

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

### Essential Service #2

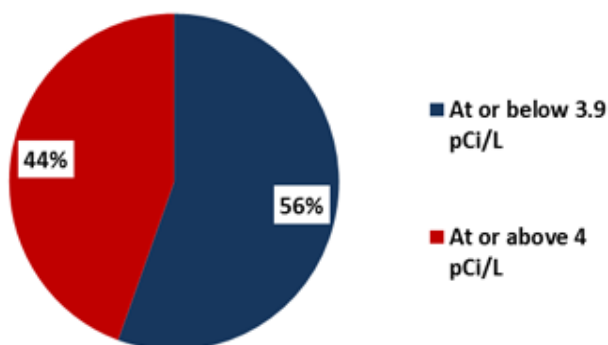
#### Protect people from health problems and health hazards



### Take action to protect against radon

The Kane County Healthy Places Coalition and the Kane County Health Department are working to promote awareness that January is National Radon Action Month. Radon gas is naturally occurring due to the unique geology in northern Illinois. It is invisible, odorless, tasteless and is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. The only way to know if your home has a high level of radon is by testing. Test kits can be purchased at many local hardware stores (prices vary), from the American Lung Association for \$12 by calling 1-800-LUNG USA, or from the Kane County Health Department and Kane County Development Department that include both lab analysis and postage for only \$15.

Almost half of the 10,000 Kane County homes & buildings tested between 2003-2011 show high levels of radon (4pCi/L or higher)



#### 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 #4

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



Participants in the Local Public Health System Assessment gathered in September. The report from their hard work is now posted on the KCHD website.

### Community Health Assessment updates

The Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA) report from September has been reviewed, edited, and finalized and posted on the website. Also, the Forces of Change Assessment (FOCA) has also been finalized. The report and FOCA Executive Summary can be found on our CHA/CHIP webpage by clicking [here](#).

### Essential Service #3

[Give people the information they need to make healthy choices](#)



#### Home Visitors Can:

- Ease the anxiety that every parent feels.
- Answer questions.
- Help you understand your child's personality.
- Provide tips for parenting that match your child's needs.
- Screen for your child's development and show you activities to help your child grow and develop!

Kane County offers free family-focused home visiting programs that help parents guide their children to succeed in school and life.



### New bi-lingual website promotes home visitation program

Home Visitors for pregnant mothers and families with young children from birth to three years share information about a child's growth and development starting from pregnancy. They also support families by fostering positive relationships with their children and community members. More information is available at (630) 208-5150 or by emailing to [homevisitation@co.kane.il.us](mailto:homevisitation@co.kane.il.us).