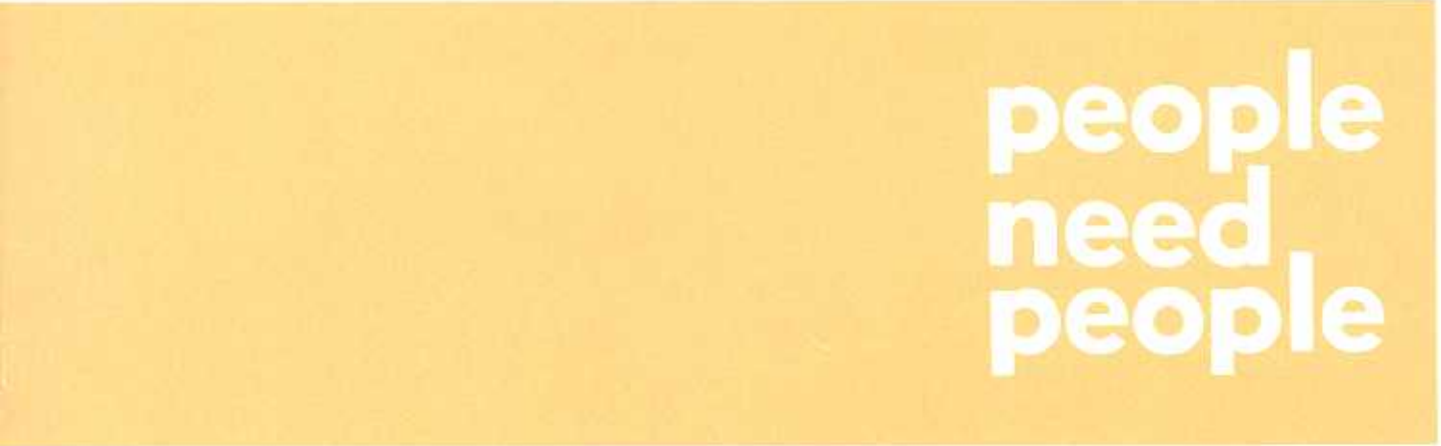


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department of public health -1970

this is the CCDPH

It is a combination of services and programs designed to prevent disease, prolong life, and improve the health of the public. It is a human operation that touches directly on the lives of people.

Its services include infant care, maternal and child health, public health nursing, public health education, dental health, nutrition, communicable disease control, chronic illness and aging, and sanitary engineering.

It serves close to 2,000,000 people in an area of 735 square miles, including some 123 municipalities; a booming complex of cities, towns, villages, unincorporated communities and more or less isolated homes.

Its operations are paid for largely by taxes, not earmarked for public health, out of the corporate fund of Cook County, supplemented by a grant from state-federal funds.

Its personnel are a unique combination of community health specialists who perform as a team to integrate their knowledge and skills for a broader understanding of human health problems . . . physicians, dentists, nurses, sanitary engineers, sanitarians, nutritionists, physical therapists, public health educators, vision and hearing screening technicians and clerical staff.

It is one of the only active health service agencies that crosses township and community boundaries, and is a vehicle through which comprehensive health planning can be achieved.

Its efforts to fulfill its obligations involve the Department in a continuing series of relationships with almost all of the groups, institutions and agencies which make up Cook County.

It is, finally, a Department striving to provide a high quality of public health service to an ever expanding population whose urgent needs and increased demands for health service are a constant challenge.

rubella

A rubella immunization campaign held in suburban Cook County during 1970 immunized over 150,000 children.

Rubella (German or three-day measles), while a mild disease in children, can cause serious defects in unborn infants. When a woman in early pregnancy catches rubella her child may be born with heart disease, blindness, deafness or mental retardation.

Cooperating in the program were the National Foundation, Metropolitan Chicago Chapter, and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Hundreds of physicians, nurses, school officials and other volunteers from many agencies joined forces to assure the success of the immunization program.



George Dunne, President, Cook County Board of Health, announces the kick-off of the rubella immunization program.

This won't hurt a bit!





nursing care in the home

*The bed bath as a part of
total patient care.*



*Physical therapist checks
the child's progress.*



*Nursing staff discuss innovative techniques for
broadening community health services.*

In 1970 a public health nurse coordinator was added to the staff. In planning with the nineteen hospitals in suburban Cook County, she will be working to establish continuing services for the care of the patient after discharge from the hospital. It is expected this program in the future will be developed to include extended care facilities, nursing homes, and other institutions.

