

# Suburban Cook County Chronic Disease Prevention Network

**Cook County  
Department of Public Health  
Cook County Health and Hospitals System**



The Suburban Cook County (SCC) Chronic Disease Prevention Network is a diverse group of partners, representing local government, city planners, schools, community- and faith-based institutions, healthcare entities, businesses, and philanthropic organizations. The Network is staffed by the Cook County Department of Public Health, Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion Unit.

This group works to advance policy changes that address risk factors and social determinants of health contributing to chronic disease. It formed in 2009 in response to the:

- increasing burden of chronic disease in SCC;
- alarming rates of obesity, poor nutrition, physical inactivity and tobacco use; and the
- need to change policies and environments in schools, workplaces and communities to support healthy living.

## Goals of the Network.

- Identify priority issues that affect chronic disease prevention, develop strategies, and guide initiatives that will collectively advance broad-based policy change.
- Influence public perception and attitudes affecting (poor) nutrition, physical (in)activity, and/or tobacco (use).
- Secure and leverage resources to support strategies necessary to reduce the burden of chronic disease prevention in suburban Cook County.

## Benefits of Membership.

- Networking opportunities that will enrich your agencies efforts to prevent chronic disease
- Meetings with crosscutting information on best practices
- Participation in the development of a clearinghouse of tools and resources related to chronic disease prevention

## How to Get Involved.

For more information, call the CCDPH Prevention Services Unit at 708-492-2193 or email [healthycook@ccdph.net](mailto:healthycook@ccdph.net).

## SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION NETWORK

Active Transportation Alliance\*

Advocate Congregational Health Partnerships

Alliance for a Healthier Generation

American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate\*

AgeOptions\*

Building a Healthier Chicago

The Center for Excellence in Eliminating Disparities

The Center for Faith and Community Health Transformation\*

Cook County Department of Public Health\*

Chicago Metropolitan Agency on Planning\*

Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Illinois Primary Health Care Association

Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology

Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council

MidAmerica Center for Public Health Practice

National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, Inc.

Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago

Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago

Southland Health Care Forum\*

United Way of Metropolitan Chicago\*

University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Applied Health Sciences, Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition

University of Illinois Extension

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

White Crane Wellness Center

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