



Indiana Is Facing A Burgeoning Drug Problem

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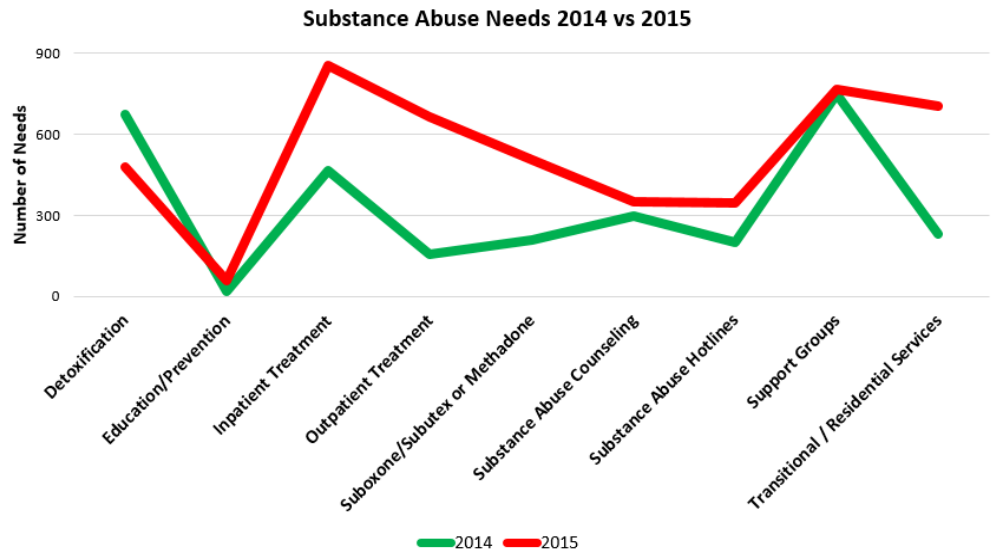


According to the most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control¹, overdose deaths in Indiana have increased 9.6%. Coupled with the recent HIV infection outbreak among intravenous drug users in Scott County², the gravity of the situation is quite apparent.

Connect2Help211 has always offered confidential access to resources for Hoosiers seeking treatment for addiction, but by having our database available online, more Hoosiers are using the website to search for help rather than call. Searching online offers an additional layer of anonymity that may make those needing help feel more comfortable about reaching out for help.

