

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
ECC	Early Childhood Caries
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HPRC	Health Policy and Research Center
IAHEC	Illinois Area Health Education Center
IDHA	Illinois Dental Hygienist Association
IDHS	Illinois Department of Human Services
IDPA	Illinois Department of Public Aid
IDPH	Illinois Department of Public Health
IPHCA	Illinois Primary Health Care 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
SIUE	Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
UIC	University of Illinois at Chicago
UIC COD	University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry
UIC SPH	University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health
USDA	United States Dietary Authority
WIC	Women, Infants and Children's Program

Special note: For purposes of this plan, references to the Medicaid insured population also includes children insured by the Illinois KidCare 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 recovery and assuring the quality and accessibility of health services (CDC/PHPPPO, 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 utilizes 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, 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 include 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.