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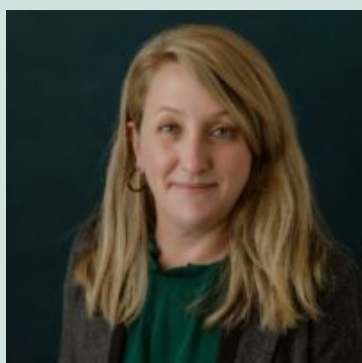
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Welcome to the Joint Asthma Coalition, a Connections IN Health Initiative

Dear Member,

Welcome to the Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition (InJAC). InJAC seeks to reduce the burden of asthma, especially among high-risk populations in Indiana. As a coalition, our strength and ability to make an impact across the state are dependent on our membership. This packet is intended to help you become familiar with how being a member can benefit your work and have a positive impact in your community and across the state. We appreciate your time, dedication, and interest as we work to reduce the burden of asthma in Indiana. I look forward to the change we can create together.



Sincerely,

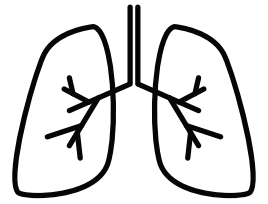
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MEMBER BENEFITS

Why join InJAC...

The Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition offers its members unique opportunities to...



Network with professionals and experts across the state



Stay up-to-date on information relating to asthma's impact on Hoosiers



Engage in professional development opportunities



Access new resources that aim to decrease the burden of asthma in Indiana



Highlight and share your work



Learn best practices in a collaborative setting



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RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Recently, InJAC has been promoting digital flip books on asthma topics and working on creating new ones to share. World Asthma Day was recognized with a press release and a social media campaign. New mission and vision statements have been created, the by-laws have been updated, and a steering committee has been formed. InJAC meets bi-monthly (on even months). Three workgroups based on the Indiana Asthma Plan have been working towards goals related to reducing the burden of asthma. These combined efforts have helped the coalition to establish their direction for future initiatives.

In August of 2022, InJAC hosted the 2nd Annual Asthma Summit with tracks for health professionals and community members to learn more about managing asthma.

InJAC has also been working successfully alongside partners to further their efforts and expand their outreach. InJAC is making a difference by offering hands-on resources and opportunities which support the overall quality of life for Hoosiers with asthma and their families.

WHAT'S NEXT

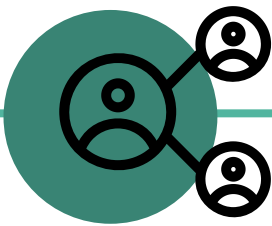
InJAC will to continue to have a positive impact by...



Hosting an **Annual Asthma Summit**



Establishing a formal partnership with the **Indiana Black Barber Shop Initiative**



Sharing **research-based best practices** with coalitions across the state to promote healthy living



Seeking **member feedback** to determine how the coalition can further its efforts

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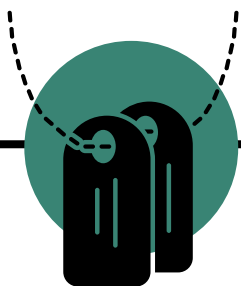
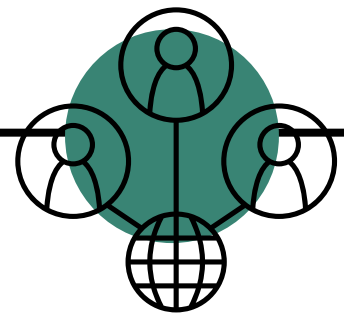


Utilizing the **Indiana Asthma Plan** to set goals for the future



Engaging in a **Peak Week campaign** in September

Building infrastructure to strengthen coalition efforts



Supporting the health of military families and vets by working with partners at the Indiana National Guard.



OUR VISION

**Decrease the burden of
asthma in Indiana.**

OUR MISSION

**The Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition exists
to improve the health of all Indiana
residents with asthma through community
collaboration to optimize wellness and
decrease the burden of asthma in Indiana.**

