



Safe Haven Annual Public Report 2024

Brittany Stout, CFO

Message from the Board President



Safe Haven REC has had a productive 2024 year helping out the community and growing as an organization. What started as a vision 7 years ago has turned into a thriving community organization that has benefited hundreds of people searching for and maintaining recovery. We are proud of our accomplishments and thank the community for their unwavering support of our programming, whether that be monetary donations, volunteered time, or simply sharing our social media posts. We look forward to what 2025 brings us and the empowerment and betterment of our community, while continuing to share our own experience, strength, and hope to those looking for recovery from Substance Use Disorder.

Mike Meehan, Board President

Message from Executive Director



What a year 2024 was for Safe Haven and the people we serve! 2024 brought about incredible growth in our organization including expansion of some of our programs and creation of new programs. 2024 brought our staff up to 14 to allow expansion of our transportation program and jail hygiene program while adding new programs such as our food support program, Intensive Outpatient Services and street outreach. With growth comes challenges, and opportunities to meet those challenges. We still aim to have our men's recovery house open soon though we didn't meet the 2024 goal of finding a House Manager. Our coaches all received training and attended conferences to keep their skills up to date while helping other people in need, and our organization as a whole received great support from the community, donors, and grant makers throughout the counties we serve. We thank the community for their support and look forward to even more servant work in 2025!

Kelly Mullen, CAPRC I, Executive Director

Message from our CFO



2024 was a year of unexpected growth and changes for our organization, especially at the grant level. Safe Haven REC is a 501c non-profit organization and is run exclusively on grants and donations from the community so that we may always offer free services. 2024 brought a change in one of our major grants, allowing us the opportunity to serve more counties and more individuals while growing our organization. Other grant opportunities came in 2024 that allowed expansion of our transportation program. 2024 brought with it a realization that Safe Haven REC has a duty to ensure stable and consistent funds coming into the organization to ensure the longevity of the organization. I am particularly proud of the ability of Safe Haven REC to economically impact Orange County by hiring and maintaining 14 employees in the county, most if not all, would not have careers if not for Safe Haven. We primarily hire people in recovery and thus they may have had difficulty building a career with their criminal background charges from past use. At Safe Haven REC, we foster and cater to who they are now; not who they were. Our employees now make a living, allowing them to afford to spend money in Orange County, purchase vehicles, and purchase homes of their own.

I am forever grateful and humbled by the immense support we receive from all levels throughout our local towns, counties, and state as well as for our partners in funding through various state, private, and foundational stakeholders that make our work possible. We are excited to usher in 2025 and bring even more of the same great resources to the counties we serve.

Brittany Stout FNP-C, CFO

About Safe Haven Recovery Engagement Center

Safe Haven Recovery Engagement Center (REC) is a 501c non-profit organization in Orange County, Indiana. Founded in 2018 after the loss of Brittany's brother, Dakota, to an overdose, Safe Haven started as an information center run by volunteers. Quickly recognizing the many needs of the community, Safe Haven REC then morphed into a Recovery Community Organization (RCO). We began providing recovery coaching and other services in 2020 and became a Certified RCO through DMHA in 2023. We now serve 13 counties (9 counties in 2024) and provide a multitude of resources and support to include recovery coaching, transportation, Narcan distribution, harm reduction supplies, food support, hygiene support, community education, and celebratory recovery events. All of our services are offered free to the community always. We are completely grant and donation funded since we do not charge for any of our services.

2024 Updates

- * Expanded transportation program to Dubois County
- * Started Intensive Outpatient Services in partnership with NOW Counseling
- * Held Stakeholder meeting
- * Hosted Celebrate Orange County Recovery (with over 100 people in attendance)
- * Hosted Voices of Recovery (with over 100 people in attendance)
- * Participated in conferences throughout the year
- * Started Street Outreach program
- * Started food support program for participants
- * Renovated Orange County Jail Lobby area
- * Hosted on Student Service Day for Paoli School
- * Participated in Parades
- * Support School Resource Officer at Paoli with equipment
- * Support Paoli school nurse with funds for snacks/food for students
- * Updated towns and county councils on progress
- * Attended LCC meetings in various counties
- * Secured MOU with recovery houses in various counties to work with their clients

