

## 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). (Updated 3/24)**

**\*\*\*SINCE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEETINGS MAY BE HELD HYBRID (IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM) OR MAY STILL BE MEETING VIRTUALLY, CALL FOR INFO!**

Group/Organization	Mission/Goals	Contact
<p>Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral Health Senior care Task Force <i>Meets quarterly; call for details</i></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Michelle Armitage (724) 548-3451 <a href="mailto:marmitage@aimhmr.net">marmitage@aimhmr.net</a></p>
<p>Indiana County Drug Free Communities Coalition (DFCC) <i>Meets every other month 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday; Jan, Mar, May July, Sept, Nov 10 am to 11am; Hybrid</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 county for youth and families.</p>	<p>Jill Northey (814) 226-6350, x 106 <a href="mailto:jnorthey@aicdac.org">jnorthey@aicdac.org</a></p>
<p>Children's Advisory Commission (CAC) <i>Monthly, except July 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 8:30 a.m. <a href="http://www.childrensadvisorycommission.org">www.childrensadvisorycommission.org</a></i></p>	<p>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 <i>Indiana County Speaks Up</i> Needs Assessment every five years in partnership with The Indiana County Department of Human Services.</p>	<p>Sarah Schroth, Co-Chair <a href="mailto:sschroth@iu28.org">sschroth@iu28.org</a> 724-463-5300, ext 1203 Britany Allison, Co-Chair <a href="mailto:ballison@thecgc.com">ballison@thecgc.com</a> 724-465-5576 Catherine Planisky CAC Coordinator 724-463-8200, ext 8 <a href="mailto:cac@indianacountypa.gov">cac@indianacountypa.gov</a></p>
<p>Community Disability Awareness Group <i>Meets Quarterly; Hybrid; Off July/Aug (Zoom Capability-email for link) 2nd Monday 9:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Michelle Jordan (724) 349-8230 <a href="mailto:mjordan@arcindiana.org">mjordan@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>Monica Carroll, Co-Chair <a href="mailto:mcarroll@peerstarllc.com">mcarroll@peerstarllc.com</a> Aggie Hockenberry, Co-Chair <a href="mailto:ahockenberry@armindcfst.org">ahockenberry@armindcfst.org</a></p>
<p>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 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:apisarcik@indianacountypa.gov">apisarcik@indianacountypa.gov</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>Sierra Alabran, Asst. Coordinator (724) 463-4730, ext. 124 <a href="mailto:sierraalabran@HAICHousing.com">sierraalabran@HAICHousing.com</a></p>
<p>Indiana Voices for Equality <i>Meets quarterly; 10 am; Via ZOOM; Off July/Aug Call for dates/ZOOM Link</i></p>	<p>The mission is to advance equal treatment of black and brown individuals through ethnicity awareness, education, and advocacy using an open, and safe community discussion platform.</p>	<p>Michelle Jordan <a href="mailto:mjordan@arcindiana.org">mjordan@arcindiana.org</a> 724-349-8230</p>

<p>Local Task Force on the Right to Education  <i>Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Mon, every other month; 6:30 pm;  Sept to May; at The Arc; Hybrid; childcare  provided; call for ZOOM Link <a href="http://www.iu28.org">www.iu28.org</a></i></p>	<p>Works to strengthen, improve, expand, and monitor programs and services that meet individual educational needs for students with disabilities.</p>	<p>Kim Rode  (724)-463-5300  Ext 1245  <a href="mailto:krode@iu28.org">krode@iu28.org</a></p>
<p>Health and Human Services  Subcommittee (HHSS)  <i>Meet 3 times per year  Call for dates/time  <a href="http://www.indianacountyhhss32.org">www.indianacountyhhss32.org</a>  <a href="mailto:hhss@indianacountytpa.gov">hhss@indianacountytpa.gov</a></i></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 7  <a href="mailto:hhss@indianacountytpa.gov">hhss@indianacountytpa.gov</a></p>
<p>Indiana County Elder Abuse  Task Force  <i>Quarterly (Mar, June, Sept, Dec)  2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 1:15 pm</i></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>Robert Manzi, District Attorney,  (724) 465-3835  <a href="mailto:rmanzi@indianacountytpa.gov">rmanzi@indianacountytpa.gov</a></p>
<p>Indiana County Housing  Consortium  <i>Call for meeting dates/time.</i></p>	<p>To serve as a coordinating body to identify and address housing needs.</p>	<p>LuAnn Zak, Chair  (724) 465-3870  <a href="mailto:lzak@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us">lzak@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us</a></p>
<p>Safe Children's Network of Indiana County  <i>Monthly; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.;  @ Eat N Park or via ZOOM</i></p>	<p>Prevent unintentional injuries to children, ages 0-13 through community and family educational engagement.</p>	<p>Susan Good, Chair  724-762-0105  <a href="mailto:cac@indianacountytpa.gov">cac@indianacountytpa.gov</a></p>
<p>Armstrong - Indiana  Transition Council  <i>2 to 3 times per school year  Meeting dates/times on IU 28 website</i></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  (724) 463-5300 Ext: 1105  <a href="mailto:astiteler@iu28.org">astiteler@iu28.org</a></p>
<p>Indiana County Healthcare Careers  Consortium  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> 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  (724)-349-6700  <a href="mailto:drupert@ictc.edu">drupert@ictc.edu</a>  Kelly Howells  (724)-465-9224  <a href="mailto:Kelly@anewnursing.com">Kelly@anewnursing.com</a>  Co-Chairs</p>
<p>Local Interagency Coordinating  Council of Armstrong and  Indiana Counties (LICC)  <i>August to April; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday; 9:30 am  In person or via ZOOM</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  <a href="mailto:mwilliams@aimhmr.net">mwilliams@aimhmr.net</a>  Brandi Sieczkowski, Co-Chair  724-463-5300, ext. 1248  <a href="mailto:bsieczkowski@iu28.org">bsieczkowski@iu28.org</a></p>
<p>Suicide Task Force of Indiana Co.  <i>Quarterly General Meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at  10 a.m.; Committee Meetings meet monthly  <a href="http://www.stf32.com">www.stf32.com</a></i></p>	<p>Education &amp; information about prevention, intervention, and postvention of suicides.</p>	<p>Jerry Overman, Co-Chair  (724) 465-3996  <a href="mailto:joverman@indianacountytpa.gov">joverman@indianacountytpa.gov</a>  Megan Miller, Co-Chair  <a href="mailto:mmiller@theopendoor.org">mmiller@theopendoor.org</a>  724-465-2605  Leo Buck, Coordinator  724-463-8200, ext 2  <a href="mailto:Stf32@indianacountytpa.gov">Stf32@indianacountytpa.gov</a></p>
<p>Parents with Purpose  <i>4<sup>th</sup> Monday, except June, July, Aug, Dec  6:30 pm; at The Arc; childcare provided  In person or via ZOOM; call for ZOOM Link</i></p>	<p>A workgroup for parents of school-aged students with disabilities. The purpose of the group is to provide parents with resources, support related to advocacy, special education and secondary transition.</p>	<p>Michelle Jordan  (724) 349-8230  <a href="mailto:mjordan@arcindiana.org">mjordan@arcindiana.org</a></p>
<p>The Veteran Providers Group (VPG)  <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday,  1 pm to 2 pm</i></p>	<p>A 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  <a href="mailto:doverman@indianacountytpa.gov">doverman@indianacountytpa.gov</a>  724-471-7726</p>