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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LTC INFECTION PREVENTION PROGRAM

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DISTRICT 2 INFECTION
PREVENTIONIST

2/28/23

OUR MISSION:

**To promote, protect, and improve
the health and safety of all Hoosiers.**

OUR VISION:

**Every Hoosier reaches optimal health
regardless of where they live, learn,
work, or play.**



How we came to be

- The COVID-19 pandemic showcased the need for infection prevention
- CDC issued a multi-million grant to the then-Indiana State Department of Health (now IDOH)
- Jennifer Spivey hired 11 infection preventionists
- Positive outcomes led to grant extensions

Our team

- A total of 10 district IPs (including Janene - interim program manager)
 - Nine RNs
 - One MPH
- One infection prevention epidemiologist
- District 9 is vacant
- Diverse backgrounds

Our districts

District 1 – 65 LTC facilities

Janene Gumz-Pulaski, RN – CIC Assistant Program Manager IP
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District 2 – 71 LTC facilities

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District 3 – 73 LTC facilities

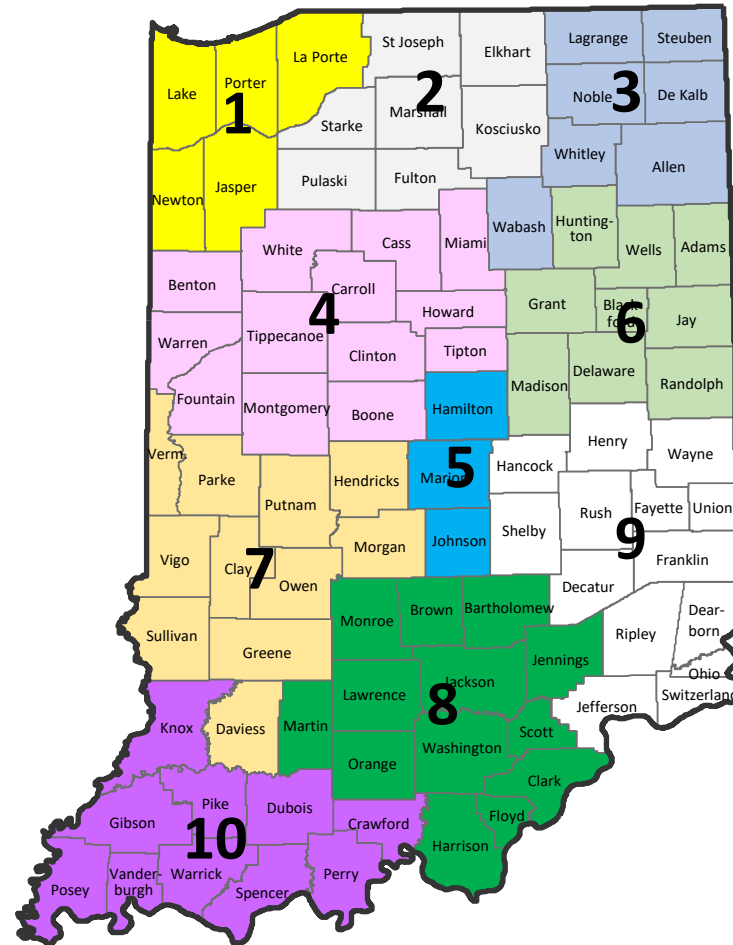
Pam Bennett, RN
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District 4 – 67 LTC facilities

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District 5 – 126 shared facilities (64/63 split LTC facilities)

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District 6 – 69 LTC facilities

Tanya Canales, RN
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District 7 – 62 LTC facilities

Sara Reese, RN
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District 8 – 73 LTC facilities

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District 9 – 68 LTC facilities

