

## Countermeasure Fees

The Drug Free Communities funds are collected from local dollars through the following offender fees:

- ♦ A drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction, and correction fee of at least \$200 and not more than \$1,000 assessed against a person convicted of drug offense. Those would include dealing, manufacturing, and/or possessing.
- ♦ An alcohol and drug counter measures fee of \$200 assessed from any alcohol-related driving offense, including driving under the influence, violations of probationary licenses, or violations of ignition interlock devices.

## Distribution of Fund

The Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana has designated a Local Coordinating Council (LCC) in every county within the state. These LCCs are responsible for overseeing the allocations of the Drug Free Communities Fund. At least 25% of the funds must go towards each of the following areas: prevention/education, criminal justice, and intervention/treatment.

## Who is involved with the Vermillion County Local Coordinating Council?

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Concerned Citizens  
Hamilton Center  
North Vermillion Schools  
Probation Department  
South Vermillion Schools  
Vermillion Tobacco Coalition  
Vermillion County Prosecutor  
Vermillion County Sheriff's Department

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

-Margaret Mead

## Vermillion County Local Coordinating Council

*The mission of the Local Coordinating Council for a Drug-Free Vermillion County is to reduce the prevalence of problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and problem gambling. The healthy development of our citizens is being threatened by the problems and challenges of ATOD use and problem gambling in today's culture. It is our mission to promote healthy lifestyle patterns among Vermillion County residents and to make a positive difference in the area of ATOD issues.*



*Local Coordinating Council of the  
Governor's Commission for a  
Drug-Free Indiana*

Do you believe focusing on the effects of substance abuse and drug-related crimes is vital to improving the quality of life for Vermillion County?

The Vermillion County Local Coordinating Council (LCC) was established in 1989 in response to the creation of the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana. The LCC allows Vermillion County residents to address important issues that affect quality of life here. The LCC empowers and mobilizes citizens to have a say in local efforts to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug problems. The LCC minimizes duplication of efforts so that time is efficiently spent addressing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues. The LCC is a network of individuals, groups, and organizations responsible for :

- Developing a comprehensive community plan
- Awarding grants addressing ATOD issues in Vermillion County in the areas of prevention, judicial and treatment.

To find out more about the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana go to [www.in.gov/cji/drugfree](http://www.in.gov/cji/drugfree).

## Problems Being Addressed by LCC

- ↪ Youth and adult substance abuse continues at an unacceptable rate in Vermillion County.
- ↪ Substance abuse treatment services are not well coordinated nor utilized effectively within Vermillion County.
- ↪ The powerful addiction to nicotine products has caused serious health and economic problems within Vermillion County.

All citizens of all ages are welcome to join our meetings!

The LCC meets the first Thursday of the month 12:00 p.m. at Vermillion County Courthouse

*The negative effects are everywhere.*

*Alcohol and drug abuse costs the American economy an estimated \$276 billion per year in lost productivity, health care expenditures, crime, motor vehicle crashes and other conditions.*

*~ National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence*

## Vermillion County Local Coordinating Council/ Membership Form

If you want to join the mailing list, please fill out this form. This information is used only by the LCC to add you to the membership list. PLEASE PRINT.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Agency You Represent \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all areas that apply to you. \_\_\_\_\_ I want to attend meetings.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I want to receive notice of meetings.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I want to receive meeting minutes.

PLEASE RETURN TO:  
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