



CORE-ECI

Consortium for Opioid Response and Engagement—East Central Indiana

Executive Summary

Seven member organizations from different service sectors comprise the *Consortium for Opioid Response Engagement—East Central Indiana (CORE-ECI)* formed by Purdue University in 2021 to fight the opioid epidemic by strengthening and expanding substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment and recovery services in **Blackford County** and **Jay County**.

The three-year CORE-ECI program will implement evidence-based interventions that align with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' *Five-point Strategy to Combat the Opioid Crisis*. The ultimate goal of the work is to enable individuals living in these communities to achieve long-term recovery. Purdue manages the community-level engagement with IU Health serving as the consortium's clinical lead.

Approach

The consortium will work with community stakeholders using a three-pronged approach that identifies prevention strategies as well as reimagines ways to connect struggling individuals and families to SUD treatment and recovery services.

CORE-ECI will remove barriers to prevention, treatment and recovery that impact health outcomes, and build on the strengths of the communities.

Purdue's role is to help Blackford and Jay Counties realize a collective vision by facilitating strategies designed to produce measurable outcomes and building a shared capacity between them that will sustain gains beyond the grant period.

CORE-ECI AIMS

1. Build sustainable consortium of stakeholders to combat the opioid crisis
2. Interrupt intergenerational cycle of addiction through early intervention of children, adolescents and families with a focus on the individual, interpersonal, community, and societal influences that produce health disparities, stigma and bias, and cultural insensitivities
3. Embed evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery services into a seamless community-based system of care for both counties through process design and improvement
4. Increase access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid addiction

CORE-ECI MEMBERS

- Purdue University—[Purdue Healthcare Advisors](#) and Purdue Extension
- [IU Health Blackford Hospital](#)
- [IU Health Jay Hospital](#)
- [Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition](#)
- [Hester Hollis Concern Center](#)
- [Blackford County Community Corrections](#)
- [A Better Life-Brianna's Hope](#)

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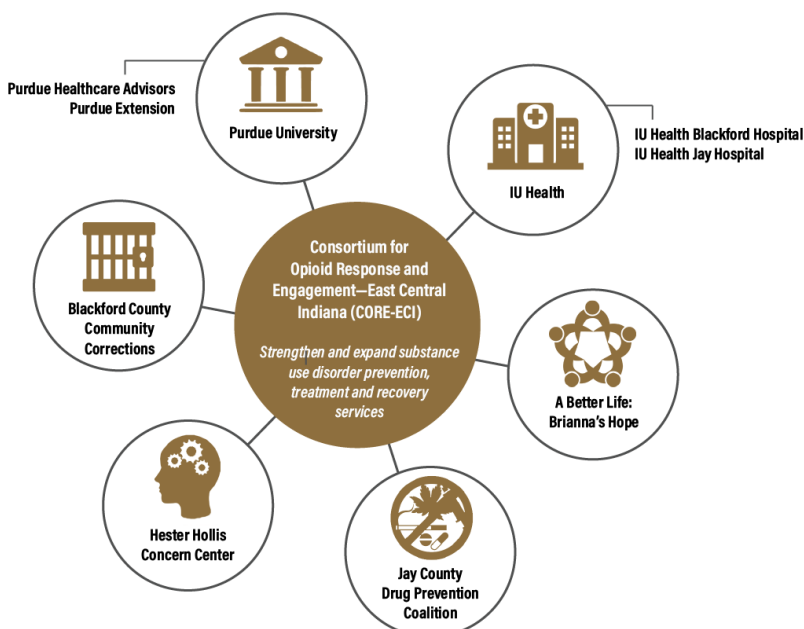
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5-Point Strategy To Combat the Opioid Crisis

In 2017, HHS launched a [comprehensive 5-Point Strategy-PDF](#) to empower local communities on the frontlines. The opioid epidemic is one of the Department's top priorities; through the 5-Point Strategy and HHS's Agency Priority Goal of [Reducing Opioid Morbidity and Mortality](#), the Department continues to focus on most effective efforts for addressing opioid use disorder.



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