

## 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](mailto:mpounds@indianacountypa.gov).**

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<b>Group/Organization</b>	<b>Mission/Goals</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<p>Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral Health Senior care Task Force <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of the month 1pm; in Indiana or Kittanning call for details</i></p>	<p>This is a specialized group who can offer behavioral health guidance and support to the Area Agency on Aging offices, family members/ caregivers, and the individuals they work with.</p>	<p>Michelle Armitage Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program (724) 548-3451 <a href="mailto:marmitage@aimhmr.net">marmitage@aimhmr.net</a></p>
<p>Armstrong-Indiana Drug Free Communities Coalition (DFCC) <i>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10 a.m.</i></p>	<p>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 two counties for youth and families.</p>	<p>Carrie A. Bence, Deputy Director Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission (724) 354-2746 Ext: 306 <a href="mailto:cbence@aicdac.org">cbence@aicdac.org</a></p>
<p>Children's Advisory Commission (CAC) <i>Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 8:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p>Mission: Seeking 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 with The Indiana County Department of Human Services.</p>	<p>Jill DaBella, Co-Chair Penns Manor Elementary School <a href="mailto:dabellji@pennsmanor.org">dabellji@pennsmanor.org</a> 724-254-2666, ext 1740 Stacie Huber, Co-Chair Community Guidance Center (724) 465-5576 <a href="mailto:shuber@thecgc.com">shuber@thecgc.com</a> Mail to: <a href="mailto:indianacountycac@yahoo.com">indianacountycac@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p>Community Disability Awareness Group <i>Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 8:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p>A group of community members working together to provide information about disabilities to members of our community to help us get to know each other better and to make our community a better place for everyone.</p>	<p>Barbara Telthorster The Arc of Indiana County (724) 349-8230 <a href="mailto:btelth@arcindiana.org">btelth@arcindiana.org</a></p>
<p>Community Support Program <i>Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Coalition working to help consumers and families with behavioral health issues live successfully in the community.</p>	<p>A&amp;I BDHP AT (724) 349-3350 <a href="mailto:jbujdos@aimhmr.net">jbujdos@aimhmr.net</a></p>
<p>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 11:30 am to 1: p.m.</i></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ashley Pisarcik <a href="mailto:amiller@countyofindiana.org">amiller@countyofindiana.org</a></p>
<p>Family Self-Sufficiency Task Force (FSS) <i>Quarterly meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 12:30pm.</i></p>	<p>Advisory Group to give input in policies and procedures of the FSS Program.</p>	<p>Housing Authority of Indiana County Beth Illig, Coordinator (724) 463-4730 ext 122 <a href="mailto:bethillig@HAICHousing.com">bethillig@HAICHousing.com</a> or Diann Overman, Asst. Coordinator 724-463-4730, ext 129 <a href="mailto:IndianaFss@gmail.com">IndianaFss@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>Health and Human Services <i>Quarterly 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 10 a.m.</i></p>	<p>This Subcommittee functions under the Indiana County Disaster/Terrorism Task force and its function is coordinating the provision of medical care and the dissemination of public health information</p>	<p>Kathy Abbey-Baker HHSS Coordinator 724-463-8200 ext 8 <a href="mailto:hhss@indianacountypa.gov">hhss@indianacountypa.gov</a></p>

necessary to support an emergency response.  
recovery effort or other disaster assistance initiative.

Indiana County Elder Abuse  
Task Force

Focuses on stopping scam artists, thieves,  
and other criminals from preying on the  
elderly.

District Attorney  
Patrick Dougherty  
(724) 465-3835  
[pdougherty@countyofindiana.org](mailto:pdougherty@countyofindiana.org)

Indiana County Housing  
Consortium  
*Quarterly*  
*Third Wednesday 2 p.m.*

To serve as a coordinating body to  
identify and address housing needs.

Luann Zak,  
Indiana County Office  
of Planning and Development  
(724) 465-3870  
[lzak@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us](mailto:lzak@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us)

Safe Children's Network of Indiana County  
*Monthly*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.*

Prevent unintentional injuries  
to children, ages 0-13.

Susan Good, Chair  
724-762-0105  
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Armstrong & Indiana Counties  
*Transition Council*  
*4 times per school year*  
Meeting dates/times on IU 28 website

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

Adrienne Stiteler  
ARIN Transition Consultant  
(724) 463-5300 Ext: 1105  
[astiteler@iu28.org](mailto:astiteler@iu28.org)

Indiana Healthcare Careers  
Consortium  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.*

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.

Dr. Diane Rupert, ICTC  
(724)-349-6700  
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Kelly Howells, ANEW  
(724)-465-9224  
[Kelly@anewnursing.com](mailto:Kelly@anewnursing.com)  
Co-Chairs

Local Interagency Coordinating  
Council of Armstrong and  
Indiana Counties (LICC)  
*August to May; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday*  
*5 times a year, locations vary*

Consists of families, community persons,  
and service providers who address Early  
Intervention Services/Supports in Indiana  
and Armstrong Counties.

Missi Williams, Co-Chair  
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Tamara Duff, Co-Chair  
(724) 463-5300, ext. 1248  
[tduff@iu28.org](mailto:tduff@iu28.org)

Local Task Force on the Right to Education  
*Bi-Monthly*  
*Fridays 10 a.m.*

Works to strengthen, improve, expand, and monitor  
programs and services that meet individual educational  
needs for students with disabilities .

David Norris  
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Suicide Task Force of Indiana Co.  
*Monthly*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Monday 10 a.m.*  
[www.stf32.com](http://www.stf32.com)

Education & information about  
prevention, intervention, and post-  
vention of suicides.

Jerry Overman, Co-Chair  
Indiana County Coroner  
(724) 465-3996  
[joverman@countyofindiana.org](mailto:joverman@countyofindiana.org)  
Dr. Ralph May, Co-Chair  
Community Guidance Center  
(724) 465-5576  
[rmay@thecgc.com](mailto:rmay@thecgc.com)

The Parent Transition Group  
*1<sup>st</sup> Monday*  
*10:00 a.m. to 12 noon*

A network for families of children with disabilities  
Who are making the transition from high school to  
Post-secondary education, employment, and community  
Living.

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