



# ANNUAL REPORT

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**2023**

**ALLEN  
COUNTY  
DRUG AND  
ALCOHOL  
CONSORTIUM**





# OUR MISSION

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Our purpose is to provide an effective network to collaboratively prevent substance abuse, primarily by youth, and to reduce the negative impact of alcohol and other drugs in the Allen County community.

# A YEAR IN SUMMARY

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DAC experienced multiple significant changes in 2023. We thank each person reading this for your patience and understanding with us, the staff, as we have navigated them. We spent the first quarter of the year working hard on building out the physical space for our BRAVE Alliance, Fort Wayne's only LGBTQIA+ youth drop-in center, and hosted a grand opening for it in April. In July, we had an unexpected change in leadership at DAC and we have worked to spend every moment since then adapting, reshaping, and responding to our community's needs. We have aged out of a few of our funding streams, restructured our committees and their meetings, re-centered our mission, and expanded our work to reach the underserved community of LGBTQIA+ youth in Allen County- and that's just to name a few of the tasks we've undertaken!

# OUR PROGRAMS

In 2023, our programs consisted of the following:



# OUR FUNDERS

In 2023, our programs were funded by the following:





## DAC TEAM

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*Interim Executive Director*  
Monique Johnson, MEd (she/her)



*Director of Operations*  
Tanya McKinney, MOL (she/her)



*Creative Engagement Specialist*  
Emily DelGrosso, BS-HSRV, HS-BCP (she/her)



*Business Manager*  
Amanda Clemmer, BA (she/her)

## PROGRAMMING TEAM

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*BRAVE Program Manager*  
Korrin Taylor, BA (she/her)



*BRAVE Clinician*  
Kris Wise, MSW/LCSW (he/him)



*BRAVE Project Coordinator*  
Cristina Sanchez, BS-HSRV (she/her)

*Older Adults Group Facilitator*  
Ms. Doris Thomas (she/her)

# OUR BOARD

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*Board President:* Brad Stiles

*Past Board President:* Stephen Jarrell, LCSW, LCAC, ACSW

*Board Vice President:* Captain Kevin Hunter, MS

*Board Treasurer:* Kathy Friend

*Board Secretary:* Ruth de Wit, BS, MOL

*Members at Large:*

Honorable Frances C. Gull, JD, BS

Bennie Lewis

Connie Kerrigan, MBA, BSN, RN

Dr. Aisha-Amina L. Smiley, DSW, LSW

Michael Manuel, MS

Heather Henry, MSN, RN

Shannon Gleason, M.S.Ed

Regenia Frison Jones, MBA, BA

Melissa Hall, IIDA, RID, NCIDQ

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Treasurer: Kathy Friend

Stephen Jarrell, LCSW, LCAC, ACSW

Brad Stiles

Mark Wright

Melissa Hall, IIDA, RID, NCIDQ

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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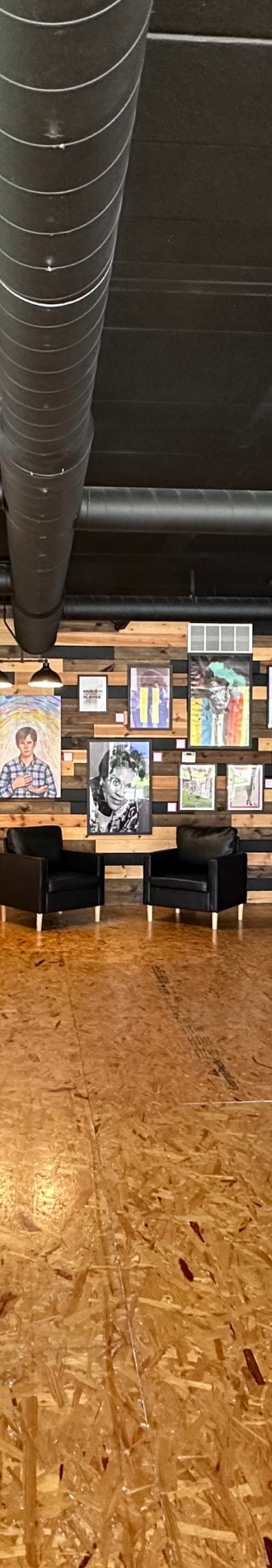
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# SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

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DAC is the recipient of a Community Catalyst grant for the establishment of the BRAVE Alliance. The BRAVE Alliance strives to **B**uild **R**adically **A**ffirming and **V**alidating **E**nvironments.

