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Help shape the future: Participate in community assessment

We need your input. Tell us what you think are the most important factors for a Healthy Community.

Northern Illinois University (NIU) will be conducting focus groups with Kane County residents on October 4 and 5 in Elgin, October 11 and 12 in Aurora, and October 6 and 13 in Geneva. Sessions will be about 1.5 hours long and the information gathered during these groups will be used to identify health and human service needs in the county and improve the health of all residents.

The Health Department has joined with its partners, Delnor Hospital, Provena Saint Joseph's Hospital, Provena Mercy Medical Center, Rush-Copley Medical Center, Sherman Hospital, the INC Board, Fox Valley United Way, and the United Way of Elgin, to conduct a community health assessment, which will assist in identifying health and human service needs in the county and lead to the update of a community health improvement plan. All partner organizations will use the results of the assessment to guide their work for the next several years.

If you are a Kane County resident and interested in participating, please contact Mindy Schneiderman, Associate Director, NIU Public Opinion Laboratory at 815-753-0039 or schneiderman@niu.edu and provide your name and telephone number.

An interviewer from the Public Opinion Laboratory will contact you to collect some information and confirm your attendance at one of the focus groups.

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