The chronically ill, the physically handicapped, and those recuperating from an acute illness will benefit from the Department's home nursing care services. Under the supervision of the private physician, the public health nurse provides nursing care after hospitalization. The nurse works with families of patients having a chronic illness by reinforcing the physician's orders and teaching care of the patient in the home. Dressings and catheters are changed, wounds irrigated, oxygen therapy supervised; injections, bed baths and physical therapy supervision is given.

Stroke patient is guided in her physical therapy routine by the public health nurse.



St. Alexis Hospital



St. Alexis Hospital

Effective home care planning does not just happen. It requires careful evaluation of the patient's progress on the part of the physician, hospital nursing staff, hospital social service and public health nurse to determine when discharge should occur. A carefully developed plan for home nursing care should be started before the patient is discharged from the hospital. Effective planning leads to a smooth transition from the hospital to the home, as well as a more secure feeling on the part of the patient and the family.

Nursing care in the home is available to all citizens of suburban Cook County, regardless of age. Although many patients are in the older age group, services are given to persons ranging from infancy through the golden years. Patients are referred by private physicians, social service agencies, hospitals, friends, neighbors, as well as a direct request from the family. No bedside nursing service can be provided unless prescribed by the patient's physician.

The Home Nursing Care program at St. Alexis Hospital, Elk Grove, developed in cooperation with the North District of the Health Department, began on July 1, 1970 after months of intensive planning. It was presented first to the medical staff of the hospital, then the entire nursing staff. The department heads of the hospital were oriented to the concept of nursing care in the home and the role it plays in the patient's progress.

venereal disease control

Today VD is the No. 1 reportable communicable disease, and is increasing at an alarming rate. More cases of syphilis and gonorrhea were reported in the last year than all other communicable diseases combined. The multifaceted attack on these diseases by the Department involves treatment, epidemiology and education.

Expanded educational activities have been directed toward teenagers, student groups and youth organizations. Educational materials have been developed to assist teachers in curriculum planning, and are available through the Department's district offices. Seminars defining the VD problem and outlining treatment facilities were conducted for Junior Colleges. A wallet card was designed to acquaint teenagers with venereal disease symptoms and treatment facilities, and will be distributed through all schools in the County.

Venereal disease treatment is provided by a special plan coordinated with private physicians and clinics. If the patient cannot afford medical care, the Health Department will arrange to reimburse a private physician for treatment. In Illinois, physicians can legally treat minors with venereal disease without obtaining parental consent.

Plans for 1971 include more intensive planning with school and community groups, and through a broad based publicity campaign to inform the public about the magnitude of the VD problem and methods of control.

