

Partners in Public Health

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Dear Citizens,

As an affiliate of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services, the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) works collaboratively with other organizations toward its mission "to protect and promote health and to prevent illness, disability and premature death among all the residents of suburban Cook County."

In the following pages of our Annual Report, we highlight a few of our effective community partnerships, such as our effort to curb underage smoking. Each day 3,000 underage teens become tobacco users. The Cook County Youth Tobacco Control Ordinance contains some of the most stringent penalties in the nation for merchants who sell tobacco to minors.

Healthy children learn better. We work with schools to make health education a part of their curriculum.

Prevention of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases is another goal of CCDPH. We work with, and support, community based organizations who deal with those at high risk.

It is through these partnerships and many others that we make the most effective use of our resources, fill gaps in delivery of service and broaden our perspectives.

By taking responsibility, by implementing and by teaching, we create a broad network of people helping people. We will continue to work together to protect and improve the health of our communities.



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This young man prepares to go back to school by receiving a physical at the Maywood office.



Hispanic women and children in Des Plaines receive medical care at the Genesis Center for Health and Empowerment.



Parents and Doctors work together at the Morton Health Center.

Loyola University Medical Center
Together, Loyola University Medical Center and the Cook County Department of Public Health provide a weekly primary care clinic for west suburban residents at the department's Maywood office. In 1997, more than 1,000 low income residents received care for medical conditions such as hypertension and diabetes. Immunizations, pap smears and other prevention and screening services are also provided.

Genesis Center of Health and Empowerment
Working side-by-side with Lutheran General Hospital and community leaders, the Genesis Center of Health and Empowerment was designed to meet the specific health needs of the growing Hispanic community living and working in Des Plaines. Expectant mothers receiving prenatal care at Genesis are enrolled into CCDPH's, Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) clinic for nutritional assessment and food vouchers. The Genesis WIC clinic logged more than 1,200 visits and served over 1,000 people in 1997.

Morton Health Center

Following an agreement between school District #201, MacNeal Family Practice program, community leaders and CCDPH, the Morton Health Center opened its doors in December, 1995. The Center is a direct response to the urgent health care needs of adolescents and is built on a strong partnership of school, community and health providers. The Center provides primary health care services, counseling, referrals to community service agencies, and health education programs for students and parents. In 1997, the school-based health center located in Morton East High School served over 350 students from Berwyn and Cicero.

HIV Partnership Agencies

- Aunt Martha's Youth Services
- Better Existence with HIV (BEHIV)
- Chicago Recovery Alliance
- Children's Memorial Hospital
- Community Health, Partnership of Illinois
- Community Outreach Intervention Project, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Community Response
- Cook County Department of Public Health
- Evanston Health Department
- Minority Outreach Intervention Project
- Oak Park Area Gay & Lesbian Association
- Oak Park Health Department
- Procure/Proviso Family Services
- Prism Youth Network
- Review Bi & Gay Married Men's Group
- Sisters Helping Each Other
- South Suburban Ambulatory Service Center
- Stop AIDS
- Student Life Division, Governor's State University
- West Suburban Neighborhood Development Corporation

Region Eight HIV Prevention: The Regional Implementation Group (RIG) CCDPH, through an Illinois Department of Public Health grant, administers the Regional Implementation Group (RIG), an HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) prevention planning effort. CCDPH convenes a twenty-five member committee reflecting the diversity of communities at risk. Collectively, they identify and prioritize HIV risk groups and prevention needs and select intervention methods most effective in reducing risk behavior. Seventeen community organizations and three suburban health departments receive funds to develop prevention programs.

In 1997, the RIG allocated \$1,144,000 to provide 102,400 prevention services to persons at risk. In addition, 3,500 professionals were trained in HIV prevention skills.



Well Woman Program

The Well Woman Breast and Cervical Cancer Program is an example of a public-private partnership to deliver early and accessible health care for suburban women. At three local hospitals, Oak Park, South Suburban and Westlake, women can receive an annual physical examination, pap smear, mammogram and education on self breast exam. In addition, CCDPH works with a community coalition to enhance outreach efforts to underserved women. In 1997, a public health nurse coordinated services to a total of 202 women.



