

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #1



CARE

Community
Action
Research and
Evaluation

FOR KANE

CARE4Kane working to bring partners together

Using the expertise from Kane County's top-level academic institutions, projects focusing on data-base analysis, surveys, program evaluation, research. Since its inception of October 2015, CARE4Kane currently has 5 projects underway. The five projects chosen for the project are: 1. Development of an Animal Control Emergency Plan; 2. Impact of the Built Environment on child nutrition and physical activity among WIC (Woman and Children) participants; 3. Kane County Jail data analysis; 4. Promoting the use of shelter animals for empathy training for juvenile offenders; 5. Analysis and health brokering. The projects will be collected on a Web portal scheduled to go live in August. For a preview, click [here](#). CARE4Kane continues to connect partners through this process of evaluation, data collection, etc. If you are interested contact Barbara Jeffers, Executive Director, at jeffersbarbara@co.kane.il.us

Ten essential services of Public Health

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards
3. Give people the information they need to make healthy choices
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health policies and plans
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations
7. Help people receive health services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

Essential Service #5

[Develop public health policies and plans](#)

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Kane's top three health priorities: chronic disease (specifically around obesity and diabetes), behavioral health (combining substance abuse and mental health), and income and education.



CHIP progress being made on all fronts

The Kane Health Counts Executive Committee is overseeing the Action Teams that are tackling the health priorities identified in the Community Health Assessment. Using the data from this assessment, the teams are in the process of developing objectives and strategies for the CHIP. The data can now be found at the KaneHealthCounts.org Web site.

Essential Service #4

[Engage the community to identify and solve health problems](#)



Community gardens and farmers' markets are two of the best ways to ensure your family can get the fresh fruits and vegetables it needs to maintain a healthy diet.

For more info, click [here](#).

Preventing chronic diseases

Active lifestyle and healthy diet are keys to chronic disease prevention. In addition to promoting local gardens and farmers' markets, Fit For Kids and KCHD are working with Seven Generations Ahead to implement the Farm to School Program here in Kane County. SGA is one of 74 projects in 39 states that received support through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm to School Program, in an effort to better connect school cafeterias and students with local farmers and ranchers to bring the freshest of fruits and vegetables to our children.