Grants 2024

1. Families in Action LCC (Orange County): funds to support both recovery events that were done in Orange County (1 in Paoli and 1 in Orleans). Funds covered part of the T-shirt cost for Celebrate OC Recovery which were given away for free. Funds also helped cover renting the building in Orleans and the Two Eight Ministries band coming to Voices of Recovery.
2. Lilly Endowment grant through Orange County Community Foundation (Orange County specific). Opioid Settlement money given by all towns in Orange County were used to match 1:1 for this grant plus Safe Haven put up some of their own private funds to match in 2024. This grant pays for the following services in Orange county:
 - a. Jail Renovation: we have paid for the rehab of the Lobby of the Orange County Jail, various furniture needs for the jail, as well as toilets needed for the jail.
 - b. Orange County Jail Hygiene Program: This fund pays for us to supply all inmates at Orange County Jail with hygiene bags monthly. These bags include toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pony tail holders, tampons, snacks, deodorant, shampoo, and lined paper. In particular we were able to expand to provide monthly bags to men in the jail.
 - c. Health Care support in Jail: we originally wrote this into the grant but after discussion with the Sheriff and Jail Nurse it was decided that this money could be used better in other categories and they recommended we move the money. We moved this bucket to support our harm reduction program
 - d. Literature: This fund pays for us to get literature into the Orange County Jail including AA books, 12 step books, NA books, LIFE recovery bibles.
 - e. Training: This fund pays for our Executive Director and other coaches to receive more training as needed to improve their knowledge base, leadership skills, and keep up their certification.
 - f. Software support: This fund pays for our email account which gives access to all our employees to email accounts, Microsoft 365 including Teams, Microsoft Word, Excel, etc. This is vital to the ability to network and collaborate.
 - g. Mobile Unit: This fund helps pay for supplies as needed for our Harm Reduction Mobile Unit which operates in Orange county. This buys shampoo, deodorant, tampons, pads, OTC medications, blankets, hats, gloves, sunscreen, and other needs identified as being needed for the homeless or active use population. This fund also helps pay for the gas of our extra Safe haven Vehicle which we use to transport people into IOP at Safe Haven REC.

3. Wal-Mart Grant (Orange County): For food support for our local participants in the program. We use this fund to provide dairy and meat products to supplement what we receive from the food pantry.
4. IU Community Impact Investment Fund: This fund started in 2023 and lasts through 2025. This was a joint effort private grant for Orange County between SICHC, Safe Haven, Thrive OC, and Team OC. For Safe haven this grant helped support:
 - a. Executive Director Salary
 - b. Recovery House supplies and House Manager
 - c. Various needs of the organization, such as marketing materials website cost, accounting, etc.
5. Orange County Community Foundation grant: Paid for laptop purchases for our coaches
6. Orange County Community Foundation County Commissioners grant
 - a. Food and Hygiene program support in Orange County. We spent most of this on food support as we received the Lilly grant that covered our hygiene program.
7. Opioid Match Settlement Grant DMHA: This grant is for June 2023-June 2025. We used the first round of Opioid Settlement money from the towns to put up for match for this grant. This grant was for Orange County and supported the following:
 - a. Extra transportation driver for Orange County
 - b. Harm Reduction Mobile Unit start up
 - c. 17 hours per week salary for a coach to work in OC Jail
 - d. 17 hours per week salary for a coach to work with MAT clients at SICHC
8. Support for School Resource Officer at Paoli School. We were able to help them purchase supplies needed for their outreach as well as a speaker system for them to do their pre-prom demonstration.

Transportation Grant (DMHA) Orange & Crawford counties, 2024-2026. This grant covered the start up and continuing of our transportation program for Orange and Crawford counties. It covers salaries for our drivers, vehicle maintenance, insurance, gas fund, and lease of vehicles. This allows us to offer transportation for free to those currently or previously involved in the criminal justice system.
9. IDOH Grant. This grant pays for 1 recovery coach that serves Lawrence County
10. Orange County REMC Grant. This grant covers floor repairs at our building located in Paoli
11. IRN-EDP Grant: This grant covers salaries, supplies, and marketing for two coaches to serve Washington, Dubois, and Perry counties focusing on hospital, treatment, and housing collaboration.
12. Dubois County Community Foundation (Dubois specific). This grant covered 1 year of a transportation program in Dubois County. This allowed us to hire 2 drivers, purchase a vehicle, insurance, gas fund, and maintenance fund for a transport team in Dubois County, replicating what we have already been doing in Orange and Crawford Counties.

13. Dubois ARC (Dubois specific): Oil changes/maintenance support for the Dubois transport program
14. Peer expansion Grant DMHA State grant, 2024-2026. This grant allows us to hire 1 part time coach and 3 full time coaches to work in any community we choose. Part time and 1 full time position are filled and we have 2 open positions under this grant.
15. Regional Recovery Hub Grant DMHA. This grant put us on the map as a Regional Recovery Hub for the state of Indiana and expanded our reach and resources to cover 9 southern Indiana counties. Towards the end of 2024, the state of Indiana shifted how this grant operated and decided to directly contract with the hubs instead of with one organization that subcontracted to the hubs. Starting in 2025, this grant will expand us to a total of 13 counties and allows us to hire four more coaches to help cover those counties. Administrative monies from this grant helps pay for our administrative team and some support for office supplies and utilities.