## OPENING BRAVE:

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On April 14, 2023, we hosted the Grand Opening of the physical location for the BRAVE Alliance. Many news outlets, hundreds of community members, and staff from Mayor Henry's office were present for the occasion!

## BRAVE PROVIDES:

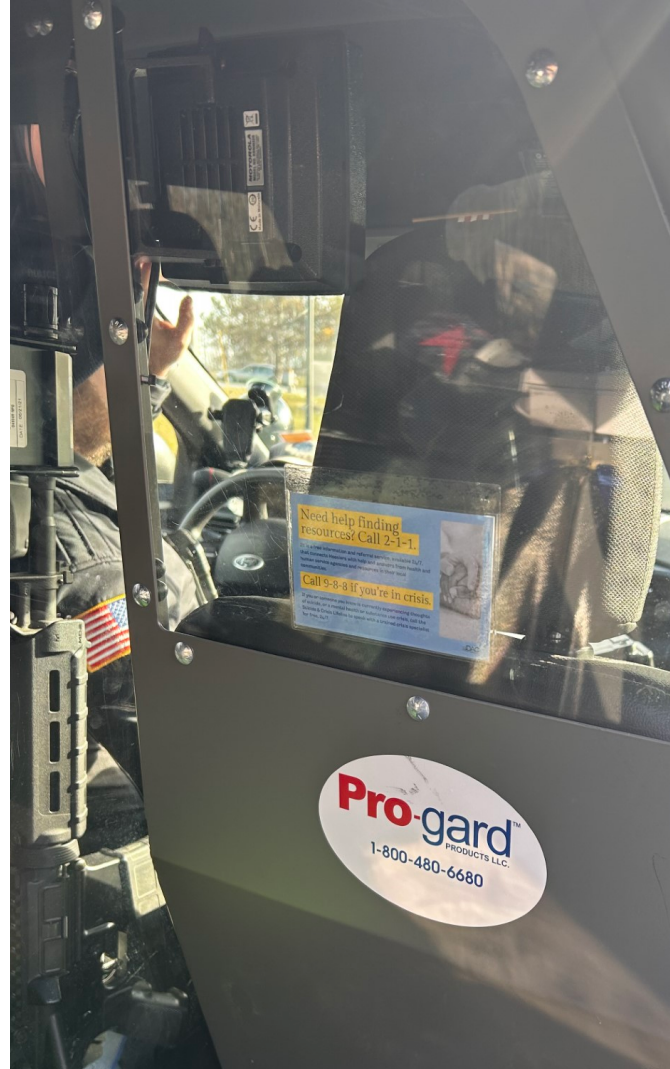
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- Drop-in hours (under 35)
- Gender-affirming clothing
- Mental health counseling and therapy
- Assessments and referrals
- Support groups
- Narcan & fentanyl test strips
- Trainings for local providers

All services BRAVE offers are free to clients.

# PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

In the Fall of 2023, DAC collaborated with the Fort Wayne Police Department to design, print, and install resource cards with information about 9-8-8 and 2-1-1 in the back of police vehicles. In addition to these cards being displayed, business cards are also available at each quadrant for officers to distribute to citizens that could benefit from having the 9-8-8 or 2-1-1 information but have no need to be in the back of the police vehicle.



DAC composes and, with the help of community partners such as yourself, distributes monthly editions of something called “Dinner Dialogue.” These four page newsletters are geared toward parents and guardians to encourage interconnectedness and prosocial family dialogue- particularly around the dinner table. This year, we tracked a reach of **389,521**; an all time high! We started Dinner Dialogues back in 2021 and never would have imagined they’d reach as far and wide as they do today.

FEBRUARY 2024



VOLUME 31

## Dinner Dialogue

ALLEN COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL CONSORTIUM



### In This Edition

THEME OF THE MONTH

DINNER DISCUSSION  
TOPIC IDEAS

DRUG AND ALCOHOL  
FACTS AND INFORMATION

AMERICAN HEART  
MONTH

WHY DINNER DIALOGUES

### I Deserve Self Care

Resilience is the flexibility and inner strength to bounce back when things are not going well.

Parents with resilience are better able to protect their children from stress and can help children learn critical self-regulation and problem-solving skills.

Everyone has strengths that they draw on during difficult times. Taking care of yourself well can better prepare yourself to draw on those strengths when you need to.





# DFI GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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DFI funding was used to provide Intervention Scholarships to those in recovery to cover the initial costs related to recovery housing. In 2023, 101 individuals received scholarship assistance for a total of \$27,126.13 dispersed. DFI funding was also used to provide funding for community mini-grants to support a variety of community initiatives.

