

## 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 4/21)

**\*\*\*DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEETINGS MAY NOT BE CONVENING, OR MAY 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 12 noon</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>Kami Anderson (724) 354-2746 Ext: 302 <a href="mailto:kanderson@aicdac.org">kanderson@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, 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.</p>	<p>Laura McLaine, Co-Chair <a href="mailto:lmclaine@vnaindiana.org">lmclaine@vnaindiana.org</a> 724-463-6340 David Janusek, Co-Chair <a href="mailto:djanusek@evergreenasc.org">djanusek@evergreenasc.org</a> Kathy Abbey-Baker CAC Coordinator <a href="mailto:cac@indianacountypa.gov">cac@indianacountypa.gov</a></p>
<p>Community Disability Awareness Group <i>Monthly except July (Zoom Capability-email for link) 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 8:30 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>Joe Bujdos (724) 349-3350 <a href="mailto:jbujdos@aimhmr.net">jbujdos@aimhmr.net</a> Carol Winters, Co-Chair <a href="mailto:cwinters@peerstarllc.com">cwinters@peerstarllc.com</a> Kendra Cruz, Co-Chair <a href="mailto:newbeginnings@gogoodwill.org">newbeginnings@gogoodwill.org</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: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>Beth Illig, Coordinator, ext, 122 <a href="mailto:bethillig@HAICHousing.com">bethillig@HAICHousing.com</a> (724) 463-4730 or Diann Overman, Asst. Coordinator, ext. 129 <a href="mailto:IndianaFss@gmail.com">IndianaFss@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>Local Task Force on the Right to Education <i>May 19, 2021 10 a.m. Call for other dates/time</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>Quarterly</i> <i>See website for dates/time</i> <a href="http://www.indianacountyhhss32.org">www.indianacountyhhss32.org</a> <a href="mailto:indianacountyhhss32@gmail.com">indianacountyhhss32@gmail.com</a></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 <i>Quarterly (Mar, June, Sept, Dec)</i> <i>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 <i>and to empower seniors in all aspects of their lives.</i></p>	<p>Robert Manzi, District Attorney, (724) 465-3835 <a href="mailto:rmanzi@indianacountypa.gov">rmanzi@indianacountypa.gov</a></p>
<p>Indiana County Housing Consortium <i>Quarterly</i> <i>Third Wednesday 10:00 a.m.</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</i> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p>Prevent unintentional injuries to children, ages 0-13.</p>	<p>Susan Good, Chair 724-762-0105 <a href="mailto:susangoodcchc@hotmail.com">susangoodcchc@hotmail.com</a></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 (724) 463-5300 Ext: 1105 <a href="mailto:astiteler@iu28.org">astiteler@iu28.org</a></p>
<p>Indiana 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</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 <a href="mailto:mwilliams@aimhmr.net">mwilliams@aimhmr.net</a> Tamara Duff, Co-Chair (724) 463-5300, ext. 1248 <a href="mailto:tduff@iu28.org">tduff@iu28.org</a></p>
<p>Suicide Task Force of Indiana Co. <i>Monthly</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Monday 10 a.m.</i> <a href="http://www.stf32.com">www.stf32.com</a></p>	<p>Education &amp; information about prevention, intervention, and post-vention of suicides.</p>	<p>Jerry Overman, Co-Chair (724) 465-3996 <a href="mailto:joverman@indianacountypa.gov">joverman@indianacountypa.gov</a> Courtney Houser, Co-Chair (724) 465-5576 <a href="mailto:chouser@thecgc.com">chouser@thecgc.com</a></p>
<p>Parents with Purpose <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, morning and evening</i> <i>sessions offered: 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Call for info</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,</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 <a href="mailto:doverman@indianacountypa.gov">doverman@indianacountypa.gov</a> 724-471-7726</p>