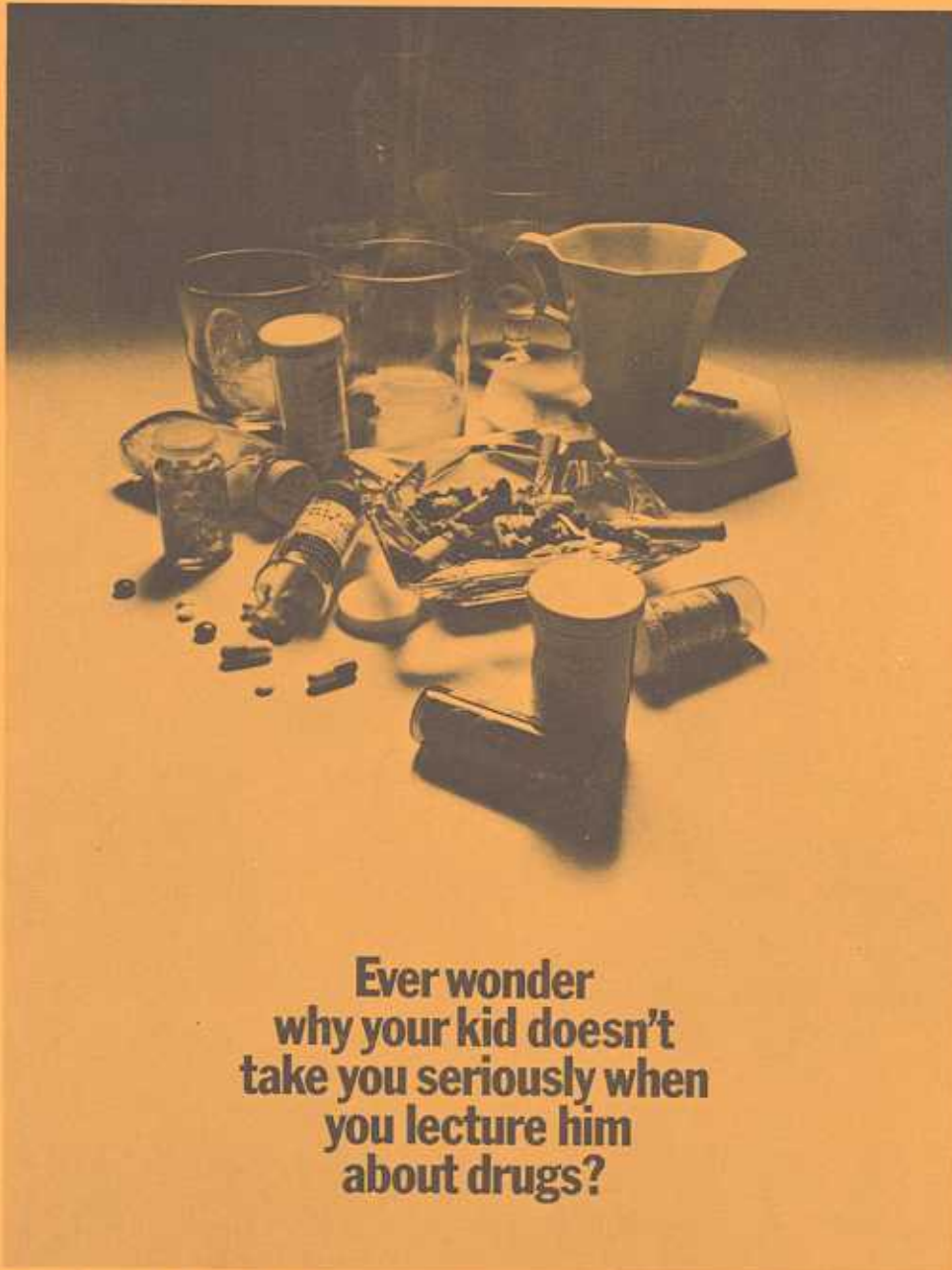


VD education program supported by a grant from Pfizer Inc. Richard Peterson (left) District Manager, Laboratories Division, presenting check to Dr. John B. Hall (right), Director, Cook County Department of Public Health.

Public health educator planning VD Education Institute Day for teachers with Jr. College and township high school educators.



drug abuse



**Ever wonder
why your kid doesn't
take you seriously when
you lecture him
about drugs?**

National Institute of Mental Health

During the past year there was evidence of a new urgency to develop strategies for combating drug abuse. In cooperation with the Cook County Coordinating Council on Drug Education, Inc., and the County Superintendent of Schools, the health education staff of the Department continued their efforts in teacher training. Three conferences were held to explore many of the critical issues related to the drug abuse problem.

The Health Department has served as a drug abuse information center providing educational materials, curriculum guides, and referral information. Community and school groups were given assistance in planning local drug education programs. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the complexity of the problem requires a comprehensive approach to include education, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

maternal and child health services

To improve and safeguard the health of mothers and infants is one of the basic services of the Health Department.



At the Robbins Prenatal Clinic the expectant mother receives medical supervision during pregnancy including periodic physical examinations, nutrition instruction, as well as assistance in planning for the delivery and care of her newborn infant.



A "weigh-in" is the first step in the child health conference program. Here a unique opportunity for service from the public health team is demonstrated—the physician, the nurse, the nutritionist and the volunteer—provide health supervision for well children whose parents are unable to pay for such care. The services include periodic evaluation of physical growth and development, immunizations, parent counseling including anticipatory guidance, and nutrition consultation.

Harvey Tribune



The Illinois School Code requires school children to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, rubella and smallpox. Immunization clinics are conducted monthly throughout the County by the Health Department. These services are available to infants and children whose parents are unable to otherwise secure immunizations.