## THE NUMBERS

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**\$81,378.39** DISPERSED IN 2023

**4,856** SERVED BY GRANTED PARTNERS IN 2023

*Justice Mini Grants Recipients:*

Fort Wayne Police Department, Allen County Community Corrections, McMillen Health

*Prevention Mini Grant Recipients:*

McMillen Health, Hands On Haven, Building Blocks Outreach Inc., Building a Stronger Family, Power House Youth Center, Indiana Youth Institute

*Intervention Scholarship Recipients:*

Road to Recovery, Oxford House Galileo, Headwaters Counseling, The Lighthouse, Victory House for Women, Oxford House Great Bear, Oxford House Marjo, Redemption House Ministry Inc., Thirteen Step House Inc.



# OUR FUNDING

\$1,080,0224.48

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<i>Source</i>	<i>Total</i>
Division of Mental Health and Addiction	\$447,410.38
Center for Disease Control and Prevention	\$73,037.10
Drug Free Indiana Fund	\$108,438.52
Indiana Department of Health	\$209,087.25
Foundation Funding	\$170,380
Administrative Services Revenue	\$28,511.50
Other Income (Events/Donations)	\$43,359.73



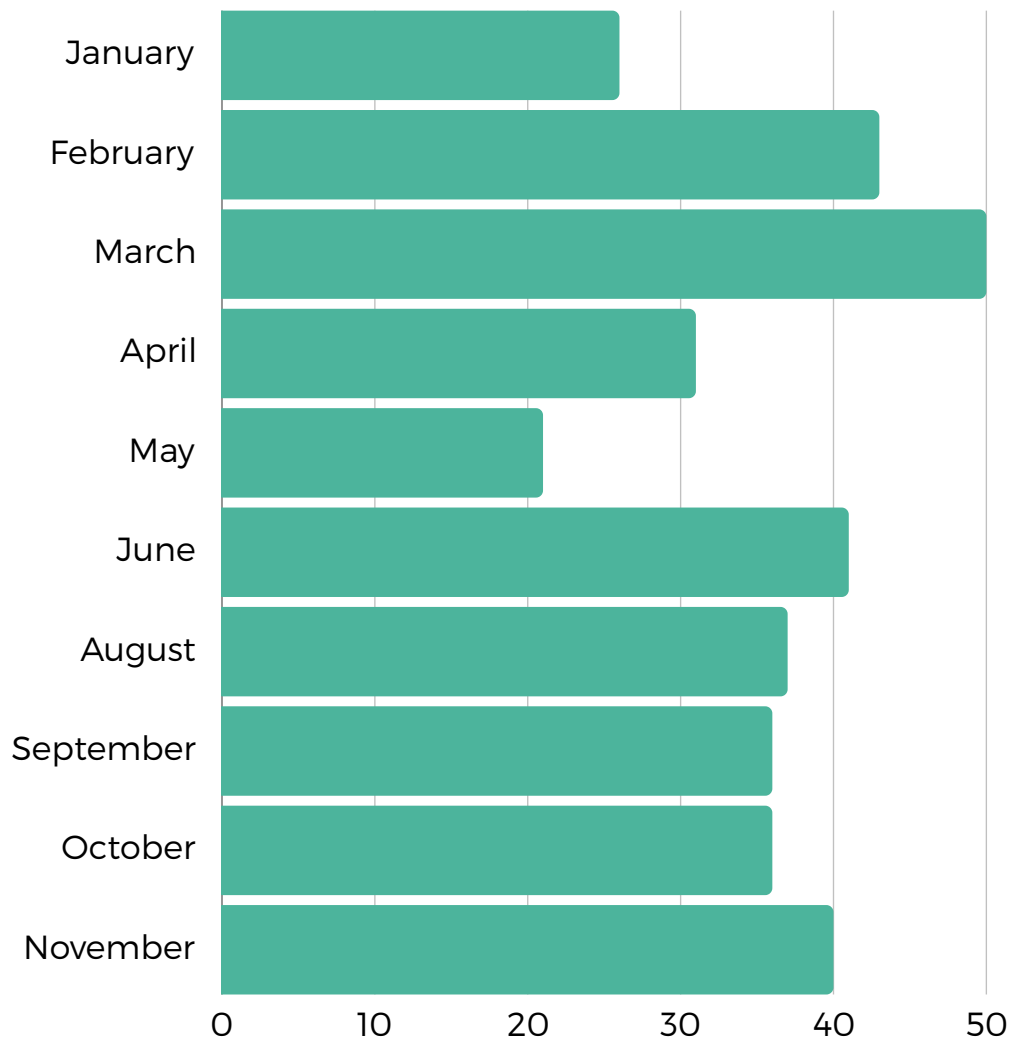
# MEETINGS

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Throughout 2023, we held Prevention Committee Meetings, Intervention Committee Meetings, Overdose Fatality Review Committee Meetings, Community Coffees, and Mission: Motherhood meetings.