Self-breast exams are taught at the Well Woman Program

Comprehensive School Health Education Administrators, staff and parents from Woodrow Wilson School in District #155 in Calumet City, together with CCDPH health educators, established a school health education plan. The program included teacher training, classroom teaching and a health curriculum focusing on issues such as substance abuse, healthy food choices and environmental influences. Over 200 Woodrow Wilson students in grades K-4 participated in the program which now serves as a model for other schools countywide. The program is supported by a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health.



Children participate in a health fair at Woodrow Wilson School in Calumet City.

Building Your Life

CCDPH partners with the Prevention Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago and school District #152 in Harvey to teach students at Brooks Junior High to prepare for a healthy future.

Using a program called "Building Your Life," students learn effective communication and decision making skills to resist negative peer pressure and build a strong sense of self. In 1997, over 400 seventh and eighth grade students participated in "Building Your Life."



Students have fun while learning good health behavior.



Participating IAP Communities

Village of Barrington
Village of Bellwood
Village of Burr Ridge
Village of Country Club Hills
Village of Dixmoor
Village of East Hazel Crest
Village of Flossmoor
Village of Forest Park
Village of Glenwood
Village of Hazel Crest
City of Hickory Hills
Village of Hodgkins
City of Hometown
Village of Lincolnwood
Village of Maywood
Village of Merrionette Park
Village of Northfield
City of Northlake
City of Palos Hills
Village of Palos Park
Village of Posen
Village of Richton Park
Village of Sauk Village
Village of South Barrington
Village of South Holland
Village of Streamwood
Village of Summit



Intergovernmental Agreements

The Intergovernmental Agreement Program (IAP) is a partnership between CCDPH's environmental protection services and the code enforcement officials of suburban communities. Currently, twenty-seven communities participate in a contractual agreement with 1,300 food establishments including restaurants, minimarts, taverns and supermarkets. Fully licensed and experienced health practitioners use a standard code of inspection to assure food sanitation. IAP is also a cost effective way for municipalities to protect the public health.

Cook County Youth Tobacco Control Ordinance

In November 1997, the Cook County Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the Youth Tobacco Control Ordinance. This nationally recognized ordinance requires tobacco merchants in unincorporated Cook County to be licensed to sell tobacco. The health department was granted the authority to administer and enforce this new law.

CCDPH worked with voluntary organizations including the Illinois Coalition Against Tobacco, the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago, the American Cancer Society, and the American Heart Association to testify in support of the ordinance at public hearings.

Merchants caught selling tobacco to minors receive some of the most stringent penalties in the country including fines, license suspension and/or revocation for repeat violations. With this strong commitment, the county supports prevention and reduction of teenage smoking.

1997 Operating Budget

Cook County Appropriation	\$12,229,774
Other Funding Sources* (by program)	
Basic Health	1,433,498
Breast & Cervical Cancer Detection	305,000
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention	200,000
Comprehensive School Health Education	30,000
Day Care/Nursing Consultations	9,500
Dental Sealants	56,200
Environmental Protection Programs	
Food Inspection/Intergovernmental Agreements	90,000
Tanning Facilities Inspections	19,000
Potable Water Supply	45,300
Genetics	59,200
Health Promotion	268,700
Healthworks	502,000
HIV/AIDS	
Case Investigation	56,853
Counseling & Testing	263,200
Prevention Education	164,400
Region 8 Lead Agency	724,247
Ryan White CARE Services	475,962
Immunization Action	607,360
Infant Immunization Initiative	276,360
Maternal/Child Health	
Family Case Management	3,634,800
Family Planning	432,100
Morton Health Center	80,000
Outreach and Education	300,000
Perinatal Hepatitis Program	15,000
Primary Care	275,000
Problem Pregnancy	15,300
Service Fees	763,500
Refugee	
Health Services	67,000
Screening Exams	102,600
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	202,299
State Computer Information Link	87
Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium	19,800
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	
Delay of Adolescent Subsequent Pregnancy	148,700
Teen Parent Initiative	152,673
Vaccines Provided by Federal/State Sources	1,087,700
Vision and Hearing Screening	50,000
WIC/Nutrition	2,289,839
Total Other Funding	15,222,839
Total CCDPH Budget	\$27,452,613

