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White County United Way Launching ‘United Against Opioid Abuse’ Initiative

AmeriCorps Member Sought to Support Community Coordination Efforts

Monticello IN -- White County United Way is participating in United Against Opioid Abuse, a statewide effort to gather information about each community’s resources and needs to prevent opioid abuse and to support those in recovery. The United Way will host a specially trained AmeriCorps member who will coordinate a local landscape scan about the extent of the opioid issue locally, and help document what efforts are currently in place to combat the problem. Results will include a local asset map that will assist local anti-drug coalitions prioritize needed areas for collaboration or highlight needs for additional programs and services.

“White County United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every individual in the community,” said Executive Director Nicole Jenkinson. “In our Community Conversations with people across all walks of life, we’re hearing that the opioid issue is a major concern. We wanted to get involved to mobilize the community to help our neighbors whose lives are affected by this very difficult problem.”

Indiana deaths due to opioid overdose and poisoning now outnumber deaths from car accidents. As of 2014, Indiana became 15th nationwide for drug overdose fatalities, according to the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation. *United Against Opioid Abuse* is a three-year Federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service under a new opportunity, Healthy Futures: Reducing and/or Preventing Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse. The statewide project is administered by Indiana United Ways with support from Serve Indiana, a division of the Department of Workforce Development.

White County United Way is seeking applicants for persons with the skills and interest to serve the community for a year in AmeriCorps, a branch of National Service. AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance, health insurance, a Segal Education Award, and other benefits. Extensive professional development is provided. Please contact Nicole Jenkinson at whitecountyunitedway@gmail.com or 574-583-6544 for additional information, or find application materials online at www.whitecountyunitedway.org. Applications due July 6, 2018.