OUR VALUES



EDUCATION

COLLABORATION

**AWARENESS OF ASTHMA AS A
SERIOUS CHRONIC DISEASE**

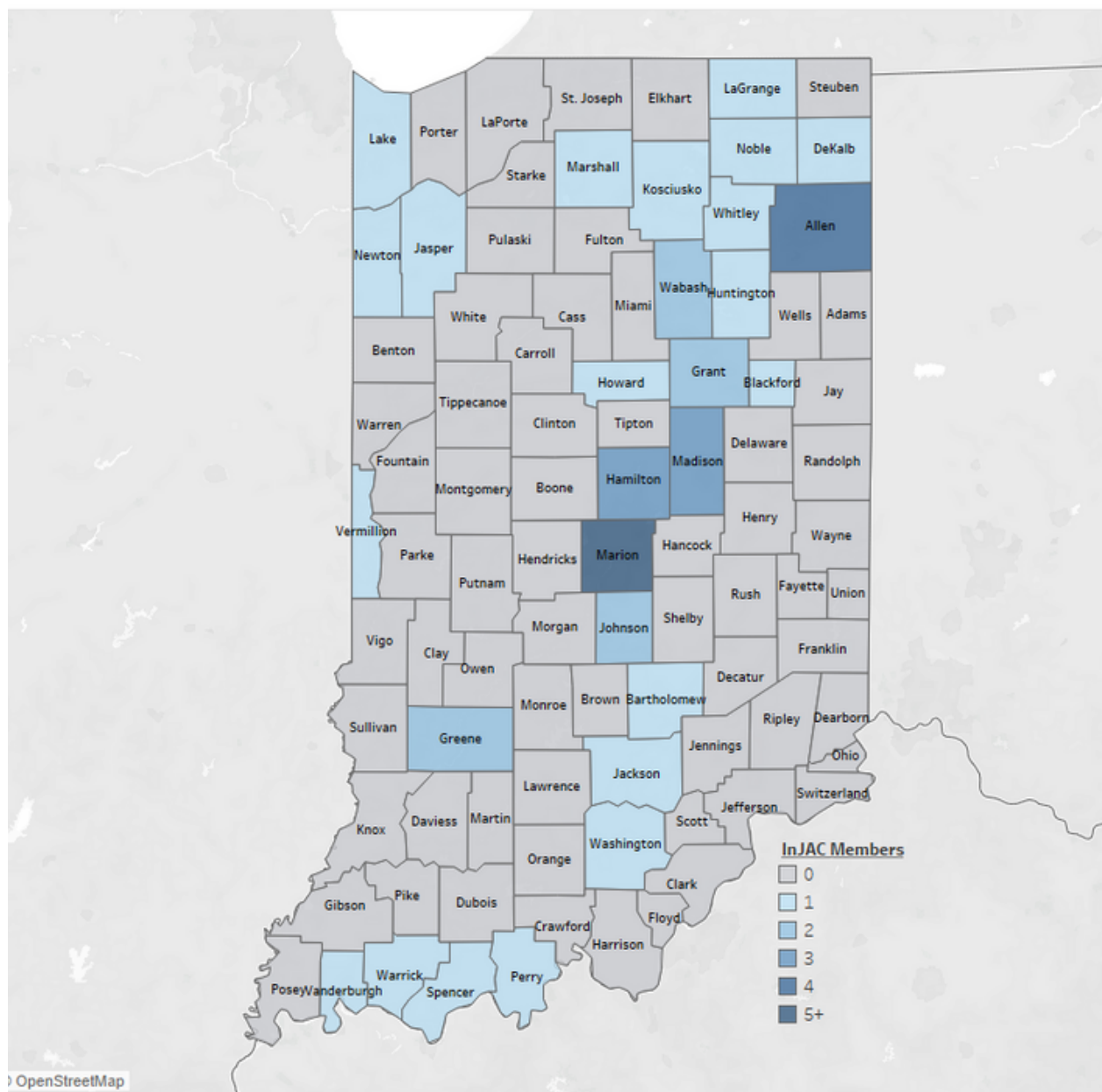
INDIANA JOINT ASTHMA COALITION

The Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition (InJAC) was first established in 2003 as individuals and organizations interested in reducing the burden of asthma in Indiana. The initial charge of InJAC was to formulate Indiana's first State Asthma Plan. They now:

- Coordinate the development and implementation of the Indiana Asthma Plan for addressing asthma in Indiana.
- Provide asthma-related training and presentations across the state to healthcare professionals, schools, non-profit organizations, hospitals, local health departments, and partner agencies.
- Work cooperatively with the Chronic Respiratory Disease Program at the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), other state agencies, businesses, and community members.
- Increase public awareness of asthma as a serious chronic disease and improve the knowledge and skills of patients regarding the detection, treatment, and control of asthma, particularly among high-risk populations.
- Work towards improving equity in access to care and treatment for all Indiana residents with asthma



MEMBERSHIP NETWORK



Are you included in our membership map? Is your county represented in the InJAC network? Ask us how you can get connected with members in your area!

