



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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St. Joseph County Department of Health

"To promote health and wellness with compassion and integrity through partnerships, education, protection, and advocacy for all who reside in and visit St. Joseph County"

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Public Notice

The St. Joseph County Department of Health will be hosting one workshop for community partners who are interested in applying for Health First Indiana funds. The workshop will be held on **Monday, August 12, 2024, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** at Howard Park Community meeting room (RSVP required). Participants will learn about which core services the department is seeking proposals for and the process for applying for available grants.

Core public health services and their corresponding key performance indicators (KPIs) are listed below:

- **Tobacco and Vaping Prevention and Cessation:**
 - Organizations that through a tobacco prevention and cessation coalition have a comprehensive program to address youth tobacco and addictive nicotine prevention.
- **School Health Liaison:**
 - Organizations partnering with schools, based on community need, to implement wellness policies and comprehensive strategies to promote student health.
- **Chronic Disease Prevention:**
 - Organizations that through a health community coalition have a comprehensive, evidence-based program to address obesity and obesity-related disease prevention.
- **Lead Case Management and Risk Assessment:**
 - Organizations with access to a trained or licensed case manager and risk assessor in the county and offering weekly lead testing at a location in the county.
- **Immunizations:**
 - Organizations that can vaccinate all individuals at time of service regardless of insurance status.
 - Organizations with extended vaccination hours beyond routine business hours to meet the needs of the community/jurisdiction through the LHD or community partners.
- **Trauma and Injury Prevention:**

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- Organizations that identified a leading cause of injury and/or harm in their community and implemented a comprehensive, evidence-based program or activity for prevention.
- **Access to and Linkage to Clinical Care:**
 - Organizations providing accessible clinical services such as those related to communicable diseases, to meet the needs of the community.
 - Organizations engaging with the local and state health delivery system to address gaps and barriers to health services and connect the population to needed health and social services that support the whole person, including preventative and mental health services.
- **Infectious Disease Prevention and Control:**
 - Organizations that initiated a public health investigation within 24 hours for 95% of the immediately reportable conditions reported to them and within 2 business days for 85% of non-immediately reportable conditions reported to them.
 - Organizations that provide STI testing and treatment.
- **Maternal and Child Health:**
 - Organizations with documented processes to refer families to needed services including contraceptive care, WIC, home visiting, prenatal care, substance use disorder treatment, and insurance navigation.
 - Organizations that identified an opportunity to improve birth outcomes and implemented an evidence-based or promising program or activity to improve that birth outcome.

For those interested, the LOI will be posted on August 5th, but submissions will not begin until August 13th following the Community Information Session on August 12th. Please visit <https://www.in.gov/localhealth/stjosephcounty/health-first-indiana/> for more information.

Interested organizations must register to attend at <https://hthredcap.sjcindiana.com/redcap/surveys/?s=77W9KR3T9JKEJXRM> by August 9, 2024. The workshop will be held on **Monday, August 12, 2024, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** at Howard Park Community meeting room (219 South Saint Louis Blvd, South Bend, IN 46617).

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