

2023 Summit for Rural Justice & Public Health Professionals

October 13, 2023
Honeywell Center, Wabash, IN

THE SUMMIT DETAILS

Justice and healthcare professionals in rural communities face unique challenges, including scarce resources, red tape, and isolation. We invite you to attend the Summit for Rural Justice & Public Health Professionals on Friday, October 13, at the Honeywell Center at 275 W. Market Street in Wabash, Indiana, to learn about opportunities for collaboration, resources, and strategies to meet the unique needs of rural professionals. The Summit is made possible through cross-branch and cross-disciplinary partnerships between the Indiana Supreme Court, the Wabash County Bar Association, the Association of Indiana Counties, the Court of Appeals of Indiana, the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, Indiana University, Indiana Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council, the Indiana Department of Health, the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Indiana, and the Office of Governor Holcomb. Funding support provided by the State Justice Institute, Grant No. SJI-22-T-046, the Indiana Supreme Court, and the Wabash County Bar Association.

Who Should Attend?

Eligible attendees include judicial officers, attorneys practicing civil or criminal law, public health care professionals, local and county government members, and other justice and healthcare stakeholders.

How Do I Register?

Register online at the [2023 Summit for Rural Justice & Public Health Professionals](#). Attendance is limited to the first 350 who register for the event. There is no registration fee to attend.

What About Meals, Travel Expenses, and Parking?

A light continental breakfast will be available. Lunch is provided to attendees who reserve lunch. Travel expenses, like mileage or hotel overnight, will not be reimbursed. Free parking is available; see the [map for the Honeywell Parking lot](#) areas.

What if I Need a Hotel Overnight?

Visit [Wabash County Lodging](#) for a list of area hotels or bed and breakfast inns located in the Wabash area, or visit the [Huntington County Visitor's Bureau](#) for those in the Huntington area. We do not have a room block for this event. Hotel and travel expenses will not be covered or reimbursed.

Can I Receive Continuing Education Credit?

You may earn up to six (6) hours of continuing legal and judicial education credit for attending the program; the Indiana Office of Admissions & Continuing Legal Education Course number is 325556. The education program may also qualify for continuing education credit for social workers and healthcare professionals. Please check with your accrediting organization.

Conference Materials & Internet

The Honeywell Center provides complimentary wireless internet access. The conference agenda and materials will be available in a mobile app that conference attendees can access before the event.

Health Care Provider Resource Area

Please visit our resource area to meet with representatives from various health service treatment organizations offering services to rural communities across Indiana. Representatives from recovery houses, peer recovery coaches, recovery cafés, treatment providers, and family support services will be available all day and will participate in the 2:45 p.m. breakout session titled Breaking Down Silos & Building Bridges Statewide.

ADA Accommodation

If you need an Americans with Disabilities Act accommodation to the conference, contact Heather Falks at heather.falks@courts.in.gov.

THE SUMMIT AGENDA

7:15 a.m. Registration

8:20 a.m. Opening Remarks & Introductions

Faculty: Mark Guenin, Partner, Guenin Law Office, P.C., President, Wabash County Bar Association.

8:30 a.m. Overview: Fewer People/More Responsibility – Deinstitutionalization & Indiana’s JRAC Partnership

Providing essential government and healthcare services in rural communities is challenging. Necessary resources, including qualified professionals and funding, are scarce. And even though most rural communities have seen a decrease in population, the demand for essential services has remained the same or increased. The increased demand for local services is due, in large part, to deinstitutionalization in both state hospital and state prison systems. Justice Christopher Goff serves as Chair of the Indiana Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC). JRAC is a state and local partnership created by statute to promote collaboration among all three branches of government and all critical partners in Indiana’s justice and behavioral health systems. This opening plenary session will provide an overview of policy concerns that led to deinstitutionalization and more recent efforts to support communities as they share responsibility for supervising and treating people who would otherwise be institutionalized. *Faculty:* Hon. Christopher Goff, Justice, Indiana Supreme Court.

9:00 a.m. Plenary: Meeting the Legal Needs in Rural Communities

Many Indiana citizens live in communities experiencing a shortage of attorneys and, thus, access to legal services. Faculty will discuss efforts by Indiana’s law schools, the Indiana Supreme Court’s 21-member Coalition for Court Access, and others to reverse the shortage of attorneys in Indiana’s counties and meet the crucial need for legal services in counties with limited resources. We will discuss innovative approaches from other states and professions as well. *Faculty:* Hon. Melissa May, Indiana Court of Appeals; Professor Joel Schumm, Clinical Professor of Law, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

9:45 a.m. Plenary: Shared Responsibility Made Manageable—Sequential Intercept Model Mapping

Local JRAC has the mission to coordinate resources optimally within the local justice system. Local councils are encouraged to utilize data-based decision-making, ensuring its strategies bring concrete advantages to individuals and the community, fostering a climate of justice and growth. The value of such a task hinges upon the depth of understanding of the local justice system. System mapping is critical to coordinating resources and fostering a climate of justice and growth. Drawing a complete picture of the justice system, including its many details and interdependencies, system mapping is an effective tool that illustrates the complicated network of elements, relationships, and influences within the justice system. NAMI Indiana has launched Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping in Indiana. Learn how NAMI Indiana, IOCS, and local JRACs are working together to map systems and create strategic plans as a framework for positive systems change. *Faculty:* Chris Biehn, Deputy Director Justice Services Division, Indiana Office of Court Services; Marianne Halbert, JD, Criminal Justice Director, NAMI Indiana.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions

JRAC/988 Implementation: Using Local JRAC to Increase Public Safety and Community Wellbeing

Indiana's state and local partnership through JRAC officially kicked off in October 2022 at the Indiana Mental Health Summit, which members from all of Indiana's 92 Local JRACs attended. During the Summit, attendees learned about implementing the National Suicide Prevention Hotline (988). For the past half-century, most communities had only one response when someone was in a behavioral health crisis: law enforcement. But in the coming years, 988 will fundamentally change this. Through JRAC, we can preserve scarce criminal justice resources for public safety and increase the capacity of our community behavioral health centers. And local justice and behavioral health partners will be better connected and better supported by their state-level partners. *Faculty to include:* Hon. Peter Foley, Judge, Indiana Court of Appeals, and former Chair of the Morgan County Local JRAC.