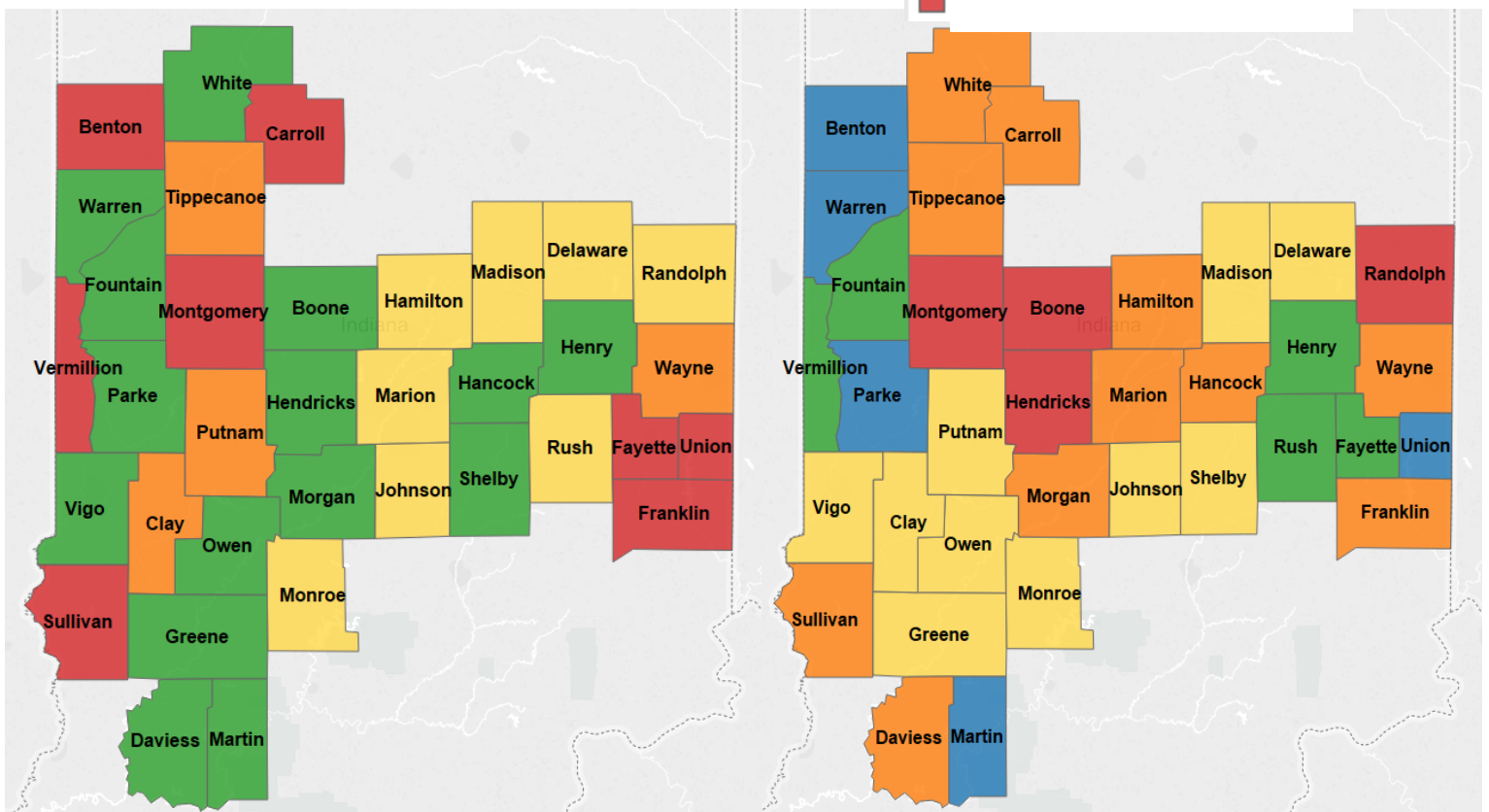
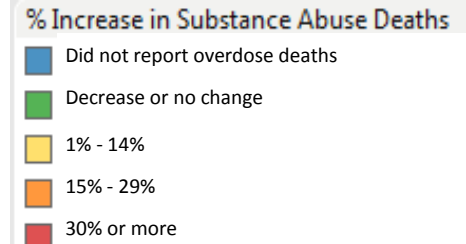
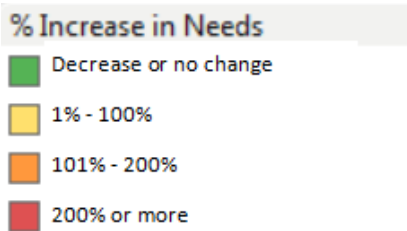
By combining the needs from the web searches and the calls, we get a more accurate look at the substance abuse needs across the state. In the graph to the right, we can see there are sharp rises in those seeking treatment, both inpatient and outpatient, as well as Suboxone/Subutex and Methadone maintenance programs.

Connect2Help211's core service area is comprised of 35 counties in the center of the state. By looking at the data at a county level, we can see where there are marked increases in needs in very specific areas and how this corresponds to other substance abuse data.



This map shows increases in requests for substance abuse help by county from 2014 to 2015.

This map shows increases in overdose deaths by county³ from 2014 to 2015.



If you know someone whose life is affected by addiction—



dial **2-1-1** or visit www.Connect2Help211.org.

Available 24/7/365

¹<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm640a3.htm> ²http://www.in.gov/isdh/files/February_25_Outbreak_in_Southeastern_Indiana.pdf ³<http://www.countyhealthrankings.org>