# MEETING ATTENDANCE

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# PARTNER AGENCIES

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## Overdose Fatality Review Committee

- Allen County Coroner's Office, Deputy Coroner, Mike Burriss
- Allen County Department of Health, Jana Sanders and Sara Burriss
- Allen County Health Commissioner, Dr. Thomas Gutwein
- Allen County Jail Chaplaincy, Chaplain Tim Dettmer
- Allendale Treatment, Nate Moellering
- Amani Family Services, Josefina Cervantes
- Erin's House for Grieving Children
- Fort Wayne Fire Department, Assistant Chief John Crawford
- Fort Wayne Medical Education Program, Dr. Erin Jefferson and Dr. Gregory Eigner
- Fort Wayne Police Department, Captain Kevin Hunter
- FWPD Hope and Recovery Team (HART)
- Indiana Department of Child Services, Lauren Zylla-Whetstone
- Indiana Department of Health, Caitlyn Short
- Indiana University Health, Dr. Scott Myers
- Purdue Fort Wayne Behavioral Health and Family Studies Institute, Alice Jordan Miles
- Summit Reinsurance, Brian Fehlhaber
- VA Northern Indiana Health Care System

## Government & Social Service Resource Partners

- City of Fort Wayne, Mayor's Office
- Department of Child Services
- Fort Wayne Housing Authority
- Fort Wayne United
- Indiana Department of Health
- Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addictions
- Indiana Family and Social Services Administration
- Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority
- Indiana Local Coordinating Councils
- Mayor's Youth Engagement Council
- Northeast Indiana Works
- Prevention Insights

# PARTNER AGENCIES

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## Intervention and Treatment Partners

- Allen County Community Corrections
- Anti Trafficking Network of Northeast Indiana
- Avenues Recovery
- Bare Knuckles Recovery
- Bowen Recovery Center
- Center for Behavioral Health
- Clean Slate
- Courageous Healing
- Crosswinds Counseling
- Fort Wayne Recovery & Allendale Treatment
- Freedom House
- Groups Recover Together
- Headwaters Counseling
- JAVA Fort Wayne
- Just Neighbors Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Lutheran Social Services, Inc.
- Michiana Behavioral Health
- Mom of an Addict
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Oxford House
- Parkview Behavioral Health Institute
- Parkview Health Systems
- Positive Resource Connection
- Recovery Cafe
- Recovery Center at AADP
- Redemption House
- Road to Recovery
- STAR Care Services
- The Lighthouse
- Thirteen Step House
- Victory House for Women

## Prevention and 12-Sector Partners

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana
- Boy Scouts of America
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Indiana
- Bridge of Grace Compassionate Ministries
- Building a Stronger Family
- Building Blocks Preschool
- Courtyard CHILL Services
- Drive Alive
- Euell A. Wilson Center
- Health Visions Midwest
- Indiana Prevention Resource Center
- Indiana Youth Institute
- McMillen Health
- Mental Health America of Indiana
- Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana
- Northeast Indiana Works
- Our Children Our Future System of Care
- Power House Youth Center
- Preston Joan Group
- Resiliency Foundation
- The Villages
- Tobacco Free Allen County
- TRIAD
- WPTA Newscenter
- YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne
- YWCA of Northeast Indiana

# PARTNER AGENCIES

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## Training and Education Partners

- Arizona State University School of Social Work
- Canterbury Schools
- East Allen County Schools
- Fort Wayne Community Schools
- Indiana University Health
- Indiana University School of Social Work
- Northwest Allen County Schools
- Purdue Fort Wayne Behavioral Health and Family Studies Institute
- Southwest Allen County Schools

## Law Enforcement Partners

- Allen County Juvenile Center
- Allen County Juvenile Probation
- Allen County Magistrate Judge
- Allen County Police Department
- Allen County Probation
- Allen County Prosecutor's Office
- Allen County School Safety Committee
- Allen County Superior Drug Court
- Indiana Counterdrug Task Force
- Indiana State Police



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# THANK YOU

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WE  
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DO THIS  
WITHOUT  
YOU.