



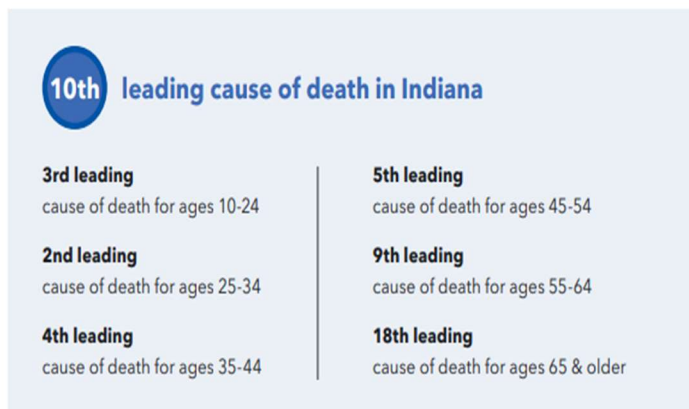
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Erin's Purpose May/June 2021 Newsletter

In a conversation about depression, anxiety, self-harm and suicide attempts that I was having with someone recently, they commented to me, "so, self-harm is not just a fad..." And my answer is "No".

In 2020, the Indiana Youth Institute reported that the percentage of Hoosier middle and high school students who considered attempting suicide ranged from a low of 11.8% (or 1 in 9 sixth grade students) to a high of 19.3% (or 1 in 5 tenth grade students).

Below, you will see Indiana's data for 2020. This information is provided by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



Suicide Death Rates

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Indiana	972	14.20	36
Nationally	47,511	13.93	

See full list of citations at afsp.org/statistics.

68.0% of communities did not have enough mental health providers to serve residents in 2020, according to federal guidelines.

Over four times as many people died by suicide in 2019 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.

The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of 19,812 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.

59.50% of firearm deaths were suicides.

58.64% of all suicides were by firearms.

I am working on gathering data from the Greene County Sheriff's office to find out how many suicide related phone calls the Sheriff's Office has received this year.



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- 2 licensed counseling referrals
- Continued life coaching and training.
- We still have counseling going in the house as well as a couple small groups that utilize the house to meet weekly
- We have our large gathering room finished and we are close to painting the remaining rooms (minus the kitchen) on the main level of the floor and installing flooring. At that point we will begin our weekly community group (details in the newsletter!)
- Another meeting with a gentleman who attends a church in Jasper that is a Christian Counselor area to discuss collaborating and possible help with counseling.
- Phone call with Indiana Senator Eric Bassler to gain support for Erin's Purpose and to discuss mental health and suicide prevention. The phone call was great – he and I have spoken on several occasions after Erin passed. We will be setting up a time for him to visit the house.
- Set up for the Madi's Day of Hope in Linton where we were able to provide materials surrounding mental health and devotions. It was a great turnout for their first year!
- For Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, we met with people and businesses in the community to showcase some different ways we can promote healthy minds. It was a great week!
- We were able to provide our first annual Erin's Birthday Scholarships. This year the scholarships were awarded to Ilana Horning (\$1,000.00) and Lauren Nichols (\$500.00). We had 11 applicants. We had an outside source accept the applications, replaced the names with numbers and then submit them to us so that we did not know who applied.
- We were able to provide playground games for Bloomfield Elementary to assist during recesses due to construction.
- We were able to donate prizes for the Bloomfield Elementary Character Awards Banquet.
- We donated a camping gift basket for the Bloomfield Jr/Sr High School band to raffle off for their fundraiser.
- We met with the kids at the Bloomfield First Christian Church VBS to briefly discuss Erin's Purpose. We were blessed to be their chosen recipient for their offering during the week of VBS.
- We were able to offer the use of the house for the Bloomfield Junior Class to use for their prom fundraiser.



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We have some exciting things in store coming up. Part of the vision I was given was to offer a place where people can come learn and grow as individuals but also grow as a community. A lot of people who reach out to me feel lost, feel like they don't belong and feel like they aren't good enough. I have felt that way myself and I have learned that the best way for me to pull myself out of that pit is to surround myself with others; to overflow my life with people who I love, want to get to know, who want to help others and who I can learn from. My hope is that Overflow can provide this for people in our communities and beyond. Overflow is a place where people can come learn, grow and serve in the community. It's a place where if you need someone to talk to, someone will be here. A place where we will serve others, learn about Jesus and then go out to be a light in a sometimes-dark world. I have no idea where Overflow will take us, but I know it's gonna be good!



We have something for all ages!

Grades 1-3: Jessica Lauderdale

Grades 4-6: Audrey Taylor and Blake Meese

Grades 7-12: Terri Neighbors and Keith Taflinger

Adults: Leroy Barnhill

Babysitting will be available for younger ages.



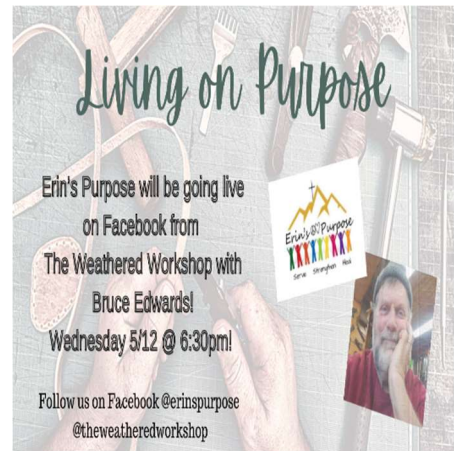
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May and June in Pictures!



Bloomfield Elementary School
May 10 - 📸
Thank you to Erin's Purpose for sponsoring these fun prizes for the Character Counts End of the Year Bash!

Bloomfield Elementary School
Mar 29 - 📸
Thank you to Erin's Purpose and fellow community members for our new recess supplies!





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Erin's Birthday Scholarship Fundraiser!

In memory of Erin's birthday on July 14th, we will be celebrating by raising funds for the class of 2022 Scholarship!

How can you help us celebrate?

Between now and July 14th, send a birthday card along with your donation to:
Erin's Purpose
P.O. Box 555
Bloomfield, IN. 47424

On July 14th, we will be placing all of your Birthday Cards in a drawing! The winner will receive a birthday present of their own in honor of Erin's Birthday!!

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Ways to Donate:

Mail: Checks to Erin's Purpose
PO Box 555, Bloomfield, IN 47424

Cashapp: Using the Cashtag
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Paypal: Send your payments to
Cris Floyd at
cahfloyd@hotmail.com

Thank You!



Registered Team
Erins Purpose
Captain: Terri Neighbors

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"Only in Indiana LLC Capture Your Fitness 5K Run/Walk"
www.RaderMediaLLC.Com to sign up!

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**Official Registered Teams benefit based on
registrations received by 8/7/2021. Here is the
breakdown:**

- 10 member teams receive 10% of team registration fees
- 20 member teams receive 20% of team registration fees
- 30 member teams receive 30% of team registration fees
- 40 member teams receive 40% of team registration fees
- 50 member teams receive 50% of team registration fees
- 60 member teams receive 60% of team registration fees
- 70 member teams receive 70% of team registration fees
- 80 member teams receive 80% of team registration fees
- 90 member teams receive 90% of team registration fees
- 100 member team receive 100% of team registration fees