The way the child eats is one of the factors that influence how strong, how large and how smart the child will be. Teaching the mother what and how to feed the family is part of the nutritionist's work.

nutrition services



The mother's diet during pregnancy has much to do with the mother's health and the health of the baby. The nutritionist guides the mother-to-be with information on nutrition that will insure that the additional needs for pregnancy will be met.

The special role of the nutritionists is providing guidance and information to help people in their food choices. This information is supplied to:

- Mothers with infants and children of all ages in the well-baby clinics as well as in home situations.
- School children as part of a special emphasis on nutrition information in some school districts.
- Pregnant women who attend the Health Department's Prenatal Clinic.
- Families with limited knowledge and resources are shown how to make maximum use of family funds to promote better nutrition.
- Older people are given support and encouragement to maintain good early life health habits. Special attention and effort is given to correct food misinformation and prevent malnutrition.
- People with special diet needs receive help in ways of following diet orders and how many family foods can be used on the special diets.

The nutritionists also participate in community planning for workshops on nutrition and money management; advise staff of health care facilities on all aspects of food service, and answer questions about food preparation, storage and sanitation.

school health services

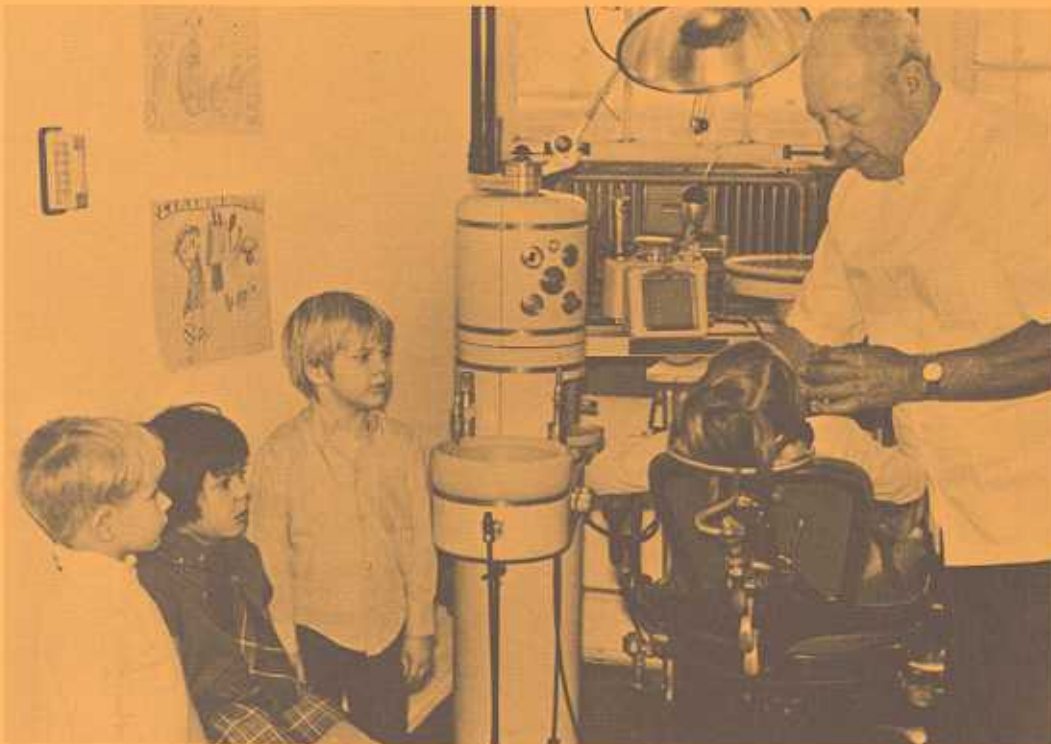
School health programs are a cooperative effort of the school administration and the Health Department. Health services, health instruction and healthful environment comprise the three interrelated parts of this program.

School health services are provided on request to schools that do not have a nurse. The staff nurse functions as a consultant and a coordinator to schools. Public health educators, nutritionists and sanitarians also provide services to schools.

vision and hearing screening

Vision and hearing screening is done in nursery and elementary schools. Children who fail the vision screening test are referred for early diagnosis and medical care. Children who fail the hearing screening test, and are not under the care of a private physician, are referred to the Otologic Clinic conducted by the Department. Here, a medical evaluation of the problem is made.

