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Acronyms and Definitions

CCDPH	Cook County Department of Public Health
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDPH	Chicago Department of Public Health
CDS	Chicago Dental Society
CPPH	Chicago Partnership for Public Health
DCFS	Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
DER	Dental Emergency Responder
DHS	Illinois Department of Human Services
DEMRT	Disaster Emergency Medicine Readiness Training Center
ECC	Early Childhood Caries
EPSDT	Early Periodical Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
HFS	Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HPRC	Health Policy and Research Center
IAHEC	Illinois Area Health Education Center
ICAAP	Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatricians
IDPFR	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
IDHA	Illinois Dental Hygienists' Association
IDPH	Illinois Department of Public Health
IEPA	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
IFLOSS	This is not an acronym; IFLOSS is a statewide oral health coalition
IOHP	Illinois Oral Health Plan (2002)
IOHSS	Illinois Oral Health Surveillance System
IPHCA	Illinois Primary Health Care Association
IPLAN	Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs
IRHA	Illinois Rural Health Association
ISBE	Illinois State Board of Higher Education
ISDS	Illinois State Dental Society
ISMS	Illinois State Medical Society
PHFI	Public Health Futures Illinois
SIU	Southern Illinois University
SIUC	Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
SIUE	Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
UIC	University of Illinois at Chicago
UIC COD	University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry
USDA	United States Dietary Authority, Department of Agriculture
WIC	Women, Infants and Children's Program

Definitions

Public Health

The art and science of preventing epidemics and the spread of disease, protecting against environmental hazards, preventing injuries, promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors, responding to disasters and assisting communities in recover and assuring the quality and accessibility of health services (CDC/PHPPO, 1990)

Dental Public Health

“..the science and art of preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting dental health through organized community efforts. It is that form of dental practice which serves the community as a patient rather than the individual. It is concerned with the dental education of the public, with applied dental research, and with the administration of group dental care programs as well as the prevention and control of dental diseases on a community basis.” (American Board of Dental Public Health, 1997)

Oral Health

Being free of chronic oral-facial pain conditions, oral and pharyngeal (throat) cancers, oral soft tissue lesions, birth defects such as cleft lip and palate, and scores of other diseases and disorders that affect the oral, dental and craniofacial tissues, collectively known as the craniofacial complex. (*Surgeon General’s Report on Oral Health in America, 2000.*)

Community Oral Health

Programming that utilized health promotion and disease prevention activities to address oral health problems in populations. Such programs often provide a level of organization and resources beyond those available to an individual and complement personal care and professional services. Many programs target populations with limited access to professional services or limited resources to pay for services. Government agencies, religious organizations, charities, schools, and foundations and other private and public groups may spearhead such programs, tapping into the expertise, enthusiasm and knowledge of community values of staff and volunteers. Some programs are sponsored by national, state and local dental societies and their members. (*Surgeon General’s Report on Oral Health in America, 2000.*)

Public Health Workforce

The current public health workforce includes local health department staff; health educators based at hospitals, health departments or other agencies; personnel from the state department of health; as well as faculty and students at the University of Illinois School of Public Health and UIS MPH programs.