Position open, contact D1 Assistant Manager

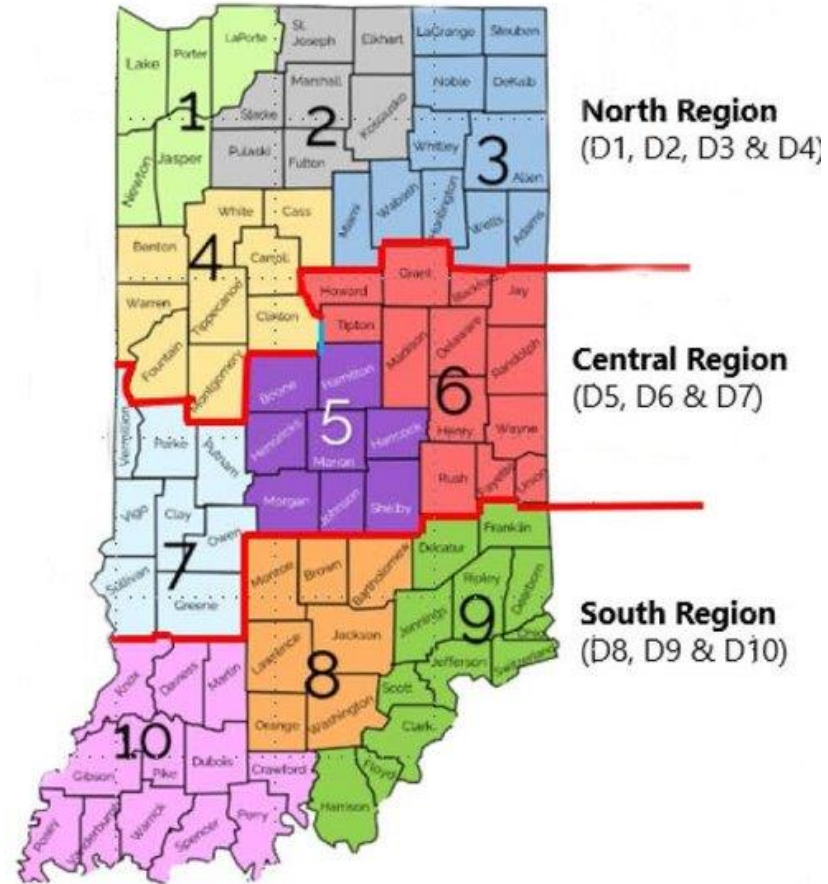
District 10 – 64 facilities

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738 LTC facilities in total

Restructured map

- North= Janene, Victor, Pam, Angela
- Central= Sara, Deanna, Jason, Tanya
- South= Mary E. , Jennifer B. , Open D9



What we do

- Onsite infection control program assessments (ICARs)
 - Identify gaps in infection control practices and procedures
 - Offer recommendations for best practices
 - Follow up to ensure recommendations are implemented
 - Serve as subject matter experts for general infection prevention and control practices
 - Provide infection control education to facilities

