



ILLINOIS ALLIANCE TO
**PROMOTE
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR HEALTH**

Illinois Alliance to Promote Opportunities for Health (IAPH)

2025 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 sectors to work together to address nutrition, physical activity, and chronic health conditions in Illinois.

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2025 Legislative & Budget Appropriation Priorities

- Advocate for a \$67 million budget appropriation (SB1419/ HB2365) in the FY 2026 State budget to fund Healthy School Meals for All (PA 103-0532; led by Illinois Public Health Institute). Visit <https://www.healthyschoolmealsil.com/>
- Support the Clean & Equitable Transit Act, including the Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act (SB 5/HB1833), to reform public transportation governance, structure, and funding and promote active and safe transportation (led by Active Transportation Alliance).
- Support an increase to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) minimum benefit in Illinois (SB1751/HB3763; led by the Greater Chicago Food Depository).
- 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 paid family and medical leave to ensure the health of parents and babies in the first weeks/months of life as well as the economic well-being of families (multiple coalition partners).
- Support changes to and appropriations for the Illinois Grocery Initiative Grants (HB2531; led by Illinois Stewardship Alliance).
- Support a budget appropriation to fund the Illinois Farm to Food Bank Program (PA 103-0412) to help expand the availability of nutritious local foods for Illinois' emergency food system.
- Support budget appropriations for the Local Food Infrastructure (SB 2386) and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers grant programs (led by Illinois Stewardship Alliance).
- Support funding reform legislation to ensure local health departments have the resources they need to protect and promote health through increases to the Local Health Protection Grants (led by Illinois Public Health Association).



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2025 Policy Implementation Priorities

- Support implementation of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Service's Medicaid 1115 waiver that supports coverage of health-related social needs for those most at risk, including access to food and nutrition benefits.
- Support implementation of Medicaid coverage for lactation support, doula, and home visitor services.
- Advocate for a statewide system of universal newborn supports and services, a coordinated system, and a new standard of care for newborns, postpartum people, and their families (led by EverThrive IL and others).

- Ensure continued support for vaccines to ensure families, schools, and communities are safe from communicable disease (led by Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics [ICAAP]).

