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Community Drug Awareness & Response

Building community awareness
and encouraging early intervention.

Purpose

Maintain and improve Kosciusko County's profile as a great place to work and raise a family

Problem

Drug trends are ever-changing

Pro-active law enforcement is so good, most do not believe there is an issue

No true age-relevant prevention

Few tools for citizens to get involved or informed



Research



▪ Interviews with local leaders including:

- Educators
- Law enforcement
- Judges
- Counselors
- Members of the Kosciusko Coalition of Drug Education (K-Code)
- Members of Kosciusko Cares



- What is working well?

- What obstacles and needs exist?



Statistics



National

- 1 in 5 teens nation-wide abuses prescription drugs
- Nearly 1/2 of young people who inject heroin start by abusing prescription drugs
- 2 typical ways teens begin abusing prescription drugs
 - Out of curiosity or to alter the way they feel
 - Legitimate use of a prescription that turns to dependence

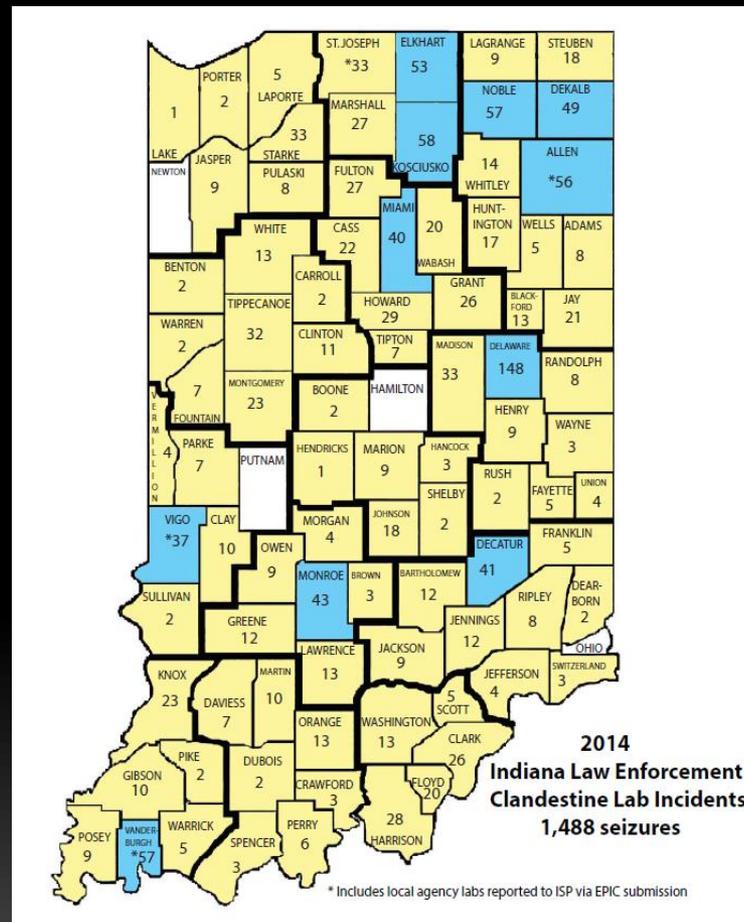


Our Region

- Monthly drug usage in the North Central Indiana Region (9 counties)
 - 4,900 Seniors admit smoking pot 40 or more times per month
 - 700 students admit using Cocaine 40 or more times per month
 - 475 students admit using Heroin and/or Meth 40 or more times per month

Kosciusko County

- Years 2008-2012 and 2014 Kosciusko County was in the top 10 list of number of meth lab busts in Indiana



- 60-70% of the fatalities in Kosciusko county are alcohol or drug related

Community Assessment Report

- Tippecanoe Valley, Warsaw, and Wawasee High Schools
 - Monthly Usage
 - Valley—Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco usage above state average
 - Valley & Wawasee—Marijuana usage above state average
 - Valley, Warsaw & Wawasee—Prescription Drug abuse above state average
 - Lifetime Usage
 - Valley & Wawasee—Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco usage above state average
 - Valley & Wawasee—Alcohol and Prescription Drug abuse above state average



Causes

- People don't know how to deal with life
- Family Cycles
- Availability
- Peer Pressure
- What? Problem in our county?
- I'm not 100% sure there is a problem



Risk Factors

- Laws and Norms Favorable to Drugs
- High Family Conflict
- Parental Attitudes Favor Antisocial Behavior
- Peer Individual Antisocial Peers
- Peer Individual Reports for Antisocial Involvement Scale

Solutions

- All inclusive website
- Support Kosciusko Cares

Kosciusko Cares

About Us Upcoming Events and Projects External Programs

Welcome to

 communities
that CARE
kosciusko

Feel free to browse around and learn about what we do!

Check out "Indiana Weekend" a music video featuring local teens -->

Follow us on social media and join us at our monthly meetings!

Indiana Weekend
A Kosciusko Cares Project

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Call to Action

- Like & share our Facebook page- Kosciusko County Drug Awareness and Resources
- Get involved- Check out Kosciuskocares.org or their Facebook page!
- Proper medicine disposal
- Be aware of the signs



Closing

Great things going in Kosciusko

- Drug court
- Bowen Center
- K-Code
- Drug Task Force
- Kosciusko Cares

Great things can improve the effort and longevity

- Tools for continued community education and involvement
- Funds for further efforts
- Community involvement in Kosciusko's own CTC program

Jean Northenor Project Proud Award

Utilization

There will be a lot of great presentations and causes today...

If this cause is deemed most worthy, or beneficial for the heart of our county, our team will partner with K-Code and Kosciusko Cares to establish a vehicle for community giving to each of the programs. We will also use the funds for getting the word out in physical and cyber media campaigns.