	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
Vicki Williams	Wabash County Prosecutor's Office	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement

Major Steve Hicks	Wabash County Sheriff's Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
Josh Blossom	Wabash High School SADD Program	Caucasian	M	Education
Bob Pilgrim	Wabash Police Department	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
The Honorable Judge Chris Goff	Wabash Superior Court	Caucasian	M	Judiciary
Donna Bogert	Youth Service Bureau	Caucasian	F	Youth Organization
Daniel Gray	Tobacco Free Wabash, a division of Youth Service Bureau	Caucasian	M	Education
Mary Ellen Clark	Wabash County CASA, a division of Youth Service Bureau	Caucasian	F	Judiciary
Tom Robbins	Wabash High School S.A.D.D.	Caucasian	M	Education

Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: Residents of Wabash County have untreated ATOD (alcohol, tobacco, other drugs) behaviors.

Supportive Data:

- Wabash County AACTION Survey 2006
 - 58.9% of respondents know someone who has a drug problem
 - 80% of respondents know an adult(s) who has an alcohol problem
 - 70.2 % of respondents know youth who use and/or have alcohol problems
 - Most respondents believe Wabash County has a drug problem.
 - 42.9% of respondents agreed that Wabash County "very much" has a drug problem
 - 24.4% indicated that the problem lies between "somewhat" and "very much"
 - 23.1% indicated that Wabash County has "somewhat" of a drug problem
 - Very small percentages (2.9% and 0.3% respectively) believed the problem to be less or nonexistent
 - Most respondents believe Wabash County has an alcohol problem.
 - 35.1% of respondents agreed that Wabash County "very much" has an alcohol problem
 - 26.5% indicated that the problem lies between "somewhat" and "very much"
 - 22.8% indicated that Wabash County has "somewhat" of a alcohol problem
 - 7.9% were not sure
- Research conducted by Step Ahead (2005) indicates the following perceptions regarding the frequency of illegal drug use and underage drinking in Wabash County:

illegal drugs are...	used very much	41%
	used some	30%
	used little / no use	2.8%
	do not know	20%
underage drinking occurs...much		51%
	some	30%
	little/none	3%
	do not know	13%

 - Underage drinking was thought to occur “much” or “some” by 81% of respondents, and illegal drug use was thought to occur “very much” or “some” by 71% of respondents.
- Bowen Center served 381 clients who were dependent upon or abusing alcohol and/or other drugs (including nicotine, controlled substances, and legend drugs): 239 for alcohol (63%), 137 for other drugs (36%) and 5 for poly-substance (1%). (2005 and 2006)

- The Bowen Center is the only identified primary provider of alcohol and drug treatment in Wabash County.
- Without insurance or adequate financial arrangements the Bowen Center will not provide treatment for alcohol or drug abuse.
- During the fall of 2005 and the spring of 2006, 27 people participated in smoking cessation sessions through Health Education LCC.
- In 2004, Hands of Hope / Family Service Society Inc., a program serving victims and families of domestic violence and sexual assault, reported that 112 primary victims and 149 secondary victims were served. Of these cases, over 45% involved drug or alcohol use. One alcohol related case resulted in homicide. Between January and August 31, 2005, Hands of Hope reported 78 cases with over 43% involving drug or alcohol use.
- The Wabash County Hospital Emergency Department saw a total of 133 people for the following emergencies (2005-2006):
 - ETOH 57
 - Drug Poisoning 1
 - Alcohol Intoxication 29
 - Overdose 38
 - Substance Abuse 3
 - Drug Withdrawal 1
 - Nicotine Addiction 4
 - TOTAL 133
- Manchester College student health assistants aided 8 students experiencing medical issues with alcohol use (2004-2005 and 2005-2006)

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Objectives:

- Maintain treatment information on our website for easy access to information.
- Provide assistance for court ordered case management of substance offenders, i.e. drug testing.
- Provide assistance to Drug Court.
- Provide assistance for treatment of addictive behaviors.
- Provide educational materials needed during treatment.
- Provide assistance for adult indigent treatment.
- Provide assistance for smoking cessation classes.
- Provide assistance for intervention services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims that involve Alcohol/Drug use or abuse.
- Provide treatment provider information and LCC website to hospital emergency room staff for referrals.
- Assist in making appropriate treatment available for college age students.
- Continue to collect treatment data from local providers.
- Seek additional treatment providers to serve Wabash County residents.

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Goals:

- Increase the number of Wabash County Residents who utilize available ATOD Treatment / Interdiction services by 3% each year.
- Identify at least one other treatment provider that will provide services to residents of Wabash County within three years.

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Problem Statement #2: Education and prevention programs lack adequate funding to address the significant alcohol, tobacco and other drug problems in Wabash County.

