



The Institute of Medicine of Chicago

Advancing Health Equity by Reducing Healthcare Disparities

Founded in 1915

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Maternal & Child Health

Addressing lack of access to care and improving services available.

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Pathways to Lead - Elevated Blood Levels in Children & Communities

Immediate efforts in 'hot zip codes' - identify options and prevention.

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Homelessness

Re-building lives of the unsheltered is a public health issue.

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Behavioral Health

Improve options for care and addressing opioid treatment.

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Nursing Home Reform

Focus on racism, staffing shortages and red checkmarks-poor quality of care.

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DCFS Youth Placement Crisis

Improve placement and follow-up of psychiatric care beyond medical necessity.

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2024 - 2025 Programmatic Initiatives

Goal \$300,000

Maternal and Child Health

- Improve access to entry-level OB care
- Establish a Level II Ultrasound OB facility on the south side
- Address transportation issues for people seeking upper-level OB care
- Create an open network for OB care for Medicaid-managed care plans
- Promote the importance and necessity of implicit bias training - hospitals, providers and educate patients
- Address the issue of malpractice rates for OB-GYN physicians

Lead Pathways- Elevated Lead Blood Levels in Children and Communities

(Collaboration with The Lead Abatement Resource Center Foundation)

- Develop a Community Education Program - identification and disease prevention
- Provide assessment and solutions as a collaborative partner
- Act as a collaborative research partner in disease prevention and environmental health

Homelessness

- Continue to promote and support homelessness as a public health issue as part of the critical infrastructure
- Ensure the system addresses all issues (medical and non-medical) in treating the homeless (unsheltered)
- Collaborate with agencies and groups to identify and integrate quality of living against homelessness
- Secure safe housing and security for the unsheltered

Behavioral Health

- Identify the mental health challenges and improve options for care
- Describe the opioid crisis and its relationship to behavioral health
- Relate the human, economic, and social impact of costs to communities
- Collaborate to improve access to options for care

Nursing Home Reform

- Address the racism issues that still affect nursing homes in Chicago
- Identify how to address the staffing issues faced by nursing homes
- Continue to support the importance of communications with nursing home residents and their families

DCFS Placement Crisis

- Improve placement of youth in psychiatric hospitals beyond medical necessity
- Ameliorate follow-up of youth in psychiatric hospitals beyond medical necessity
- Address accountability and compassionate empathy

We are addressing the intersection of Social Determinants of Health and Telehealth in our key areas and how it can be part of the process and solutions in Achieving Health Equity by Reducing Healthcare Disparities.

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Advancing Health Equity by Reducing Healthcare Disparities

Be an important part of the solution!

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