Map represents November, 2022 data



MEETING SCHEDULE & MEMBERSHIP

Coalition meetings occur on the second Thursday of even months from 10:30am-12:00PM EST. Meetings include guest speakers, professional development and updates from work groups in addition to providing time for the coalition to build infrastructure and for members to share their resources and work across the state.



Members who have joined the CheP Network should receive a calendar invitation with a zoom link from Connections IN Health, CINH@iu.edu. Reach out to Courtney Stewart at cestewar@iu.edu if you have questions.



WORKGROUPS

These workgroups will continue to evolve and focus on various areas of the Indiana Asthma Plan as they move forward. Please join a workgroup by contacting Courtney Stewart at cestewar@iu.edu

STEERING COMMITTEE

The **InJAC Steering Committee** was formed in February of 2021 composed of four long-time coalition members with experience in the clinical and public health fields. The Steering Committee meets once per month and discusses the infrastructure of the coalition, reviews Indiana asthma data, works closely with the entire coalition in setting objectives to work on, and provides feedback on a variety of initiatives and topics that relate to asthma in the state of Indiana.

ASTHMA SUMMIT PLANNING COMMITTEE

InJAC members formed a committee to plan for the annual Asthma Summit. This group meets as needed to determine date, theme, speakers and details of the agenda for the summit.

INDIANA ASTHMA PLAN

- **Strengthening infrastructure of asthma programming** by working on increasing the number of asthma educators in Indiana and providing evidence based trainings and resources.
- **Reducing environmental triggers** that affect those with asthma on a statewide basis.
- **Improving quality of care** by providing asthma action plans for providers, clinicians, schools, parents and patients.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACTION TEAM (HSAT)

Mission: The Healthy Schools Action Team is a group of organizations that work in partnership with Indiana schools to create healthier environments where all can thrive.

CONNECT WITH US

Are you following us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Linkedin?

Are you included in our membership map?

Are you receiving our quarterly newsletter, The Connection?

Do you know anyone else who might be interested in joining the coalition? Invite them to join the network!

Have you visited Coalition Trip for tools to strengthen your coalition?

Are you interested in learning more about asthma resources?

Have you visited the Connections IN Health website to learn more about InJAC and other initiatives ?

THANK YOU

Thank you for your interest and the work that you are currently doing to have an impact on addressing asthma in Indiana. We are excited to have you join our coalition!

If you have further questions,
please contact
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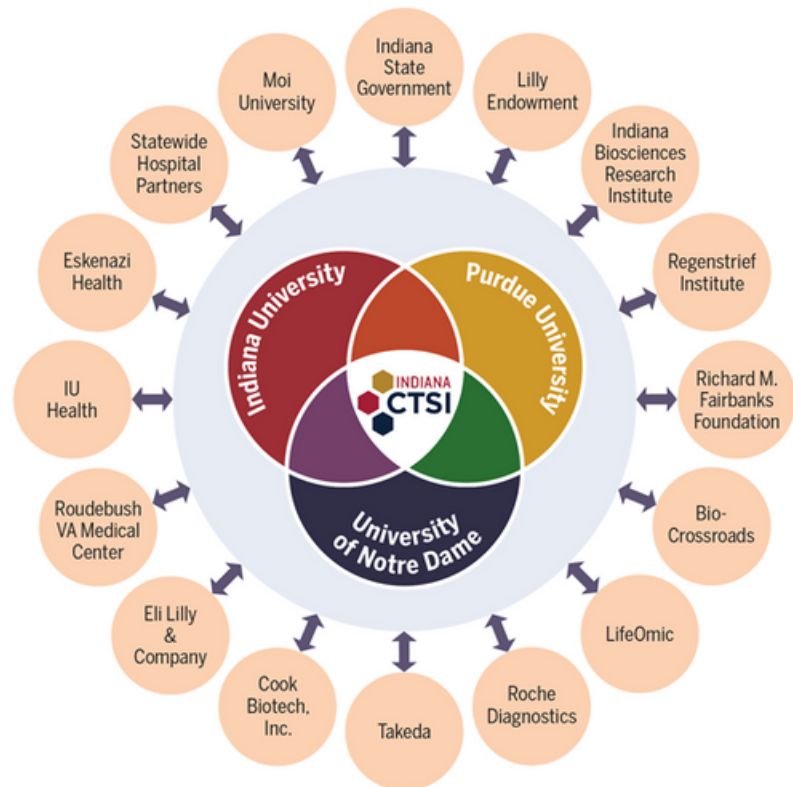
Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute

Our Vision

We envision an Indiana that is one of the nation's healthier states.

