

Healthy Jackson County

2023 in Review

Grant Funding



Over 2.1M in grant funding was brought in over the course of the year for projects related to nutrition, physical activity, substance use prevention, mental health, and perinatal navigation. A perinatal navigator was added to Schneck Obstetrics, and over 600 patients have been served this year.

Mental Health & Substance Use Prevention

- Received \$700K state Opioid Settlement Match Grant, including 10 grant partners.
- Schneck Emergency Department launched a warm-handoff program for patients experiencing an overdose, collaborating with 3 community partners. Since launching the program, there has been a 53% reduction in overdoses in the Emergency Department.
- Technical assistance and grant support provided to assist Indiana Health Center clinic to develop MAT/MOUD program for broader access to services.
- Installed a Recovery Team including a community health worker and peer recovery coach, to assist those in mental health crises, providing wraparound supports.



- Collaborated with the Sheriff's Department and Jackson-Jennings Community Corrections to increase service/treatment options for justice-affected individuals.
- Supported Catholic Charities in establishing two masters-level counselors for individuals with mental health conditions.
- Advocated for 180 RCO, formally incorporated in September.



Health Issues & Challenges Projects

Over 15,000 individuals have been impacted in 2023 by our Nutrition/Obesity, Cardiovascular Health, and Colon Cancer initiatives, with collaboration from 12 community partners. These initiatives include access to food, free opportunities for movement, connection to colon cancer resources, and much more. In addition, park equipment has been installed at Anchor House, Gaiser Park, and Freeman Park.

- 59 blood pressure cuffs distributed
- 377 participants attended free workout classes
- 300 participants attended free swim at Shields Park Pool



Food Drives

March Madness Food Drive/Competition

Over 5,000lbs of Food Donated

Back-to-School Food Drive

Over 300lbs of Food Donated

Schneck Season of Giving Drive

Santa Sprint Food Drive

All benefiting local food pantries.



Tobacco Initiatives

- Community Conversation held in April 2023
- Participated in the Standardized Tobacco Assessment for retail settings
- Updated schools' nicotine policies and punitive measures
- Updated signage at county public schools
- Partnered with providers to promote Quitline

Where HJC has been this Year

- City Jam
- 18 translators utilized at the Schneck Well Health Fair
- Overdose Awareness Day
- Watermelon Festival 5K
- Kids Fest
- High School Sporting Events
- Fort Vallonia Days 5K
- Leadership Jackson County Trauma Informed Care Presentation
- Seymour Farmer's Market

- Heart Healthy Hoosiers Screening Events
- Bingo Days at Seymour Community Center where BP Checks and & ColoCARE Kits are offered
- March Colon Cancer Awareness Month Booth in the lobby at Schneck
- Anchor House ColoCARE Kit distribution on food pickup days
- The Alley ColoCARE Kit Handout during dinner
- Community Center Health Fair
- Rock'n Ready
- Park Hop
- Aisin Health Fairs
- DMHA Mental Health and Addiction conference in June re: HJC Coalition collaboration.
- 180 RCO community screening for "The Addicts Wake"
- Medora Mental Health Conversation, April 2023
- Hosted Mental Health Summit, February 2023
- DMHA Annual Prevention Conference in October
- Jackson-Jennings Crisis Intervention Training in September
- Jackson County Fair- Canstruction/Stock the Trailer



Organizational Changes



Two new staff members, Jena Hanks and Jenna Thomas, were hired to operate on the HIC Grant. The 5210 Subgroup was added to create content for our community around daily healthy habits.

Coalition Partners & Impressions

- 1.3K Facebook Followers
- 281 community members are part of the HJC Coalition
- 17 new community partners joined in 2023.



We look forward to even more collaboration in 2024!



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