Supportive Data:

- Wabash County AACTION Survey 2006
 - Survey totals:
 - A total of 3 surveys were collected from the 18-20 age group.
 - A total of 30 surveys were collected from the 10-17 age group.
 - All other age groups represented at least 36-82 survey responses.
 - Youth are under-represented in the survey data, making it difficult to generalize the results to Wabash County youth. Due to this, perceptions among Wabash County youth regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drug(s) use are unclear.
- Wabash County AACTION Survey 2006
 - 13.3% of respondents did not know and 22.1% of respondents were not sure who to contact if they knew someone who had a drug/alcohol problem.
 - 28.8% of respondents indicated that Wabash County residents “somewhat” receive sufficient ATOD education; 16.7% were not sure. A minority of respondents indicated that residents received sufficient education “very much” or “not at all.” This suggests that ATOD education is available, but could be improved.
- Manchester College reports that 5% of the students counseled in the fall of 2005 (19 students), and 4% of the students counseled in the Spring 2006 (14 students) were for alcohol related problems (counseled by the Manchester College counseling staff).
- Many older adults declined taking the Wabash County AACTION Survey because they did “not know much about drugs” or because their children are grown or they no longer have children/grandchildren in school. There seems to be a perception among some older adults that drug problems only exist among youth.
- Research conducted by Step Ahead (2005) indicates the following perceptions regarding the frequency of underage drinking in Wabash County:

underage drinking occurs...much	51%
some	30%
little/none	3%
do not know	13%

 - Underage drinking was thought to occur “much” or “some” by 81% of respondents.
- All three school districts in Wabash County have student assistance programs. A total of 7 students in the Metropolitan School District (2004 and 2005), and 5 students in Manchester Community Schools (2006) utilized the Student Assistance Program for substance abuse issues.

- Between 2002 and 2006, 16 expulsions or suspensions in the Metropolitan School District involved drugs, alcohol, or weapons.
- Wabash City Schools District had 2 suspensions for alcohol, tobacco, and/or drugs during the 2004-2005 school year. The district had 9 expulsions for alcohol, tobacco, and/or drugs; 33 suspensions for alcohol, tobacco, and/or drugs (alcohol: 3, drugs: 13, tobacco: 17) during the 2005-2006 school year.
- Manchester Community Schools had 2 expulsions in 2006, one for alcohol and one for tobacco. It also suspended 6 students (2006) for tobacco.
- A total of 159 Manchester College students have attended Alcohol Seminars between 2003 and 2006 as a result of campus alcohol violations. Each school year, the number of students required to attend has increased: 24 (2003-04); 59 (2004-05); 76 (2005-06).

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Objectives:

- Target youth populations, particularly ages 18-20, in Wabash County with program funding regarding ATOD (alcohol, tobacco, other drugs) issues.
- Publish monthly articles in local newspapers.
- Use the media, community events, and other public display events to promote awareness.
- Provide ATOD (alcohol, tobacco, other drugs) education materials to those who may not otherwise received this information.
- Establish a speaker’s bureau.
- Increase educational programming and activities for those age brackets not presently supported: 6-10, 15-18, young adults and senior citizens.
- Provide continuing education opportunities for professional and interested individuals and agencies.

- Increase availability and funding of life-skill programs, i.e. after school activities.
- Increase assistance to abuse victims, i.e. those affected by ATOD (alcohol, tobacco, other drugs) abusers.
- Provide additional support for Afternoons R.O.C.K. and other ATOD alternative programs to include summer programs and unsupported age groups (under age 10 and over age 14).
- Continue to support and increase availability of School, College or Community ATOD alternative activities, ie: after-prom, drug-free supervised activities and education (through groups such as Boy/Girl Scouts and the Youth Service Bureau), educational speakers at Manchester College, and others.
- Provide ATOD education/prevention to domestic violence victims.
- Support programs that increase the availability of family activities and services.

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Goals:

- **Continued funding will allow three hundred (300) adult residents of Wabash County and professionals working in the ATOD (alcohol, tobacco and other drugs) field in Wabash County to receive information and training on ATOD issues, resulting in a better understanding of these issues and their associated problems.**
- **Continued funding will allow two hundred (200) youth in Wabash County to receive ATOD information and participate in ATOD alternative activities.**

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Problem Statement #3: ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs) behaviors and related crimes continue to be a problem.

Supportive Data:

- Manchester College's Safety and Security Department shows record of the following offenses: 16 liquor law arrests, 88 liquor law violations referred for disciplinary action, and 7 drug law arrests (2003-04); 1 incident of DWI (driving while intoxicated) (2002-2004); 11 minor consumption arrests and 8 drug possessions (2004-2006).
- Hands of Hope, a division of Family Service Society, continues to encounter both victims and abusers who use or abuse alcohol and/or other drugs.
 - 2004
 - Alcohol (victims): 6
 - Alcohol (abuser): 27
 - Drugs (victim): 3
 - Drugs (abuser): 9
 - Alcohol/Drugs (victim): 2
 - Alcohol/Drugs (abuser): 13
 - Total Substance Abuse: 60
 - Percentage of Cases Involving Alcohol/Drugs: 45.5%
 - 2005
 - Alcohol (victims): 5
 - Alcohol (abuser): 20
 - Drugs (victim): 1
 - Drugs (abuser): 5
 - Alcohol/Drugs (victim): 0
 - Alcohol/Drugs (abuser): 2
 - Total Substance Abuse: 33
 - Percentage of Cases Involving Alcohol/Drugs: 42.3%
 - 2006 (*partial year*)
 - Alcohol (victims): 1
 - Alcohol (abuser): 6
 - Drugs (victim): 0
 - Drugs (abuser): 2
 - Alcohol/Drugs (victim): 0
 - Alcohol/Drugs (abuser): 1
 - Total Substance Abuse: 10
 - Percentage of Cases Involving Alcohol/Drugs: 38.5%
- Wabash County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is currently managing 18 cases involving alcohol or other drugs.
- A quarter (25.5%) of all juvenile probations was due to alcohol and other drugs. Of these ATOD probations, 72% were due to alcohol and 28% were due to other drugs (2005 and 2006).
- During 2006, 217 adult probations were due to alcohol, 96 were due to drugs, and 9 were due to other alcohol and drug offenses. These alcohol and drug offenses comprised 48% of the 672 total adult probation cases.