Four vision-hearing screening technicians have been added to the staff. Therefore, services can be extended to a greater number of children, as well as meet the legislative requirements for children entering school.



The Health Department promotes programs of education, prevention and treatment to improve dental health. Children under 16 years of age whose parents cannot afford private dental care are eligible for these services.

long-term care facilities

The Long-Term Care Facilities serves those people disabled by age or chronic disease. The facilities are required to maintain standards of physical surroundings, of staff and of services in order to be licensed to operate. Each facility is evaluated yearly by a specially trained staff of the Department. The reports of the evaluation are forwarded to the licensing agency, the Illinois Department of Public Health. If a facility is not giving good care, guidance is given to the staff of the facility to upgrade standards and improve the quality of patient care.

Advancing years need not be dismal, hopeless, and totally lacking in appeal . . . safe housing, adequate diet, proper care are what our older citizens need.



sanitary engineering

*At least once a year all public swimming pools—
indoor and outdoor—are inspected and graded.*



The staff of the Division of Sanitary Engineering works closely with village governments, Cook County Building Zoning and Environmental Control Department, Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago, environmental health personnel affiliated with the Illinois Department of Public Health, and citizens concerned with local problems of the environment. The following activities are carried on:

inspections:

- Swimming pools (private, public, indoor, outdoor)
- Water treatment plants
- Food handling establishments
- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Schools (on request)
- Solid waste disposal sites
- Sewage treatment plants

investigations:

- Nuisance complaints
- FHA evaluations
- Stream pollution
- Water samples
- Private water sample analysis
- Insect and rodent control investigations

licensing:

- Tourist and trailer parks
- Migrant labor camps
- Food service establishments

approval of construction applications:

- Septic tanks and seepage system applications
- Subdivisions
- Swimming pools

*All public water supplies are sampled monthly
to determine water quality.*

*Sites for disposal of refuse and garbage by the
sanitary land-fill method are checked periodically.*



birth and death registration

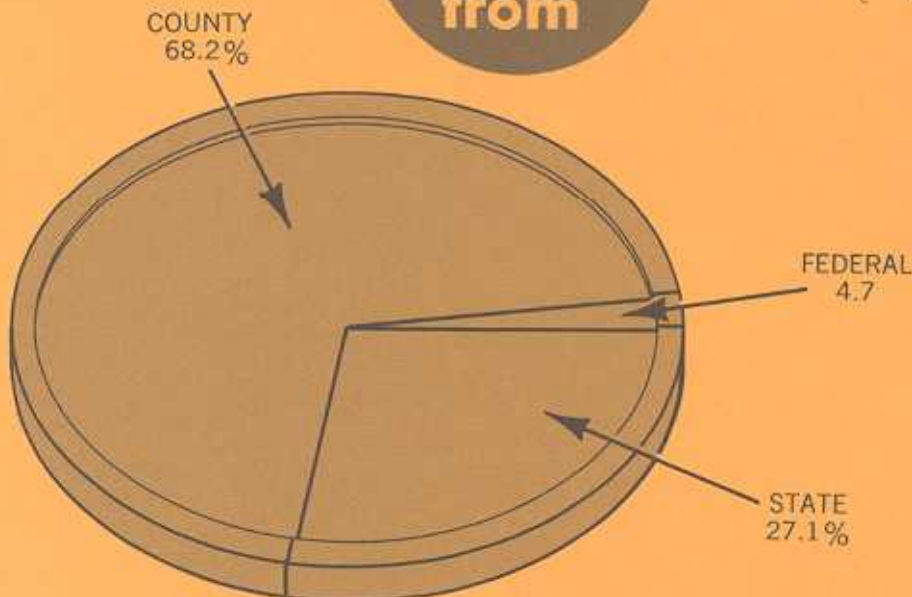
The Health Department has the legal responsibility for officially registering births, deaths, and stillbirths for most of suburban Cook County. These records are important confidential legal documents, and furnish valuable information for purposes of identification, insurance, and legal rights. At the request of an authorized person a certified copy of a vital record can be obtained for a fee. Birth and death records can be filed and burial permits issued at either the central or anyone of the four district offices of the Department.



