

MARION COUNTY & ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC





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Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Federal Initiative: A New Approach

GOAL:

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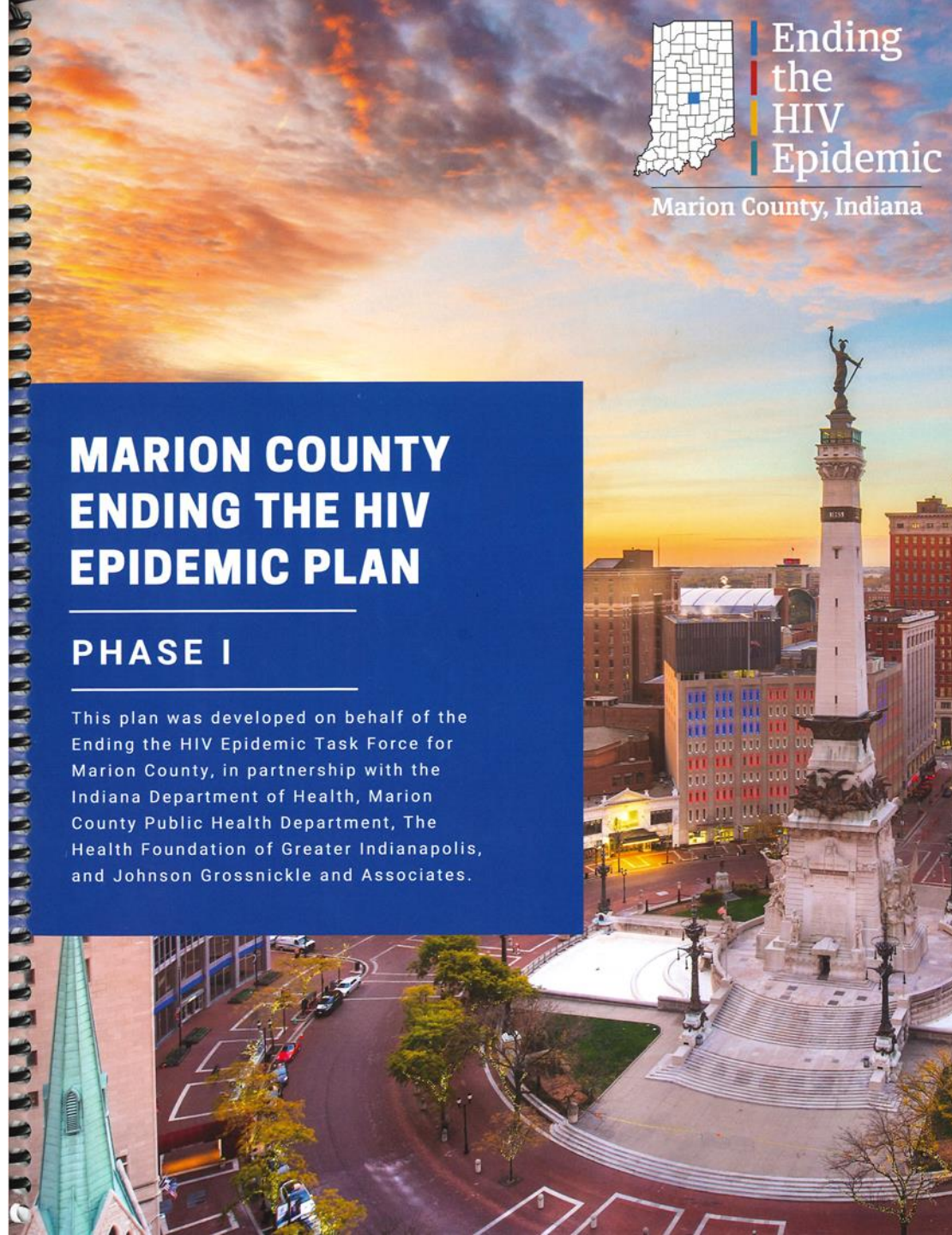
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MARION COUNTY ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC PLAN

PHASE I

This plan was developed on behalf of the Ending the HIV Epidemic Task Force for Marion County, in partnership with the Indiana Department of Health, Marion County Public Health Department, The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis, and Johnson Grossnickle and Associates.





Our local Plan is aligned with the Federal goal:

*Reduce new HIV infections by 75% by 2025

*and by at least 90% by 2030

That means an estimated 2,000 new HIV cases averted in Marion County during the coming decade

RACE MATTERS IN THE HIV RESPONSE

- The burden of HIV is carried disproportionately by people of color in patterns that are linked to larger social, economic, legal, and health disparities.
 - Black/African Americans
 - Latinx/Hispanic
- Although much progress has been made over the forty years of HIV, we must closely examine the data to ensure equity in access and health outcomes and to identify & address barriers.
- The Marion County EHE Plan integrates a commitment to equity and justice throughout its stated values, priorities, and strategies.



- The EHE Task Force began to meet summer of 2021
 - Charge is:
 - Highlight successes and best practices in ending the epidemic
 - Strategize on directing/redirecting efforts to impact priority populations
 - Engage communities disproportionately impacted by HIV
 - Ensure that the principles of health equity and social justice are incorporated into the implementation process
 - Grow community partnerships to facilitate deeper understanding of the issues and an investment in ending the epidemic



NEW PARTNERSHIPS, MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES

- Build Task Force on Authentic & Meaningful Community Engagement, Create Many Different Opportunities to Contribute & to Be Involved
- Go Out into the Community
 - Listen to Priority Populations Leaders
 - Build Sustainable Relationships
 - Dialogue in Partnership towards Solutions to Reach our EHE Goals



- Always Have Lived-Experience Experts, People Living with HIV/HCV at the Table and in Leadership Roles, Support this Involvement
- Seek out New Partnerships with Community Organizations
 - Especially those Addressing Inequities
 - & Other Social Determinants of Health
- We launched the Marion County Ending the HIV Epidemic Task Force website at <https://marionplan.org/>



- Posting meeting recordings and materials for the public
- Task Force currently meets monthly
- The full Plan can be found there

You can contact us at endingHIVtogether@marionhealth.org



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ENDING HIV TOGETHER

<https://endinghivtogether.org/>



- Funding from HRSA addresses Pillar 2, Treat and 4, Respond:
 - Engagement Liaisons to find out of care & newly diagnosed
 - Link to care, support toward viral suppression
 - Outreach services to provide testing, engagement, and linkage
 - MSM, Latinx, transgender, commercial sex workers, youth
 - MSM outreach project
 - Ball community
 - Rapid start ART project
 - Medication adherence and care engagement program
 - With psych-social support component
 - Collaborate with Bell Flower clinic & IDOH on respond



- Funding from CDC allows us to work under all 4 Pillars
 - Diagnose, Treat, Prevent & Respond
 - Health Education to high-risk women, youth and other minorities
 - Work with religious and faith communities
 - Education and prevention among traditional black institutions
 - Governing body for black Greek-lettered organizations
 - Faith based organizations
 - House/Ball Pageant communities
 - Safe Syringe Services and Harm Reduction
 - Rapid Start ART



- HIV Testing Programs
- Faith Initiative
 - Engaging faith organizations to speak about HIV from pulpits and provide Health Education to congregants
- Health education to Latinx community
 - Testing and prevention services
- Health education to Black community
 - Reduce stigma
 - Testing and prevention services

- Health education to highly impacted geographic locations
 - Focus on transgender, youth, community of color, Substance Use
- Social Determinants of Health Project
- Education, prevention and awareness in the Latino population



Questions & Comments