Chicago Department of Public Health

Introduction to Maternal, Infant, Child, and Adolescent Health Bureau (MICAH) for Health Services Advisory Committee

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MICAH Bureau (Maternal, Infant, Child and Adolescent Health)

- Nutrition & WIC
- Family Connects Nurse Home Visiting
- School Health
- Lead Poisoning Prevention & Healthy Homes
- Reproductive Health

Data, Policy, Communication and Partnerships
WIC (Women, Infant and Children) Program

WIC serves pregnant, post-partum and breastfeeding people, infants and children up to 5 years old by providing:

- Access to healthy foods
- Nutrition education
- Breastfeeding support
- Health Screenings
- Referrals to additional services

Results: Reduces risk of prematurity, low birth weight, infant death, obesity, child neglect, and food insecurity.
Family Connects Chicago

FOR ALL
Helping all families who deliver at a participating hospital

NO COST TO RECIPIENTS
Eligible recipients, are not charged

1. Nurse connects around 3 weeks after birth with family and identifies needs
2. Nurse connects family to community resources
3. Family connects with infant
4. Family Connects Chicago

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Office of School Health

Expanded of the Office of School Health

- Create stronger operational and clinical support for the existing programs.
- Strengthen interdepartmental collaboration, planning and programming within schools.
- Build consistent messages & pathways of communication between CDPH and all Chicago schools.

School Based Dental Program

- Dental education, exams, cleanings, fluoride treatment and dental sealants for grades K-12

School Based Vision Program

- Comprehensive vision exams and free eyeglasses for grades K-12

Adolescent Sexual Health Programs

- Chicago Healthy Adolescents & Teens (CHAT)
- District-wide condom access and educational resources
Lead Poisoning Prevention & Healthy Homes

CDPH Lead Poisoning Prevention program works to detect and address exposures to lead hazards and is leading efforts to permanently eliminate lead exposure to children.

Nurse case management  Environmental Inspection  Healthy Homes Grant Program  Community Engagement
Reduction in the prevalence of venous blood lead levels, 5+μg/dL, in Chicago children <1-5 years of age, 1996-2021

This chart describes the prevalence (percent) of venous blood lead levels of 5+ μg/dL in children aged 0-5 who received blood lead testing during 1996-2021. For the years 1996-2016, prevalence was imputed by multiplying the prevalence of blood lead levels of 6+ by 1.42. During this time period, many testing laboratories did not measure blood lead levels less than 6 μg/dL. By 2017, laboratories routinely measured blood lead levels down to 5 μg/dL. For the years 2017 to 2022, the prevalence of blood lead levels 5+ was determined by observation rather than imputation.
CDPH's Reproductive Health Strategy

1. Public education
2. Policy advocacy
3. External provider support
4. Internal professional development
Other MICAH Activities

Safe sleep saves lives

* Learn more at OneChifam.org/SafeSleep

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