Our Mission

We bring together Indiana's brightest minds to solve the state's most pressing health challenges.



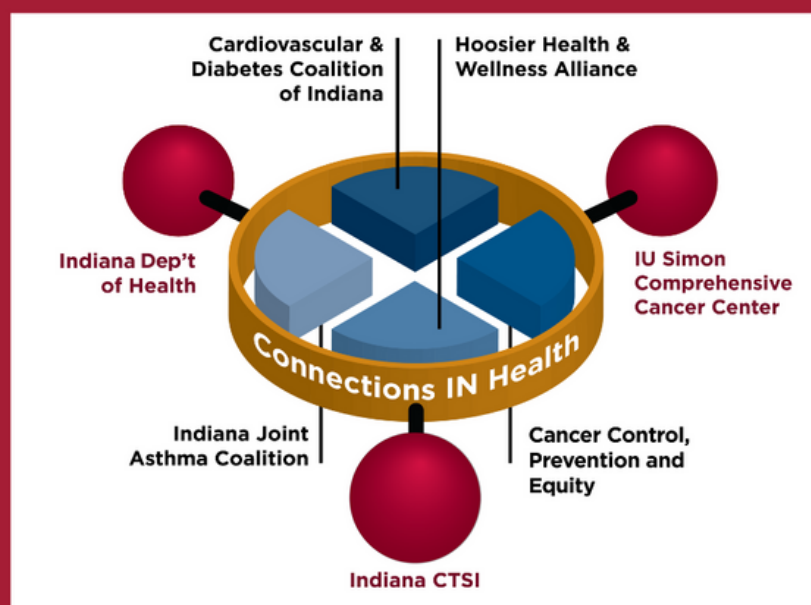
About the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) brings together the state's brightest minds to solve Indiana's most pressing health challenges through research. It is a statewide partnership among Indiana University, Purdue University, the University of Notre Dame, and numerous life sciences businesses, government entities, and community organizations. The Indiana CTSI engages with the public at every level of research—from basic science to patient care. It has been continuously funded by multimillion-dollar grants from the National Institutes of Health since the Indiana CTSI's founding in 2008 and is housed at the Indiana University School of Medicine. For more information, visit indianactsi.org.

Connections IN Health

In 2018, the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI), the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), and the IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center (IUSCCC) have come together to strengthen their partnership to improve health in Indiana by forming Connections IN Health. This alliance unites the state's health coalition development work, and the IUSCCC's community and engagement initiatives with that of Indiana CTSI. In 2021, Connections IN Health began partnering with Purdue University's Indiana Healthy Opportunities for People Everywhere (I-HOPE) project to share community engagement processes and connections to address health inequities across Indiana. Additional collaborations began in 2022 with IU Health and the Diabetes Impact Project of Indianapolis (DIP-IN) with the Indianapolis Health Equity, Access, outReach and Treatment (iHEART) project working to address high rates of diabetes and cardiovascular disease in specific neighborhoods experiencing lower life expectancies than their neighbors. Connections IN Health is led by the Indiana CTSI's Community Health Partnerships program, which works to improve health in Indiana through community-university partnerships and community-based health research.

Connections IN Health includes four chronic disease initiatives that support stakeholders, organizations, advocates, and residents as they come together to improve health and address chronic diseases. Connections IN Health facilitates collaboration within communities by connecting stakeholders with evidence-based practices, identifying funding sources, and addressing health equity for all. Connections IN Health partners with statewide organizations, including Purdue Extension, which is involved in more than 172 health coalitions across the state and has educators in all 92 Indiana counties.



Connections IN Health Initiatives

1



The Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition (InJAC) develops and promotes Indiana's statewide strategic plan, in collaboration with health departments, stakeholders, and partner agencies in rural and urban communities. Their aim is to: improve quality of care, reduce environmental triggers, provide asthma-related trainings and presentations to healthcare professionals, schools, non-profit organizations, hospitals, local health departments, and partner agencies, increase public awareness of asthma as a serious chronic disease, improve the knowledge and skills of patients regarding detection, treatment, and control of asthma, particularly among high-risk populations.