Meeting Legal Needs in Rural Communities—A Closer Look

Faculty in this interactive discussion will continue the conversation from the morning plenary and focus on maximizing resources and collaboration among counties to better serve rural populations through problem-solving courts, local JRACs, and regional public defender offices. The breakout will also tackle controversial ideas for expanding access, including remote hearings and the use of limited-license technicians. *Faculty:* Hon. Melissa May, Indiana Court of Appeals, moderator; Bernice Corley, Executive Director, Indiana Public Defender Council; Hon. Mary Ellen Diekhoff, Judge, Monroe Circuit Court; and Professor Joel Schumm, Clinical Professor of Law, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

The Sequential Intercept Model: Practical Implementation

NAMI Indiana brought Policy Research Associates to Indiana to train and certify 26 individuals to facilitate SIM mapping workshops in Indiana. In this session, you'll learn how local stakeholders such as JRAC or CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) committees can apply for a SIM workshop, what the expectations are, what the planning process consists of, and how the strategic plan that SIM facilitators generate for committees following SIM workshops can provide a framework to fill gaps and help support individuals impacted by mental illness access recovery services in the community and at every phase of the criminal justice system. *Faculty:* Chris Biehn, Deputy Director Justice Services Division, Indiana Office of Court Services, moderator; Marianne Halbert, JD, Criminal Justice Director, NAMI Indiana, moderator; Stephanie Quiring, JD, PhD, Faculty, IU School of Social

Work, Indianapolis; Kathleen Sobiech, PhD, Director of Public Health Practice, IU School of Public Health, Bloomington; and Taylor Yoder, Community Health Improvement Manager, Parkview Noble Hospital and Parkview DeKalb Hospital.

11:30 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Plenary: Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health – A United Approach

The panel discussion will focus on the collaboration model between the criminal justice system and behavioral health service providers. Points of discussion will include the ‘why’ and the ‘how’ this approach positively impacts lives in rural communities. *Faculty:* Joyce Fillenwarth, State Office Rural Health Manager, Indiana Department of Health, moderator; Joel Makin, Program Manager Substance Use OP Treatment, Parkview Wabash Hospital; Heather Rodriguez, Executive Director, Indiana Recovery Works, Vice President of Recovery Advocacy and Programs, Mental Health America of Indiana; Dr. Ryan Sarver, MD, Schneck Medical Center, Seymour; and Baldemar Silva, Director of Behavioral Health, Adams Medical Group Behavioral Health.

1:45 p.m. Plenary: Funding

New funding sources are available to help rural justice and public health professionals do their jobs more effectively. Other sources of funding are sometimes overlooked. The faculty will discuss funding opportunities for rural communities and the professionals who serve them. *Faculty:* David Bottorff, Executive Director, Association of Indiana Counties; Douglas Huntsinger, Executive Director, Drug Prevention, Treatment & Enforcement, Office of Governor Eric J. Holcomb; and Mayor Scott Long of Wabash.

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Breaking Down Silos & Building Bridges Statewide: Meet a Treatment Provider

How often do you wonder who can best serve your clients experiencing substance use disorder, mental illness, and other stressors? Today’s session will introduce you to exactly who to call. Faculty will discuss with attendees why knowing the resources in your community is so important. Attendees will have an opportunity to have a conversation with various treatment providers to ask the questions they have always wanted to know answers to. Together, let’s break down silos and start building bridges statewide. *Faculty:* Joyce Fillenwarth, State Office Rural Health Manager, Indiana Department of Health; Brittany Kelly, Deputy Director, Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Indiana Supreme Court.

Collaborative Strategies for Well-being in the Legal Community

The Office of Judicial and Attorney Regulation (OJAR) and the Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP) team up to provide information about the resources and advice they offer to the legal and public health community. This session will introduce participants to OJAR and JLAP, provide insight into their roles and collaborative processes, and engage the audience through helpful common scenarios. Participants can ask questions and learn valuable tips and strategies for interacting with peers who need assistance. *Faculty:* Jill Fuqua, JLAP Case Manager, Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Indiana Supreme Court, and Lyubov Gore, Staff Attorney, Indiana Office of Judicial & Attorney Regulation, Indiana Supreme Court.

Funding: A Deeper Dive

The breakout session will continue the conversation on available funding resources and issues for rural communities. Faculty to be announced.

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Plenary: Civil Practice in Rural Communities

There are unique challenges and rewards when handling civil litigation in rural communities. This session will explore strategies for effectively representing individuals with mental health concerns while protecting their rights and dignity. It will also provide insights into navigating cases when an opposing party has mental health challenges. Discover practical approaches to fostering understanding and obtaining fair outcomes in rural legal settings when a party has mental health challenges. *Faculty:* Emily Guenin-Hodson, Partner, Guenin Law Office, P.C., President, Indiana Trial Lawyers Association and Christopher Lee, Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, President, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

Faculty: Hon. Christopher Goff, Justice, Indiana Supreme Court.

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