Two photostatic file copies of each birth and death registration are made; one for the records of the health department, and the other for the County Clerk.

the budget dollar

where it came from



INCOME	Amount
COOK COUNTY	\$ 959,474.00
STATE OF ILLINOIS	314,029.70
FEDERAL	15,481.30
TOTAL	\$1,288,985.00

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PEOPLE

POPULATION	1,843,031*
Live Births	
Total	35,459
Hospital births	33,190
Non-hospital births	98
Premature births	2,171
Deaths	
All ages	13,268
Total infants	537
Under 1 year	105
Under 28 days	432

*CCDPH jurisdiction.
U.S. Bureau of the Census—1970.

VITAL RECORDS FILED

Total	22,238
Live Births	15,293
Fetal Deaths	166
Deaths	6,779

DENTAL HEALTH CLINICS

Number of sessions held	567
Number of locations	20
Children registered	2,306
Visits to clinics	7,342

SELECTED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(Figures include only cases reported to CCDPH)

Diphtheria	0
Encephalitis, acute infectious	20
Hepatitis, infectious	187
Measles	78
Meningitis (all types)	74
Poliomyelitis	0
Rheumatic fever	127
Rubella (German measles)	157
Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	3,163
Typhoid fever	0
Venereal diseases	571
Syphilis	252
Gonorrhea	319
Animal bites reported	8,034
Positive for rabies	0

IMMUNIZATIONS

Total	7,525
Administered in:	
Child health conferences	4,536
District office clinics	2,989

NURSING SERVICES

Persons admitted to service (new)	1,436
Persons visited	7,632
Visits to individuals	20,222
Families admitted to service (new)	737
Families served	3,661
Individuals in families served	7,632
Visits to families	14,550

(Above include tuberculosis, school follow-up and home care visits)

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Total number of schools	688
Nursing Service given to:	
Public	21
Enrollment	5,844
Parochial	101
Enrollment	51,931
Hearing Conservation Program	
Screening	24,229
Re-Screening	3,226
Referrals	328
Otologic clinics (13)	282
Pre-school screening	240
Pre-school re-screening	155
Pre-school referrals	2
Vision Conservation Program	
Screening	22,654
Re-screening	3,786
Referrals	2,280
Pre-school screening	248
Pre-school re-screening	155
Pre-school referrals	2
Visits through School Health program	
Visits to school age children	371
Other individuals given service	51

CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCES

Number of sessions held	244
Number of locations	9
Children registered	1,016
Under 1 year	650
1 to 4 years	366
Visits	4,728
Under 1 year	2,187
1 to 4 years	2,541

ACCIDENTAL POISONING

(Children 12 years of age and under)	
Poison control centers located in hospitals	8
Accidental poisoning cases reported	1,657

TUBERCULOSIS

Active cases under investigation	244
Visits to diagnosed cases and contacts	3,302

NURSING HOMES

Services to Nursing Homes, Homes for the Aged, Homes for Children, and Sheltered Care Homes by Nurses, Nutritionists and Sanitariums	
Total number of homes	110
Licensure Visits	230
Other Visits	497
Conferences	161
Certification Visits	67

PRENATAL CLINICS

Sessions per year	46
Pregnant women registered	62
Visits to Clinic	449

RHEUMATIC FEVER REGISTRY

Total cases in registry	2,127
Inactive	764
Active	1,363

New cases registered	134
Cases reported not receiving medication	43

SANITARY ENGINEERING SERVICES

Swimming Pools Inspected	465
Private	38
Indoor	92
Outdoor	335
Swimming Pool analyses reported	3,171
Septic Tank and Seepage System Applications	
Processed	295
Approvals	208
Tourist and Trailer Parks	
Licensed and inspected	110
Motels inspected	36
Nuisance complaints	
Received	445
Investigations	1,050
FHA evaluations	81
Migrant Labor Camps	
Inspected and licensed	10
Visited	32
Stream Pollution Investigations	150
Water samples reported	750
Water Treatment Plant Inspections	
Inspection surveys	72
Visits to water supplies	265
Samples reported	7,900

Subdivisions

Approvals	6
Food Service Establishments	
Inspected	425
Licensed	186
Solid waste disposal sites inspected	80
Private water analyses reported	2,250
Rodent control investigations	95
Hospitals inspected	92