- Indiana State Excise Police violations and warnings for 2005-2006:
 - Alcohol Violations 23
 - Alcohol Warnings 3
 - Tobacco Warnings 1
- Wabash County Law Enforcement* arrests for 2003-2006**:
 - Public Intoxication 82
 - Minor Consuming Alcohol 157
 - Open Alcoholic Container 14
 - Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated 412
 - OVWI Under 21-Brac 0.02 to 0.08 7
 - OVWI Previous Conviction 41
 - OVWI Resulting in Death 2
 - Crash Involving Alcohol: Property Damage 22
 - Crash Involving Alcohol: Personal Injury 20
 - Crash Involving Alcohol: Fatality 2
 - Selling / Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor 13
 - Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor 5
 - OVWI Schedule I or II Controlled Substance 1
 - Possession of a Controlled Substance 48
 - Possession of Paraphernalia 91
 - Possession of Marijuana, Hashish 107
 - Methamphetamine Labs 14
 - Methamphetamine / Related 15
 - Heroin/Opiate Arrests 26
 - Cocaine Arrests 25
 - Drug Arrests (Indiana State Police) 15
 - Tobacco 11
 - TOTAL 1096

* Law enforcement includes North Manchester and Wabash Police Departments, Wabash County Sheriff's Department, Wabash County Drug Task Force, and Indiana State Police.

** number of arrests for most categories represents fewer arrests than actually occurred due to unavailable data from some departments.

- Wabash County Superior Court Cases for 2005 and 2006:

	2005	2006
▪ Operating Vehicle while Intoxicated	108	31
▪ Operating Vehicle w/ 0.08 Grams Alcohol	4	29
▪ Operating Vehicle w/ 0.15 Grams Alcohol	8	34
▪ Operating Vehicle w/ Controlled Substance in Body	9	6
▪ Minor Entering Tavern	2	1
▪ Minor Possessing/Consuming/Transporting Alcohol	1	0
▪ OWI with Prior OWI within 5 Years	25	26
▪ Public Intoxication	38	3
▪ Illegal Possession of Alcohol	74	75
▪ Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor	5	6
▪ Dealing in Marijuana, Hash Oil, Hashish	1	0
▪ Illegal Possession of Anhydrous Ammonia	1	0

- Illegal Purchase of Ephedrine/Pseudophedrine 2 0
- Maintaining a Common Nuisance 5 1
- Possession of Controlled Substance w/in 1000 ft of School 1 0
- Possession of Paraphernalia 5 7
- Reckless Possession of Paraphernalia 1 0
- Possession of Controlled Substance 8 0
- Possession of Marijuana 2 0
- The number of cases involving illegal possession of alcohol during 2006 has already surpassed the total number during 2005.
- The number of cases involving an OWI with a prior OWI within five years during 2006 has already surpassed the total number during 2005.
- The number of cases concerning operating vehicles with 0.08 or 0.15 grams of alcohol in 2006 has far surpassed the totals for 2005.
- Wabash County Law Enforcement* arrests for 2003-2006**:

 - Minor Consuming Alcohol 157
 - OVWI Under 21-Brac 0.02 to 0.08 7
 - Selling / Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor 13
 - Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor 5
 - Tobacco 11

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- Wabash County Superior Court Cases for 2005 and 2006:

	2005	2006
▪ Minor Entering Tavern	2	1
▪ Minor Possessing/Consuming/Transporting Alcohol	1	0

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Objectives:

- Provide equipment and training for law enforcement and other professionals.
- Support specialized programs by law enforcement that increase enforcement efforts and arrests of ATOD (alcohol, tobacco, other drugs) crimes.
- Increase community awareness of the dangers associated with operating a vehicle while under the influence.
- Provide support for programs and projects aimed at reducing accidents during high risk events and time periods, such as spring break, proms, and graduation.
- Support programs that increase awareness of societal consequences of ATOD abuse.
- Support programs that delay or prevent the first use of ATOD.
- Local Judges and community leaders will educate college students and other community groups on the negative consequences of their ATOD use.
- Provide support to teen court for tobacco offenses.
- Collaborate with the Community Partners program.

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Goals:

- Increase arrests and reduce crimes by at least 3% per year.

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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: December 2007

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: December 2009

Date of Community Consultant Review: 12/29/2007

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The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

Initials: D.A.Y.