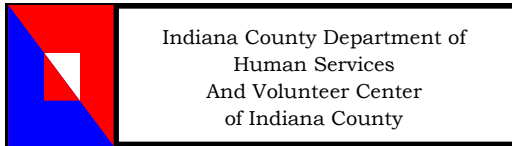


Volunteer Center

Established in 1991, the Center is a clearinghouse for volunteer listings. We refer people to volunteer opportunities throughout Indiana County.
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OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED:

CHILDREN'S ADVISORY COMMISSION OF INDIANA COUNTY (CAC)

(724-463-8200, ext. 8 or cac@indianacountypa.gov)
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 and Family Nature Palooza. Conducts the Indiana County Speaks Up Needs Assessment every five years in partnership with The Indiana County Dept. of Human Services.

OTHER PROGRAMS CONTINUED:

THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE (HHSS)

(724-463-8200, ext 8 or hhss@indianacountypa.gov)
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.

THE SUICIDE TASK FORCE OF INDIANA COUNTY (STF)

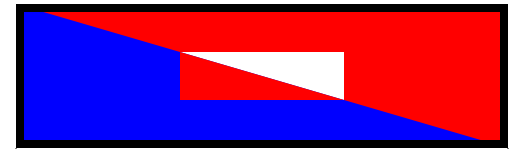
(724-463-8200. ext 2 or stf32@indianacountypa.gov)
The STF of Indiana County is comprised of over 25 Indiana County Human Service Agencies with a mission of preventing suicides in the county through training and outreach education. There are three events sponsored by the STF including: The Celebrate a Wonderful Life, Walk for a Wonderful Life/ Angels on Earth Ceremony, and International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day to raise funding for suicide prevention, training, outreach and education.

THE VETERAN PROVIDERS GROUP (VPG)

(724-471-7726 at diannoverman@gmail.com or at doverman@indianacountypa.gov)
The VPG is a collaborating group of providers that serve local Veterans in terms of housing, education, employment, and medical needs. They meet on a monthly basis, coordinate services and work together to better serve our local Veterans.

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The Indiana County Department of Human Services is an office within county government. The Department's mission includes:

- The administration of human service funds for the county;
- The provision and direction for activities focused toward improving the coordination and collaboration of planning, managing, and delivering human services;
- The assessment of residents human services needs in order to provide service; and
- The operation of the Indiana County Volunteer Center, & Information and Referral Services.

ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

The Department manages, on behalf of the County, the following program funds:

- Human Service Development Fund
- Homeless Assistance Programs
 - Bridge Housing
 - Homeless Case Management
 - Rental Assistance
- Emergency Rent and Utility Assistance Program (ERAP)

HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATION

The Department, in attempting to coordinate human services and eliminate duplication of services, provides:

- Technical assistance to agencies and professionals on projects, concerns, or problems. Examples include participation in the Children's Advisory Commission, Health Advisory Council, Housing Consortium, Suicide Task Force, Safe Children, and the Community Support Program, as well as others;
- Coordination of Project SHARE, a partnership of organizations (both human service and faith based). Project SHARE partners share information and resources in order to maximize resources and prevent duplication of services.

The Department is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of County Human Service Administrators (PACHSA).



INFORMATION & REFERRAL

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Not sure where to turn for help? We have access to local, state, and national resources; and can provide the necessary information by telephone, email, or office visit. We also:

- Publish flyers listing local human services agencies, support groups, and health services, and publications such as the Children's Services Booklet and Transportation Services in Indiana County;
- Compile the "Human Services Informer", an electronic newsletter that shares human services information. This newsletter is sent out 2 times per month.
- Compile monthly human service events listings for the media;
- Prepare newspaper public service announcements;
- Present staff trainings on available resources;
- Provide updated information for the "Guide to Human Services" in the Indiana Verizon Phone Directory;
- Display and distribute information at fairs, community events, school open houses, and Kindergarten Registrations.

