

Indiana County Committees, Councils, and Coalitions

If you know of any groups that should be added, have corrections to the information provided, or comments, call Human Services at 724-463-8200, ext 3 or email to mpounds@indianacountypa.gov. (Updated 7/20)

*****DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEETINGS MAY NOT BE CONVENING, OR MAY BE MEETING VIRTUALLY, CALL FOR INFO!**

Group/Organization	Mission/Goals	Contact
Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral Health Senior care Task Force Meets quarterly; call for details	A specialized, solutions focused group that was formed to better understand the behavioral health needs of county residents. They want to ensure that seniors, family members, and caregivers in our communities have the behavioral health services and supports that they need.	Michelle Armitage Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program (724) 548-3451 marmitage@aimhmr.net
Indiana County Drug Free Communities Coalition (DFCC) <i>Meets Every other month</i> <i>3rd Thursday; Jan, Mar, May,</i> July, Sept, Nov 10 am to 12 noon	An organization of community sectors such as individuals representing education, healthcare, drug and alcohol prevention, human services, law enforcement, government, parents and concerned citizens to create a safe, healthy and drug free environment in the county for youth and families.	Kami Anderson, Exec. Director Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission (724) 354-2746 Ext: 306 kanderson@aicdac.org
Children's Advisory Commission (CAC) <i>Monthly, except July</i> <i>1st Tuesday 8:30 a.m.</i> www.childrensadvisorycommission.org	This group seeks to improve outcomes for children, adolescents and their families in Indiana County. Provides resources and information sharing for child-serving agency members; Sponsors family events including Family Fun Fest, Family Nature Palooza, and Day of Play. Conducts the <i>Indiana County Speaks Up</i> needs Assessment every five years in partnership with The Indiana County Department of Human Services.	Laura McLaine, Co-Chair Hopeful Hearts lmclaine@vnaindiana.org 724-463-6340 Carol Schurman, Co-Chair cjs4@psu.edu Kathy Abbey-Baker CAC Coordinator cac@indianacountypa.gov
Community Disability Awareness Group <i>Monthly except July</i> (Zoom Capability-email for link) <i>1st Monday 8:30 a.m.</i>	This group of community members work together to identify barriers that directly affect the individuals with a disability in our community. They strive to develop positive solutions, provide information, networking, and a place to learn about the needs and challenges of individuals with a disability.	Michelle Jordan The Arc of Indiana County (724) 349-8230 mjordan@arcindiana.org
Community Support Program <i>Monthly</i> <i>1st Thursday 1 p.m.</i>	Coalition working to help consumers and families with behavioral health issues live successfully in the community.	A&I BDHP AT (724) 349-3350 jbujdos@aimhmr.net
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force <i>2nd Wednesday 11:30 am to 1: p.m.</i>	This group focuses on increasing community and campus awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault, encourages residents of the county and IUP to support and assist with prevention efforts, and offers education addressing issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.	Ashley Pisarcik apisarcik@indianacountypa.gov
Family Self-Sufficiency Task Force (FSS) <i>Quarterly meetings</i> <i>1st Monday 12:30pm.</i>	Advisory Group to give input in policies and procedures of the FSS Program.	Housing Authority of Indiana County (724) 463-4730 Beth Illig, Coordinator, ext, 122 bethillig@HAICHousing.com or Diann Overman, Asst. Coordinator, ext. 129 IndianaFss@gmail.com
Local Task Force on the Right to Education <i>Last Friday of Jan., April, Aug., & Oct.</i> <i>10 a.m.</i>	Works to strengthen, improve, expand, and monitor programs and services that meet individual educational needs for students with disabilities.	Kim Rode (724)-463-5300, ext 1245 krode@iu28.org

<p>Health and Human Services Subcommittee (HHSS) <i>Quarterly</i> <i>See website for dates/time</i> www.indianacountyhhss32.org indianacountyhhss32@gmail.com</p>	<p>This committee is part of the Indiana County Disaster Planning Committee of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA). Their mission is to support EMA goals and disaster response by linking together agencies to provide health, medical, and human services. Included in this mission is providing medical counter measures for the county when necessary.</p>	<p>Kathy Abbey-Baker HHSS Coordinator 724-463-8200 ext 8</p>
<p>Indiana County Elder Abuse Task Force</p>	<p>A collaborative effort to prevent all forms of abuse and neglect towards our senior population and to empower seniors in all aspects of their lives.</p>	<p>District Attorney Robert Manzi (724) 465-3835 rmanzi@indianacountypa.gov</p>
<p>Indiana County Housing Consortium <i>Quarterly</i> <i>Third Wednesday 2 p.m.</i></p>	<p>To serve as a coordinating body to identify and address housing needs.</p>	<p>Luann Zak, Indiana County Office of Planning and Development (724) 465-3870 lzak@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us</p>
<p>Safe Children's Network of Indiana County <i>Monthly</i> <i>4th Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p>Prevent unintentional injuries to children, ages 0-13.</p>	<p>Susan Good, Chair 724-762-0105 susangoodcchc@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Armstrong - Indiana Transition Council <i>4 times per school year</i> Meeting dates/times on IU 28 website</p>	<p>Educators, agency representatives, parents employers, and youth with disabilities identifying resources to promote a seamless transition for students with disabilities for successful post-school outcomes</p>	<p>Adrienne Stiteler ARIN Transition Consultant (724) 463-5300 Ext: 1105 astiteler@iu28.org</p>
<p>Indiana Healthcare Careers Consortium <i>2nd Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p>To address the shortage of healthcare workers in Indiana County. Partner with local health care providers, human service agencies, educational providers, and economic and workforce development agencies.</p>	<p>Dr. Diana Rupert, ICTC (724)-349-6700 drupert@ictc.edu Kelly Howells, ANEW (724)-465-9224 Kelly@anewnursing.com Co-Chairs</p>
<p>Local Interagency Coordinating Council of Armstrong and Indiana Counties (LICC) <i>August to April; 2nd Wednesday</i> <i>locations vary</i></p>	<p>Consists of families, community persons, and service providers who address Early Intervention Services/Supports in Indiana and Armstrong Counties.</p>	<p>Missi Williams, Co-Chair (724) 548-3451 ext. 621 mwilliams@aimhmr.net Tamara Duff, Co-Chair (724) 463-5300, ext. 1248 tduff@iu28.org</p>
<p>Suicide Task Force of Indiana Co. <i>Monthly</i> <i>1st Monday 10 a.m.</i> www.stf32.com</p>	<p>Education & information about prevention, intervention, and post-vention of suicides.</p>	<p>Jerry Overman, Co-Chair Indiana County Coroner (724) 465-3996 joverman@indianacountypa.gov Dr. Ralph May, Co-Chair Community Guidance Center (724) 465-5576 rmay@thecgc.com</p>
<p>The Parent Transition Group <i>1st Monday, except June and July</i> <i>10:00 a.m. to 12 noon</i></p>	<p>A network for families of children with disabilities who are making the transition from high school to post-secondary education, employment, and community Living individually or in a group setting. Lunch provided.</p>	<p>Michelle Jordan The Arc of Indiana County (724) 349-8230 mjordan@arcindiana.org</p>
<p>The Veteran Providers Group (VPG) <i>3rd Wednesday,</i> <i>1 pm to 2 pm</i></p>	<p>A collaborating group of providers that serve local Veterans in terms of housing, education, employment, and medical needs. They coordinate services and work together to better serve our local Veterans.</p>	<p>Diann Overman Veteran Outreach Coordinator doverman@indianacountypa.gov 724-471-7726</p>