

## Stand UP Cass County Team Updates

### Public Engagement Team

- Recent Trainings:  
March – Digital Safety Training; April – ATC Presentation; May – Mental Health America Wabash Valley Region presentation/training. June-may do another QPR, details to come  
Upcoming Trainings: August – Purdue Extension training focused on workplace support with Latino community; November – More information coming soon.
- Stand Up & Stand Out Recognitions: April – DCS for Child Abuse Prevention Month; May – YMCA; June – Indiana Health Centers; July – U Know’s Pizza & Sandwich Shop; August – John’s Path Addictions Unchained; September – Zero Suicide Taskforce.
- Partners in Action updates included PTECH Dodgeball Tournament, March Pool Party, April Mary Max event, April Carousel event, ongoing Crafting Club partnership with the Library, ongoing Black Dog Game Nights, and ongoing Skate Nights. New partnership with Pretty Little Stitches for scavenger hunts county wide.

### Youth Empowerment Team

- Cass Youth Advisory Board launched with the theme “A Seat at the Table in Cass County.”
- First in-person meeting held at the new skating rink representatives from Logansport and Lewis Cass attending.
- Students participated in ice-breakers, discussed group t-shirts, and planned follow-up meetings while enjoying pizza and ice cream.
- In collaboration with Mental Health America Wabash Valley Region, the team helped establish the new Cass Youth Advisory Board.
- Two youth members attended Youth Advocacy Day at the Indiana Statehouse.
- The initiative continues to gain momentum and increase youth voice opportunities in Cass County.
- The team collaborated with Bring Change to Mind Clubs, PTECH, and The Academy to identify school/community needs and coordinate programs and activities.
- A new Certificate of Recognition and youth rewards system was developed after youth feedback identified a desire for positive recognition in schools and the community. We had 2 students in April, and now 2 in May we plan to deliver those certificates soon.

- Lewis Cass Bring Change to Mind Club hosted a successful Mental Health Walk in late April featuring outside agencies and a guest speaker discussing addiction and mental health recovery.
- The team plans to discuss the possibility of a Mental Health Walk at Logansport High School next year, potentially in September.

#### Youth Substance Prevention Team

- The team helped arrange the recent ATC presentation during the LCC meeting last month.
- ATC Officer Jessica Hyndman attended a monthly meeting to speak with the group about prevention-related topics. Human Trafficking. What they are seeing with THC and other substances.
- Discussions have begun regarding Vape Kits and how they may be used in prevention and education efforts. Collaborating with YSA and 4C on this.
- Planning discussions for Red Ribbon Week 2026 have already started.
- The Red Ribbon Mural Ribbon Cutting has been arranged for Friday, May 15 at 11am, downtown, please join us.
- The team is recognizing National Prevention Week through awareness and prevention messaging.
- The ongoing “Did You Know?” series posts on Saturday on socials, continues sharing Cass County substance use statistics and local data.
- The team plans to explore the possibility of promoting a smoke-free and vape-free community initiative.

#### Action Plan Team / Coalition Updates

- The Action Plan Team continue monitoring all Action Teams to ensure progress aligns with coalition goals and objectives.
- The coalition has transitioned into a more informal meeting structure.
- Meetings are now held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at different local restaurants throughout Cass County.
- The coalition would like to map out quarterly lunch sponsors earlier to improve planning and coordination.
- New sector representatives will be sought over the next several months to replace inactive members and strengthen representation.
- Coalition leadership is encouraging members and partners to provide feedback on coalition efforts and identify ways the coalition can better support community needs.