OPIOID USE IN INDIANA

Impact on Adults

In 2014, 1,152 Hoosiers died from drug poisoning marking a 500% increase since 1999.

Drug overdoses have risen so sharply in Indiana that they overtook the number of motor vehicle deaths in 2008.

Impact on Children

Newborns exposed to opioids in utero have a 60-80% likelihood of suffering from Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), which could impact the child’s long-term growth, behaviors, language abilities, cognitive development, and academic achievement.

Impact on Businesses

80% of Indiana employers have observed prescription drug misuse by their employees.

Indiana led the nation in pharmacy robberies with 367 incidents from January 2013 to May 2016.

Impact on the Health Care System

Opioid use disorder in Indiana resulted in:

- $31.9 Million for nonfatal ER visits
- $64.1 Million for hospitalizations of babies with NAS
- $350 Million for related hospitalizations

With drug overdose fatalities costing $1.4 Billion (including medical costs and lost lifetime earnings for victims).