Transforming Health in Illinois

The Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI) mobilizes stakeholders, catalyzes partnerships, and leads action to promote prevention and improve public health systems in order to maximize health, health equity, and quality of life for the people of Illinois.

Dear Friends,

What a year! As more focus shifts to addressing the persistent social and economic inequities facing our communities, IPHI’s role in connecting and activating stakeholders is expanding more than ever. With the new year comes new opportunities to improve health equity—including initiatives aimed at reducing disparities in diabetes outcomes, creating statewide systems to help Illinoisans eat healthier and stay active, and developing IT approaches to help health care and housing organizations coordinate services for people experiencing homelessness. These new initiatives will spread our impact to many more communities in Illinois and beyond.

We know that we’re only as strong as the partners we bring to the table. Thank you for helping to make this important work possible. We invite you to join us in the coming year as we work towards a shared vision of creating communities that empower everyone to lead healthy lives.

IPHI: 2018 in Review

The Alliance for Health Equity has grown to include:

- 35 hospitals
- 6 health depts.
- 100 community organizations

IPHI’s Center for Policy and Partnership Initiatives trained

- 236 teachers through the Pump Up P.E. program

IPHI’s Center for Community Capacity Development provided training and technical assistance to

- 17 groups via
- 20+ projects and events

IPHI secured

- $10.7M over 5 years to support nutrition, physical activity, and diabetes prevention, with almost $7M going to support IPHI’s partner organizations

150+ local collaboratives across the country participated in the All In: Data for Community Health learning network, including

60 awardees supported by Data Across Sectors for Health

Improving Policy

IPHI is advancing new policy solutions to reduce chronic diseases through research and advocacy.

2018 Highlights

- **Healthy Foods Incentive Fund**: IPHI advocated to make the Healthy Foods Incentive Fund permanent which, subject to appropriation, will enable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps) participants to purchase more fruits and vegetables using double value coupons at farmers markets.

- **Physical Education Advocacy**: IPHI continued to enhance physical education policy and programs by advocating for a minutes-per-week best practice state policy, delivering Pump Up P.E. trainings to 236 teachers across Illinois, and offering advocacy trainings and professional development opportunities.

- **State Policy Recommendations**: IPHI developed a policy platform for the incoming Governor’s administration and convened stakeholders to develop a policy brief on protecting public health and ensuring equity in marijuana legalization efforts in Illinois.
Building Community Capacity

IPHI is strengthening community capacity to develop and implement multi-sector public health solutions.

2018 Highlights

» **Alliance for Health Equity:** IPHI facilitates one of the largest hospital/community partnerships in the country. This year, IPHI supported nine workgroups addressing housing, food access, transportation, trauma-informed care, community safety, mental health, substance use disorders, and chronic disease prevention. The collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment, which includes data from over 4,000 surveys and 50 community focus groups, will help inform collective efforts to improve health equity throughout Chicago and suburban Cook County.

» **Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH):** Through DASH, a national Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiative, IPHI supported 60 awardees to advance their efforts to share and use multi-sector data to improve community health. IPHI also continued to expand a learning network called *All In: Data for Community Health*, accelerating the sharing of lessons among more than 150 data sharing projects across the country and hosting a national meeting bringing together over 250 stakeholders to discuss data-driven public health strategies.

Accelerating Innovation

IPHI is bringing key stakeholders together to share lessons learned and work toward collective impact.

2018 Highlights

» **Strategic Technical Assistance:** IPHI builds capacity to understand the root causes of health disparities and work towards health equity. In 2018, 17 government, health, and community organizations engaged IPHI for assistance with strategic health assessment, planning, implementation, performance management, and evaluation.

» **Public Health 3.0 Workforce Development Forum:** IPHI co-hosted a statewide forum, which drew 141 attendees from counties across Illinois to discuss how health departments can convene multi-sector collaborations to address the social determinants of health.

» **CDC Strategic Visioning:** IPHI facilitated a strategic planning process with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics to improve user experience and increase the use of the National Death Index to guide public health and health policy decisions.

New Initiatives in 2019

**Illinois State Physical Activity and Nutrition Program (ISPAN)**

Over the next five years, IPHI will lead a CDC-funded initiative that engages a unified coalition of partners to create systems and resources that help Illinoisans eat healthy and be active. The initiative focuses on reducing disparities in chronic disease through the adoption of food service guidelines, support for breastfeeding, changes to the built environment, and improved health standards in early childhood settings.

**Chicago CARES to Prevent Diabetes Collaboration**

IPHI is joining forces with the Chicago Department of Public Health and dozens of partners to launch a new CDC-funded initiative that aims to reduce racial and socioeconomic disparities in diabetes outcomes in Chicago over five years. The multi-sector effort will expand access to evidence-based diabetes prevention and screening programs in neighborhoods that have a disproportionate diabetes burden.

**Health IT Learning Collaborative**

IPHI is partnering with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) to assist ten community-based aging and disability service providers to improve their data systems, enabling them to better serve their clients and track outcomes.

**Chicago Master Person Index for Health and Housing**

IPHI is convening stakeholders to build consensus around a record-linking service in Cook County that will maintain consistent, accurate data across health and housing/homelessness organizations. The new system will help coordinate services and supports for Chicagoans experiencing housing instability.
IPHI Program Centers

Center for Community Capacity Development
Enhances the effectiveness and reach of local public health systems by collaborating with public health partners to provide training, technical assistance, and support services for community-level health improvement and prevention programs.

Center for Policy and Partnership Initiatives
Promotes and incubates stakeholder-engaged policy and practice initiatives by developing and activating high level multi-sector partnerships.

Center for Health and Information Technology
Ensures that public health data and information are used to strengthen policy, planning, and program development by working for improved public and private data collection, integration and dissemination.

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» Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital
» Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
» Build Healthy Places Network
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» Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
» Chicago Community Trust
» Chicago Department of Public Health
» City of St. Louis Department of Health
» Illinois Department of Public Health
» Illinois Prevention Research Center
» Illinois Public Health Association
» Ingalls Memorial Hospital
» Jackson Park Hospital
» J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation
» Kane County Treasurer
» Kane County Regional Office of Education
» Kankakee County Health Department
» The Loretto Hospital
» Loyola University Health System
» Mercy Hospital and Medical Center
» Mississippi State Health Department
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