

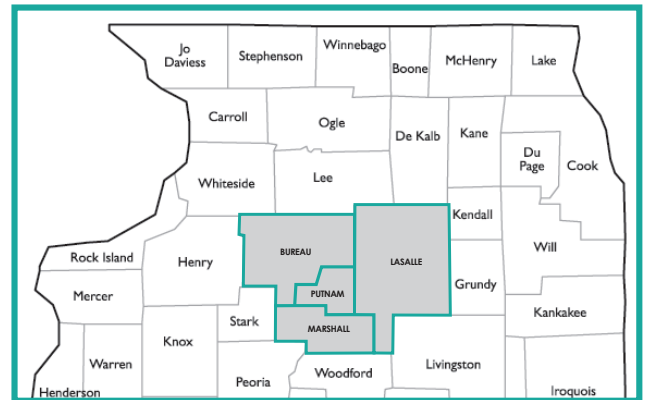
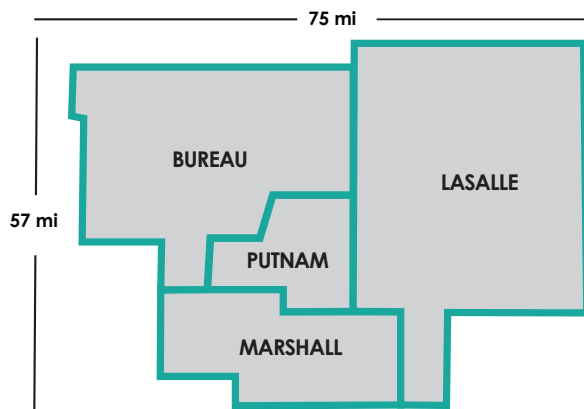
C5 RURAL

C5-Rural brings together community-based agencies across 4 counties to **develop integrative resource sharing and care strategies** that bridge gaps in youth substance use and mental health prevention, treatment and recovery in new and innovative ways.

C5-Rural activities and personnel are financially supported by the **Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program**, facilitated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This program “is the nation’s leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use.”

C5-Rural operates as a **DFC community coalition**, which brings together 12 community sectors including:

- **Youth**
- **Parents**
- **Business**
- **Media**
- **School**
- **Youth-serving organizations**
- **Law enforcement**
- **Religious or fraternal organizations**
- **Civic or volunteer groups**
- **Healthcare professional or organizations**
- **State, local, and tribal government agencies**
- **Other local organizations involved in reducing substance use**



Together, the coalition is working collaboratively to address alcohol, marijuana, and opioid use among youth in the community. Activities to meet the goal of reducing youth substance use include:

- **Educating all sectors of the community on issues related to youth mental health and substance use**
- **Equipping individuals to address substance use in their communities**
- **Identifying agencies and resources that support teens engaged in substance use**
- **Organizing and sharing information about alternative activities and resources available to youth**
- **Developing policy briefs to share with government officials**

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Join our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 11am-12pm at the Peru Police Department.