

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #9

Evaluate and improve programs and interventions

A job well done!

Congratulations are in order! The Kane County Health Department has just received word that it has been selected for two NACCHO Model Practice Awards. The two awards are for:

- “Assessing and Improving Routine food Inspection Report Completeness.”
- “Implementing Quality Improvement Projects with Medical Providers to Increase Smoking Cessation among Low Income Patients.”

The selection of these programs as model practices means that they demonstrate exemplary and replicable qualities in response to a local public health need. NACCHO says that these programs reflect a strong local health department role, collaboration, and innovation, and have demonstrated their value through evaluation. NACCHO will be sending us additional information about the awards in a formal letter in the coming weeks. The Grand Award Ceremony will be held July 8 during the NACCHO Annual Conference July 7-9 in Kansas City, Mo. In the words of the NACCHO Model Practices Team: Congratulations! And to all the staff at the Kane County Health Department, “A job well done!”



The Model Practices Database is a resource to:

- 1. Get an idea**
- 2. Give an idea**
- 3. Try an idea**
- 4. Evaluate an idea**
- 5. Reference an idea**

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

Develop public health policies and plans



Chronic disease and school health

Health department earns grant to promote prevention programs

The Health Department recently was awarded a \$90,000 grant to lead chronic disease prevention programs and promote school health in our communities. The grant comes courtesy of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health's Office of Health Promotion.

Improving nutrition and increasing physical activity by working with schools districts, worksites, hospitals and early childhood education centers.



Essential Service #3

Give people the information they need to make health choices

American Diabetes Alert Day: March 24

The Kane County Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) identifies chronic diseases as one of the top threats to community health in Kane County. Chronic disease refers to those illnesses that are not spread from person to person and instead are caused by a person's behavior or genetics. The Kane County Diabetes Collaborative is working to decrease the number of people in Kane County who have Type 2 diabetes or are at risk for developing it.

MYTH

It's possible to have "just a touch" or "a little" diabetes.

FACT

There is no such thing. Everyone who has diabetes runs the risk of serious complications.



Are you at risk?

You can prevent or **delay** type 2 diabetes. Stay at a healthy weight, eat well and be active. With these steps, you can stay healthier longer and lower your risk of diabetes. Take Diabetes Risk Test and learn more about efforts to prevent it by logging on to the American Diabetes Association web site by clicking [here](#)

- K. C. Diabetes Collaborative
- Advocate Sherman Hospital
- Cadence Health
- Community Health Partnership
- Greater Elgin Family Care Center
- Kane County Health Department
- Open Door Clinic
- Presence Mercy Medical Center
- Presence Saint Joseph Hospital
- Rush-Copley Medical Center
- VNA Healthcare