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## Board Prospectus

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### Organization

#### **Drug Free Marion County**

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### Purpose of the Organization

**Mission:** Drug-Free Marion County plans, promotes, implements and coordinates community efforts to prevent and reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among youth and adults.

**History:** Drug Free Marion County was founded in 1998. It was formed as the Local Coordinating Council (LCC) for Marion County. Drug Free Marion County was incorporated in 2000 and received its 501(c)3 status in 2001.

**Present/Future:** In its role as the LCC, Drug Free Marion County plans/coordinates, and implements prevention, treatment and criminal justice efforts to prevent and reduce drug and alcohol abuse. The organization has received several grants that have enhanced its operating capacity and have enabled it to address specific community needs.

One of the most immediate goals is to create a new and updated Comprehensive Community Plan. A second goal is to expand the coalition by developing partnerships with an increasing number of diverse community stakeholders. In this manner the influence and capacity of Drug Free Marion County can grow. A third goal is to develop more resources for the community.

### Size and Scope of the Organization

**Annual Budget:** \$265,000

*Note: The organization allocates approximately \$500,000 in funds that are passed through the agency from state government to local prevention, treatment and criminal justice direct service agencies.*



**Major revenue sources:** 100% state government

**Major expense category:** Salaries and benefits represent the largest area of expense for the organization. Since Drug Free Marion County is an administrative entity rather than a direct service organization administrative expenses (salaries, benefits, office expenses, etc) account for 100% of the expenses.

**Staff:** 3 full time; 5-10 volunteers at a time

**Office Space:** Rent office space at the Mental Health America of Greater Indianapolis

## The Programs

Even though it is not a direct service agency, the organization does implement several initiatives:

- **Development of a comprehensive plan:** This plan is Drug Free Marion County's blueprint regarding community problems and solutions associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in the areas of Prevention, Treatment and Criminal Justice.
- **A Community at Risk** publication: This publication is an annual snapshot of Alcohol, Tobacco and other drug use in Marion County. This document is available on the Drug Free Marion County website.
- **A Treatment Provider Directory:** This is a comprehensive listing of substance abuse treatment providers that includes contact information, services provided, populations served and fee schedules. It is also available on the website in a searchable format.
- **Fund Allocation:** The organization is charged with the annual allocation of approximately \$500,000 in State Drug Free Indiana funds to prevention, treatment and law enforcement initiatives. The Board of Directors reviews the proposals and makes recommendations for funding to the Criminal Justice Planning Council (CJPC).
- **Grants:** Drug Free Marion County applies for and administers grants that support prevention, treatment and criminal justice initiatives to reduce substance abuse.
- **Community Resources:** Various resources are available on the website.

## The Present Board

15-18 board members

6 meetings per year; 8:30 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month  
Some board positions designated to insure representation from various stakeholder groups (ex. City County Council rep, treatment community rep)

**Current Committees:** Board Development, Executive, Marketing, Public Relations and Finance

**Looking to the Future**

Drug Free Marion County has reached a plateau and is ready to expand in new directions. In order to successfully make this change, the organization needs to develop relationships with new partners. Many of the current board members are representing groups with designated seats on the board. While many of these board members are committed to the organization, they are not necessarily on the board because of their passion for the mission area of expertise. The organization is currently revising its by-laws and structure to better meet these goals.

**New Members Being Sought**

Board members should be from Marion County. Business leaders, especially those with expertise in the legal and financial field are needed. Board members with fundraising abilities are also requested. The current board is ethnically diverse but more females and young (25 – 35) board members would add further diversity. It is not necessary for prospective board members to have prevention and treatment procedures background.

**Responsibilities**

Attendance at meetings is required; Board Members serve on one of the five board committees; financial commitment is expected (no minimum).