



Essential Service #3

Inform, Educate, And Empower People About Health Issues

MAY – Mental Health Month

During the month of May, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) and the rest of the country are raising awareness of mental health. Each year we fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with Mental Health in in Kane County.

What is happening in Kane County?

- By 2030 Kane County Health Department and its community partners are collaboratively working to reduce mental health in Kane County.
- Kane County Health Department and the Community Partners secured a 2.3 million dollar grant from the Illinois Children’s Health Care Foundation to address mental health in children.

Why Care?

- 7% of the U.S. population experience depression
- 3% of 13-18 year olds have experienced a serious debilitating depressive disorder
- 23 million American needed treatment related to drugs or alcohol
- 90% of the people who have a substance use disorder do not get treatment

What Can You Do?

- Join NAMI
- Advocate for MH Services in Kane County

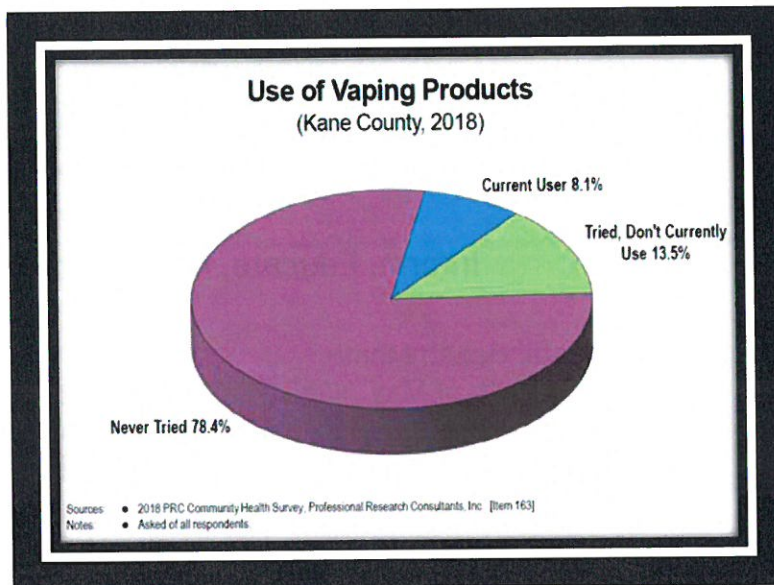
Source:<https://www.mentalhealth.org/blog/2014/why-you-should-care-about-mental-health>

Essential Service #5

Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts

Tobacco 21 Law Passes in Illinois

Kane County Department of Public Health’s Executive Director, Barbara Jeffers, thanks Governor Pritzker for signing HB345 into law – raising the minimum legal sales age to 21 for all tobacco products. This initiative, known as Tobacco 21, affects all tobacco retailers and residents in Illinois, and will go into effect on July 1, 2019.



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April 27 – May 4 2019 is National Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States. This year, NIIW will be April 27-May 4, 2019. In 2018, Kane County Health Department administered 1,884 vaccines to 665 people, including 479 children.



Because of the success of vaccines in preventing diseases, parents may not have heard of some of today’s vaccines or the serious diseases they prevent. These diseases can be especially serious for infants and young children. That is why it is important to follow the recommended immunization schedule to protect infants and children by providing immunity early in life, before they encounter potentially life-threatening diseases. Vaccine-preventable diseases still circulate in the United States and around the world. Continued vaccination is necessary to protect everyone from potential outbreaks. Even when diseases are rare in the U.S., they can still be common in many parts of the world and unvaccinated individuals can bring them to the U.S., putting unvaccinated people at risk. More information can be found on the Centers for Disease Control website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html>