



ILLINOIS ALLIANCE TO
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FOR HEALTH**

Illinois Alliance to Promote Opportunities for Health (IAPH)

2024 Legislative and Policy Agenda

The Illinois Alliance to Promote Opportunities for Health (IAPH) is a multi-sector coalition that impacts local and state-level policy, increases capacity of community-based organizations, and bridges communities working together to address nutrition, physical activity, and chronic health conditions in Illinois. Learn more at <https://iphionline.org/iapo/>

2024 Legislative Priorities

- Advocate for a \$209 million appropriation in the FY 2025 State budget to fund Healthy School Meals for All (PA 103-0532, led by Illinois Public Health Institute). Visit <https://www.healthyschoolmealsil.com/>
- Support reforms to public transportation funding to address the upcoming transit fiscal cliff and promote active and safe transportation (led by Active Transportation Alliance).
- Support advancement of the Good Food Purchasing Policy at the state level to influence the way public institutions source food to better support local economies, environmental sustainability, valued workforce, animal welfare, and nutrition (led by the Illinois Food Justice Alliance).
- Support a budget appropriation to the Illinois State Board of Education for a Farm to School Coordinator and farm-to-school administrative expenses.
- Support a budget appropriation to fund the Illinois Farm to Food Bank Program signed into law (PA 103-0412) in 2023 to help expand the availability of nutritious local foods for Illinois' emergency food system.
- Support paid family leave to ensure the health of parents and babies in the first weeks/months of life as well economic well-being of families.
- Support HB 0054 to create a \$2 million state-funded matching grant program to help farmers, food businesses, and others to purchase equipment needed to scale up local food production and supply chains.
- Support a budget appropriation to fund the Outdoor RX Program signed into law (PA 103-0284) in 2023 to establish grants for Outdoor RX therapy programs.



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2024 Administrative Advocacy Priorities

Support implementation of Medicaid coverage of community-based health and social services, including:

- Supporting implementation of the 1115 Medicaid waiver that includes food as medicine services.
- Support implementation of coverage for lactation support (including telehealth services), doula, and home visitor services.
- Work with state agencies to ensure implementation of the Healthy Illinois Survey law (PA 102-0483), the Healthy Kids Meal Beverages law (PA 102-0529).