2



The Cancer Control, Prevention and Equity initiative collaborates with the IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center's Community Outreach and Engagement Office, as they strive to: increase awareness of cancer as a cause of suffering and death, disseminate evidence and community-based cancer control strategies that focus on eliminating cancer disparities and promoting health policy to decrease the cancer burden in Indiana.

3



The Hoosier Health and Wellness Alliance (HHWA) seeks to increase positive health outcomes within Indiana by providing the support and effective strategies needed to optimize local impact. Embracing values of collaboration, education and food equity the coalition continues to work on capacity building efforts around the built environment, innovative ways to share the expertise of members, and an increased level of community engagement.

4



The Cardiovascular and Diabetes Coalition of Indiana (CADI) is working to help Hoosiers address the burden of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and stroke through education, collaboration, awareness, advocacy, and access to care. CADI uses its long-standing history of engaging various partners throughout the state in service of this work. The coalition has successfully been able to develop and launch the Better Together Plan, Indiana's first statewide strategic plan to address cardiovascular disease, diabetes and stroke together.

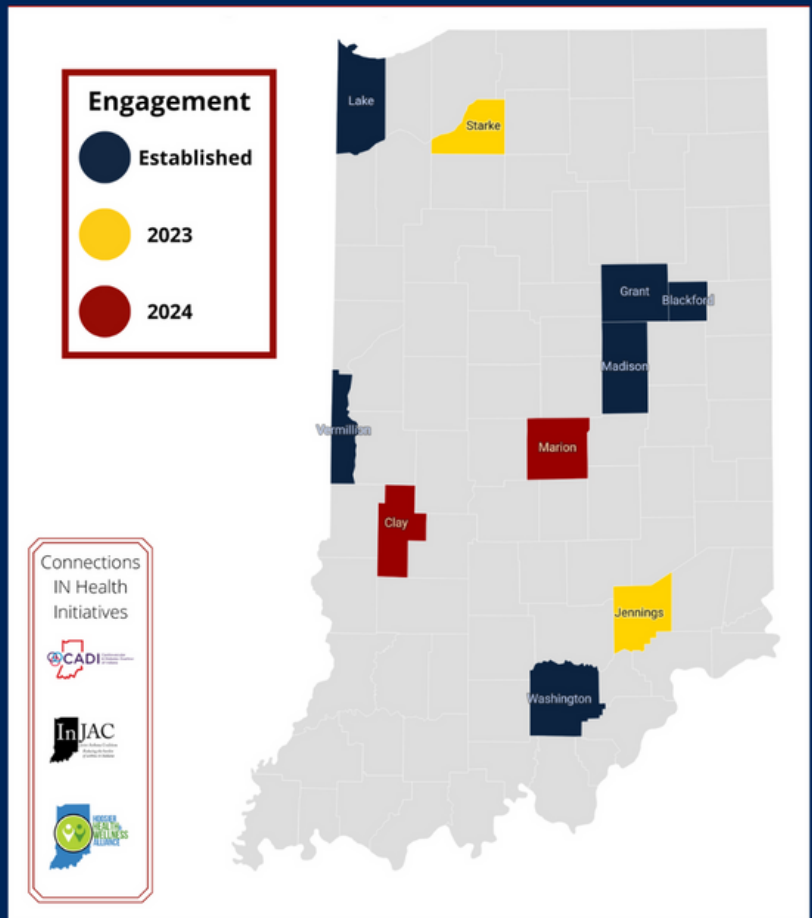
County Engagement

Using county health and social determinants of health data, Connections IN Health has identified 10 counties with the most opportunity for growth, existing coalitions and partnerships already working to address health challenges and willing community partners to work with in the first 5 years of the project (2020-2024).

Selected counties include:

Blackford, Clay, Grant, Jennings, Lake, Madison, Marion, Starke, Vermillion, & Washington.

Connections IN Health began engaging with Grant and Vermillion counties in 2020. Engagement in Blackford and Washington Counties began in 2021. Lake and Madison County engagement began in 2022. The team will engage with Starke and Jennings Counties in 2023 and Marion and Clay Counties in 2024.



When county engagement begins, an interest survey is launched and community members are invited to participate in listening sessions to share their perspective on successes and challenges in the county related to chronic disease. Once these conclude, listening session and interest survey data is compiled, analyzed and shared back with the community to assist them in selecting one health challenge they would like to address. At this time, CINH is able to share resources and evidence-based interventions, conduct community readiness assessments and expand the county network with coalition experts.