ICARs assess the entire infection control program

What we do

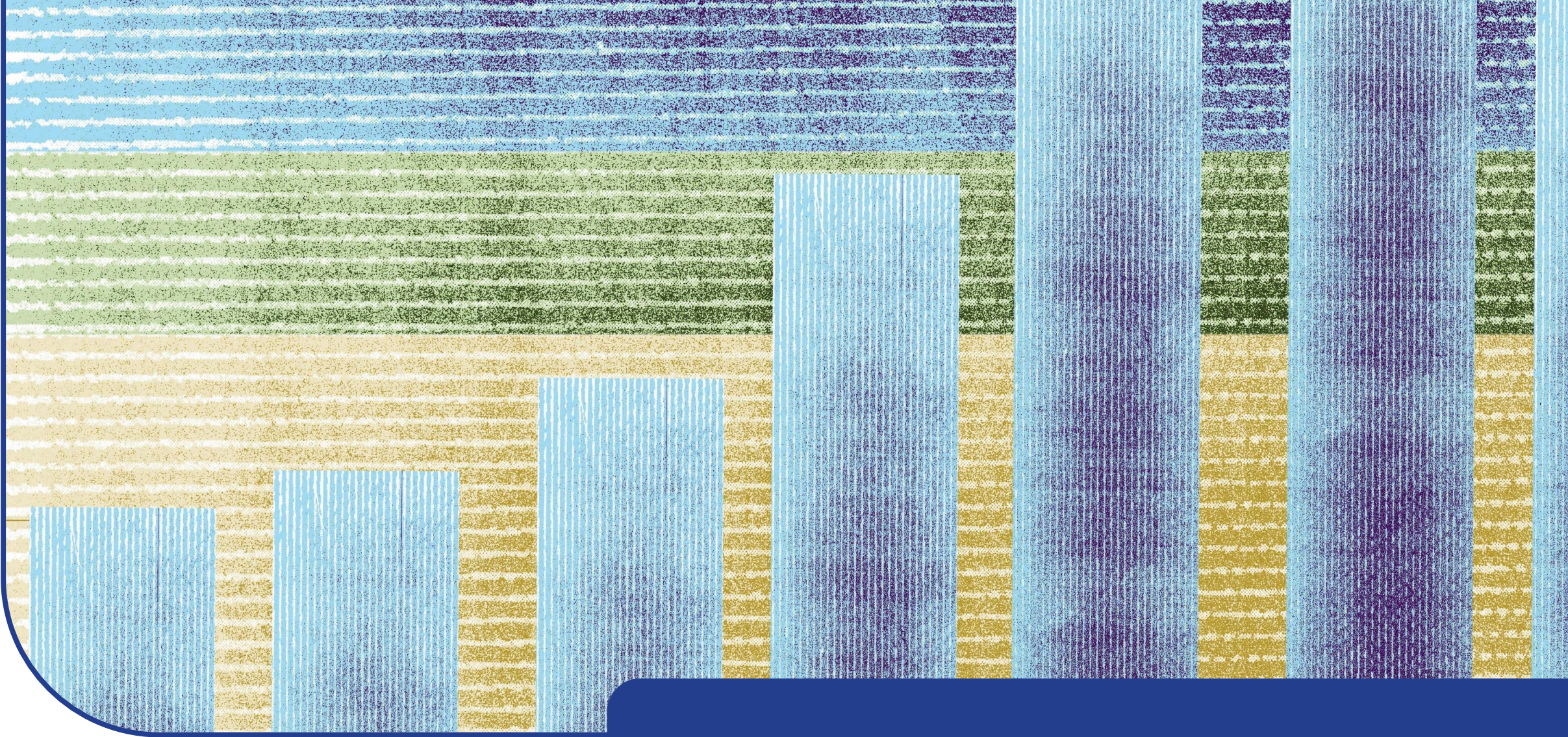
- Outbreak response and mitigation (ORT)
 - Focused on the specific outbreak
 - Mitigation efforts to reduce the spread
 - Assist the IDOH LTC strike team with focused assessments
- Perform duties to assist HAI/AR teams with infection prevention in facilities
 - Environmental cleaning
 - Wound care audits
 - Hand hygiene/PPE audits
 - Adenosine triphosphate (ATP) testing

ORTs are focused on COVID-19 outbreaks.

Facilities we serve

- Long-term care
- Long-term acute care
- Acute care
- Assisted living
- Memory care
- Dialysis centers
- Wound care centers

Any congregational settings as directed.



The numbers



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Assessments completed through October 2022

INDIANA IP DISTRICTS - SUMMARY 2020 - 2022			
District	Prevention-based Assessments (ICAR)	Outbreak-based Assessments (ORT)	Total Prevention-based (ICAR) & Outbreak-based (ORT) Assessments
1	196	210	406
2	183	116	299
3	169	115	284
4	166	132	298
5	287	272	559
6	114	161	275
7	149	142	291
8	107	176	283
9	93	138	231
10	142	178	320
	1606	1640	3246

1,606 proactive assessments
 1,640 reactive assessments = 3,246 total assessments as of Oct. 31, 2022



Future projects

- Dialysis center ICARs
- Acute care ICARs
- Dental facilities
- Outpatient facilities

We have collaborated with the HAI team to perform acute care ICARs in the past

Remember...

THE ONLY INFECTION THAT MATTERS
TO YOUR PATIENT IS THEIRS!

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One of Jennifer
Spivey's favorite
quotes!

Questions?

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