

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #4

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



Updated data platform is now more user friendly

It's been a year since KCHD launched Kane Health Counts as a way to provide the community with the latest up-to-date health data. Now we are pleased to announce that we have simplified data access, assessment, evaluation, and sharing for community members—even for those with little technical expertise. Tracking your impact on community health improvement has never been more straightforward. The new Community Dashboard makes it easy to find and visualize data with compelling icons, maps and graphs, as well as present more meaningful comparisons and tell persuasive stories using data. Check it out at www.kanehealthcounts.org.

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 #2

[Protect people from health problems and health hazards](#)



Kane County Quits is a county-wide effort encouraging the community to help put an end to smoking. The goal of Kane County Quits is to connect tobacco users with the countless resources available just around the corner. More information is available by clicking [here](#).

Smokeout challenges people to quit

Every year, on the third Thursday of November (Nov. 17 this year), smokers across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout event. The event challenges people to stop using tobacco and helps people learn about the many tools they can use to help them quit and stay quit. Information on local cessation classes is available by visiting our Website [here](#).

Essential Service #3

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



So—Do I have Diabetes?
Take the Risk Test
[Start here](#)



Calling attention to a Health Priority

National Diabetes Month is observed every November so individuals, health care professionals, organizations, and communities across the country can bring attention to diabetes and its impact on millions of Americans. Chronic diseases, such as diabetes, are one of the top health priorities in KCHD’s Community Health Improvement Plan. For more info about the health priority, please click [here](#).