Data 2024

DOC REFERRALS

We are able to receive DOC referrals from all 9 counties we serve.

WASHINGTON COUNTY: 74

MARTIN COUNTY: 40

ORANGE COUNTY: 32

CRAWFORD COUNTY: 12

STATE DOC: 4

PERRY COUNTY: 1

DUBOIS COUNTY: 1

PIKE COUNTY: 0

DAVIESS COUNTY: 0

Harm Reduction Mobile Unit (HRMU)

Our HRMU served in Orange & occasionally Crawford counties in 2024, setting up in various spots throughout the towns and offering supplies such hats, gloves, bottled water, snacks, and the following which are monitored:

Narcan Dispensed: 842

Fentanyl Test Strips: 1082

Xylazine test strips: 214

Referrals given: 28

Hygiene bags: 198

Interactions: 1013

Group Interactions

Group interactions includes how many people attended group in 2024. This is not a unique number. One person could be counted multiple times.

800 people served.

Jail Hygiene Program

Our Jail Hygiene program serves all men and women in Orange County Jail by providing them with a bag once monthly containing shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, lined paper for writing, tampons, snacks, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

Women: 126

Men: 231

Transportation Program

This program is open to Orange, Crawford, and Dubois counties through various grant funds. We offer free rides to anybody currently or previously involved in the criminal justice system.

Orange County Rides: 2,464

Washington County rides: 7

Martin county rides: 125

Crawford County rides: 29

Lawrence County Rides: 2

Dubois county rides: 217

Daviess county rides: 1

Sullivan county rides: 1

Knox county rides: 1

NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION

2,612 doses distributed. This includes direct distribution to other organizations such as sober living homes and police departments as well as 13 NaloxBoxes that we monitor and stock. We monitor boxes in Crawford, Perry, Pike, and Orange counties. The following are our Orange County numbers, where we monitor 7 Naloxboxes

Safe Haven Box: 141 doses

IU Paoli box: 150 doses

Orange County Jail box: 91 doses

Orleans Laundry mat box: 37

Hands of Grace Box: 21

Grace Haven box: 17

Pluto Corporation boxes: 11

Recovery Coaching Program

Our free recovery coaching program provides mentorship with a certified recovery coach with weekly 1 hour sessions and continued support to build their recovery capital and get their lives back. Coaches not only provide mentorship but help remove barriers to participant's continued success such as assisting with further treatment needs, medical insurance, housing, food, and more. Individuals involved in our coach program also have access to a food support program where we can provide them free food for them and their families when they need it. In total, we served 837 individuals throughout 2024. This is NOT unique individuals. Some individuals were served for multiple months. Unique individuals served was 193. The following is a breakdown of those 193 by county of residence. You will notice some counties of residence that we do not serve. These individuals were either dealing with DOC in a county we served or they were referred to the appropriate hub covering their county after we did their intake.

Orange: 57

Crawford: 8

Daviess: 5

Dubois: 10

Harrison: 1

Washington: 3

Jefferson: 1

Lawrence: 7

Martin: 28

Monroe: 2

Perry: 1

Scott: 2

Vanderburgh: 1

Vigo: 1

Washington: 52

Wayne: 1

Unknown/unlisted: 21

Financials

Safe Haven REC is a 501c non-profit and thus required to post our annual tax statements online. Our Form 990 is available at propublica.org as well as upon request at safehavenrec@gmail.com

Looking Ahead

We have some fantastic data and growth for 2024, but what's ahead in 2025? With our new Regional Recovery Hub grant, we are expanding our reach to a total of 13 counties to include Lawrence, Orange, Crawford, Dubois, Daviess, Pike, Martin, Perry, Spencer, Warrick, Vanderburgh, Gibson, and Posey. This will require us to place a satellite office in Evansville to serve those more southwest counties. This expansion allows us to hire 5 more recovery coaches to serve all these counties.

We also will be hiring a groups coach that will host a variety of peer support meetings such as SMART recovery, Lifeskills classes, and 12 step support meetings.

2025 will hopefully bring us the opening of our men's recovery home if we can find that special someone to help manage the house.

2025 will bring celebratory recovery events back to Orange County to include our Celebrate Orange County Recovery event and Voices of Recovery event. We aim to expand Voices of Recovery to Pike county this year as well as a fundraiser option to provide more resources to that county, with the long term goal of doing a Voices of Recovery fundraiser in every county we serve!

Above all, we aim to continue to bring excellent resources and our own experience, strength, and hope to the communities we serve that recovery IS possible!!

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