

PRESS RELEASE

INAUGURAL MHA OF INDIANAPOLIS FALL BREAKFAST CELEBRATES VITALITY GRANT RECIPIENTS AND ACHIEVES SUCCESSFUL DEBUT

Indianapolis, IN – Mental Health America of Indianapolis (MHA Indy) is delighted to announce the successful conclusion of our inaugural fall breakfast, which celebrated and recognized the recipients of the MHA Indy Vitality Grants for the 2023/2024 year. The event provided a unique opportunity to meet the dedicated individuals and organizations making a significant impact on behavioral health in our local community through their innovative projects and initiatives, encouraging collaboration among Indianapolis-based organizations to work towards solutions that support our communities.

The MHA Indy Vitality Grant Program, funded by ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Relief funds, focused on supporting Mental Health Systems Reform and Juvenile Justice in Marion County, Indiana. Collaboration among grassroots and larger organizations was actively encouraged to find solutions that benefit the community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Indianapolis Mayor's Office, specifically the Office of Public Health and Safety and the City-County Council, for their unwavering commitment to improving mental health and juvenile justice in Indianapolis.

Key Grant Statistics:

Total Grant Amount: \$3.9 million

Total Applications Received: 70

Total Amount Requested: \$17,649,168.10

Organizations Selected: 15 (Grassroots and Larger Entities)

6 Members of the Vitality Award Review Committee (VARC):

Awardees:

- 1 Place – \$274,200: On-site mental health staffing and programs at The Haven.
- Adult & Child – \$500,000: Staffing for a Crisis Stabilization Center.
- Cornerstone – \$281,600: Support for youth upon release.
- The Flanner House – \$499,950: Staffing for the new Morningstar African American Wellness Center.
- Focus Initiatives – \$208,517: Reentry and family support utilizing peers.
- Genesys Solutions, Inc. – \$219,644: PreVenture programming and wraparound for Indy students.
- Girls Talk – \$138,450: Empowerment and programming for female youth.
- HOPE Academy – \$281,325: In-house mental health services and middle school pilot program.
- Indiana Youth Group – \$251,029: In-house mental health staffing and programs.
- MCCOY (Marion County Commission on Youth) – \$89,700: Marion County Youth Violence Prevention Coalition.
- Mujeres Connectadas Inc. – \$143,330: Support and connection for Latina community members.
- New B.O.Y. – \$222,750: Sports programming and mentorship for youth in detention.
- The Ross Foundation – \$295,000: Alternative mental health therapies and restorative justice.
- S.L.E.D Corp. – \$279,925: Staffing and operational support for SUD/MI recovery house for men called Corey's House.
- Warren Arts and Education Foundation – \$214,500: Restorative Justice circles for youth.

Awardees are now eligible to apply for the Vitality Grant in 2024 for a two-year award to sustain their mission. Other organizations interested in applying for these grants can do so in June 2024 for the remaining available funds. We would also like to express our deep appreciation to Neurocrine Biosciences, our valued event sponsor, whose support made this celebration possible.