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## Dedication

This seventh edition of the PREV-STAT GIS in Prevention County Profiles is dedicated to all the men and women, mainly graduate students, who have contributed to the work of the PREV-STAT Service since its inception.

As a component of the Department of Applied Health Science, the IPRC seeks to support the development of future public health professionals. The IPRC seeks to provide opportunities for Applied Health Science graduate students and others to gain experience in team work and in a variety of skills related to the use of data and GIS software. We seek to develop leadership skills and skills in cooperation through teamwork, which will improve quality of life in and outside of the work setting. We seek to develop skills in the use of GIS software, in the location and evaluation of data sources, and in methods for translating raw data into meaningful forms (e.g., thematic maps, rates and ranks).

We hope their experience at the IPRC will help Data Team participants to achieve more successful and meaningful lives.

## BACKGROUND

This is the seventh edition, Series 7, of the IPRC PREV-STAT Service *GIS in Prevention County Profiles*. You can retrieve information for your county and all other Indiana counties with, in almost every case, comparable stats for the state and nation. Tables and maps are stored in an underlying database for easy retrieval.

This edition includes several enhancements. The path from entry to data and maps is shorter, saving you time. References to additional complementary resources appear throughout to inform you about their existence and make them easy to access. To help you learn more about each variable, we have added included information about the data comes from and why it is important, contextual information about the consequences of alcohol and drug use that are emphasized by SAMHSA and CSAP are highlighted. Links to articles and other publications have been introduced.

Besides providing data, this publication serves a training function. It introduces the IPRC PREV-STAT Service. It familiarizes users with the types of data -- variables, demographics and key risk and protective factors – and ways to interpret them for assessment, planning, fund-raising, and evaluation. It promotes the goals of the *Imagine Indiana Together Framework* and the *Strategic Prevention Framework*, encouraging capacity building, infrastructure development, and understanding of how data can be applied to prevention.