

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 8/23)

*****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 marmitage@aimhmr.net</p>
<p>Indiana County Drug Free Communities Coalition (DFCC) <i>Meets every other month 3rd Thursday; Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec 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>Kami Anderson (724) 354-2746 Ext: 302 kanderson@aicdac.org</p>
<p>Children's Advisory Commission (CAC) <i>Monthly, except July 1st Tuesday 8:30 a.m. www.childrensadvisorcommission.org</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>Karen Winning, Co-Chair kwinning@aimhmr.net 724-349-3350 Britany Allison, Co-Chair ballison@thecgc.com 724-465-5576 Catherine Planisky CAC Coordinator 724-463-8200, ext 8 cac@indianacountypa.gov</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 mjordan@arcindiana.org</p>
<p>Community Support Program <i>Monthly 1st 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 jbujdos@aimhmr.net Monica Carroll, Co-Chair mcarroll@peerstarllc.com</p>
<p>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force <i>2nd 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 apisarcik@indianacountypa.gov</p>
<p>Family Self-Sufficiency Task Force (FSS) <i>Quarterly meetings 1st 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 sierraalabran@HAICHousing.com</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 mjordan@arcindiana.org 724-349-8230</p>

<p>Local Task Force on the Right to Education <i>Meets 4th Mon, every other month; 6:30 pm; Sept to May; at The Arc; Hybrid; childcare provided; call for ZOOM Link www.iu28.org</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 krode@iu28.org</p>
<p>Health and Human Services Subcommittee (HHSS) <i>Meet 3 times per year Call for dates/time www.indianacountyhhss32.org hhss@indianacountypa.gov</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 hhss@indianacountypa.gov</p>
<p>Indiana County Elder Abuse Task Force <i>Quarterly (Mar, June, Sept, Dec) 2nd 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 rmanzi@indianacountypa.gov</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 lzak@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us</p>
<p>Safe Children's Network of Indiana County <i>Monthly; 4th 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 cac@indianacountypa.gov</p>
<p>Armstrong - Indiana Transition Council <i>4 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 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 (724)-349-6700 drupert@ictc.edu Kelly Howells (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; 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, Chair (724) 548-3451 ext. 621 mwilliams@aimhmr.net</p>
<p>Suicide Task Force of Indiana Co. <i>Monthly 1st Monday 10 a.m. www.stf32.com</i></p>	<p>Education & information about prevention, intervention, and postvention of suicides.</p>	<p>Jerry Overman, Co-Chair (724) 465-3996 joverman@indianacountypa.gov Megan Miller, Co-Chair mmiller@theopendoor.org 724-465-2605 Leo Buck, Coordinator 724-463-8200, ext 2 Stf32@indianacountypa.gov</p>
<p>Parents with Purpose <i>4th Monday, except June, July, Aug 6:30 pm; at The Arc; childcare provided</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 mjordan@arcindiana.org</p>
<p>The Veteran Providers Group (VPG) <i>3rd 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 doverman@indianacountypa.gov 724-471-7726</p>