TEN LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

1. Heart Disease	6,671
2. Cancer	3,110
3. Vascular lesions of central nervous system	1,569
4. All accidents	623
Motor vehicle	314
Other accidents	309
5. Congenital malformations and diseases of early infancy	522
6. Influenza and pneumonia	426
7. Other Circulatory	300
8. Cirrhosis of liver	277
9. Diabetes	268
10. General arteriosclerosis	209

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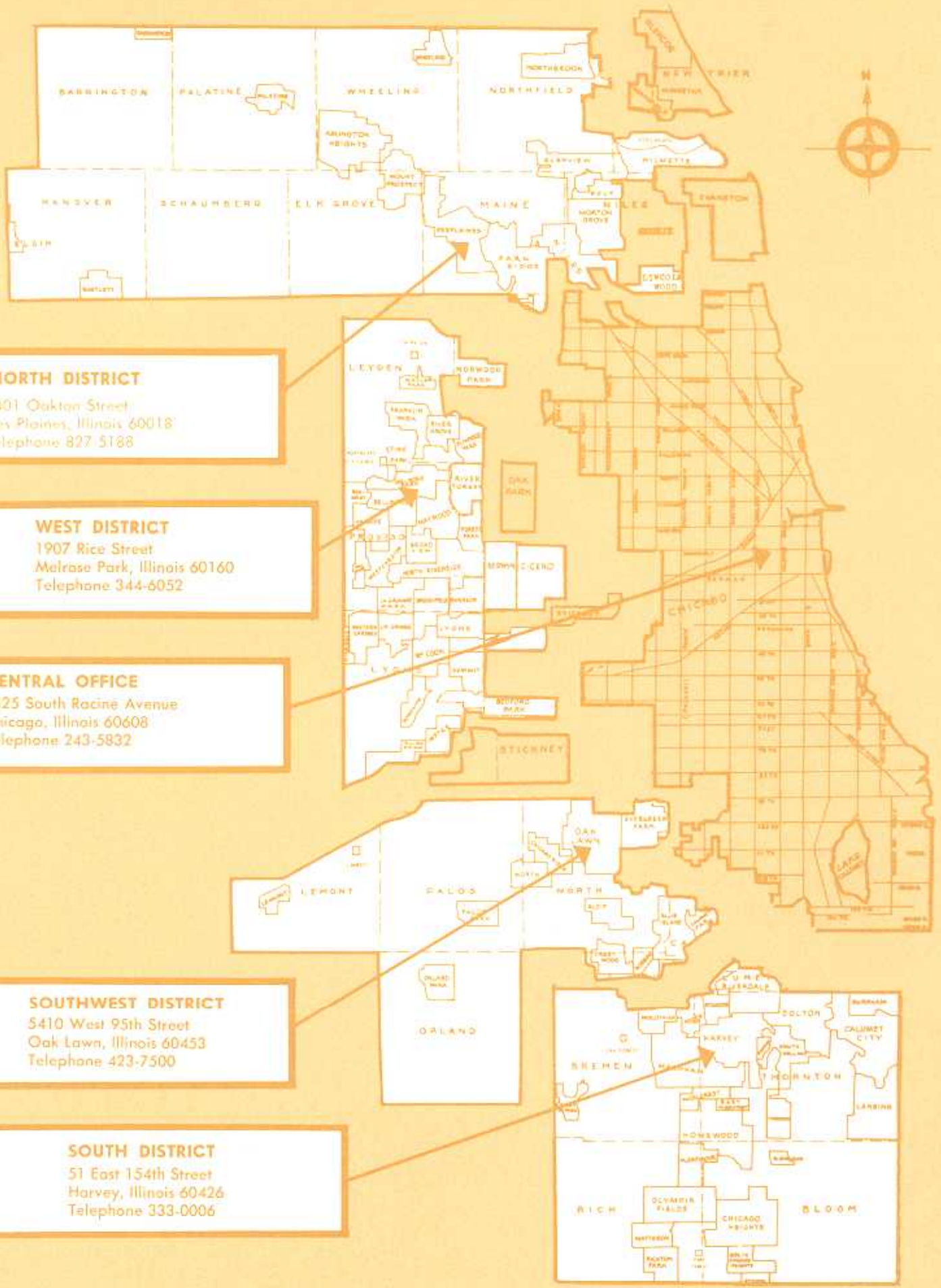
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