*includes grants, contracts and service fees

Environmental Health Services

Day Care Facilities

Inspections Performed 286

Food Service Establishments/Retail Food Stores

Unincorporated Areas

Licenses Issued 239

Inspections Performed 770

Intergovernmental Agreements

Communities Served 27

Food Facilities 1,001

Inspections Performed 2,559

Plans Reviewed 17

Mobile Home Parks

Licenses Issued 35

Inspections Performed 57

Nuisance Complaints

Complaints Received 127

Inspections and Enforcement Actions 452

Septic Tank Cleaners

Permits Issued 61

Truck Inspections Performed 61

Private Sewage Disposal Systems

Plans Processed 169

Lot Surveys Performed 166

Installation Inspections Performed 132

Well/Septic Systems Evaluations

Evaluations Performed 41

Inspections Performed 34

New Wells

Permits Issued 216

Inspections Performed 216

Existing Non-community Wells

Surveys Performed 221

Abandoned Wells

Wells Sealed 192

Water Supplies

Water Sample Collected

non-community 1,011

private 39

Analysis Opinions Rendered 1,412

Swimming Pools and Spas

Private Pools/Spas Plans Approved 35

Inspections Performed (public pools) 1,519

Tanning Facilities

Inspections Performed 293

Selected Reportable Communicable Diseases

AIDS	141
Chlamydia	2,289
E. coli O157:H7	9
Foodborne illness complaints	376
Giardia	170
Gonorrhea	1280
Hepatitis A	102
Hepatitis B	
Acute	44
Carriers	311
Measles	1
Meningitis/Bacteremia	
H. influenza	8
Meningococcal	21
Pertussis	53
Salmonella	362
Syphilis	
Early	75
Congenital	14

Client Visits by Clinic Type

Adult Health	1,526
HIV Anonymous Testing	2,793
Dental	9,245
Family Planning	12,557
Immunization	27,808
Flu	3,908
Pneumococcal	925
Prenatal	10,482
Well Child Care	3,344
Primary Care	1,444
Refugee	559
School-based	874
Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)	4,761
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	116,636

Community Health Services



Health Education Services	
Group Attendance	5,081
HIV/STD Outreach	6,877
Dental Sealant Program	
Sealants Placed	12,047
Lead Poisoning	
Reported Cases & Investigations	186
HIV Case Management	
Average Monthly Caseload	196
STD Case Management	
Average Monthly Caseload	70
Breast & Cervical Cancer Prevention	
Participants	202
Mammograms	197
Cervical Cancer Screening Test	150
Vision & Hearing Program	
School/Pre-school Vision Test	24,683
School/Pre-school Hearing Test	27,909

Public Health Nursing Services

Case Management	
Average Monthly Caseload	10,920
Teen Parenting Programs	
Average Monthly Participants	376
Day Care Services	
Nursing Consultations	350
Inspections	200

Vital Statistics

Births	
Certificates Registered	22,418
Deaths	
Certificates Registered	13,999

Healthy minds, and healthy bodies, and lots of fun . . .



Young mothers learn how to give their babies a healthy start.



Three brothers patiently wait their turn for their medical check-ups.



The Cook County Department of Public Health is the state certified public health agency for suburban Cook County exclusive of the cities of Chicago, Evanston, Skokie and Oak Park and Stickney Township where state certified public health departments are operated by the local unit of government.

The Cook County Department of Public Health is an affiliate of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services. Other affiliates include the Ambulatory and Community Health Network of Cook County; Cermak Health Services of Cook County; Cook County Hospital; Oak Forest Hospital of Cook County; and Provident Hospital of Cook County.

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