

Health & Medicine: Key achievements from 40 years of advancing health equity

1980s

Published *Health & Medicine* journal →

Forged coalition to ban the sale of leaded gas in Illinois

Worked with CDPH and Chicago Health Systems Agency to develop strategic plan to reduce infant mortality

Served on the commission establishing the need for a new Cook County Hospital

Led Urban Public Health System study tours in US and Canada

Released comprehensive briefing papers on AIDS in Chicago

Created the Illinois Freestanding Birth Center Task Force



1990s

Initiated a proposal for the Intergovernmental Transfer of funds to capture federal Medicaid matching dollars

Launched the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program →



Convened national women's health leaders to develop Improving the Health of Urban Women

Authored and promoted the Bernardin Amendment to the Illinois Constitution

Founded the Illinois Public Health Advocate

Developed legislation requiring a minimum charity care standard for non-profit hospitals in Illinois

Released *Implications of Welfare Reform on the Health of the Public* report

2000s

Led coalition that established the independent Board for the Cook County Health and Hospitals System

Launched Center for Long-Term Care Reform

Launched project with CPS resulting in the Office of Coordinated School Health

Launched a working group resulting in a new county office of Girls Programming at JTDC

Developed minority report for the Adequate Health Care Task Force promoting single payer

Established HMPRG Awards Program honoring local public health activists

Worked with Court-Involved Youth Project to pass LGBTQ policy in the Cook County Juvenile Justice System

Trained justice system staff on safer custody of LGBTQ youth

Passed Public Act 95-0445 allowing a limited number of freestanding birth centers in Illinois

2010s

Founded the Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative

Launched the Bridge Model of Transitional Care for older adults

Helped facilitate the Governor's Office of Health Innovation and Transformation Workgroups

Established the Center for Public Health Equity

Convened leaders for the 2015 Midwest Regional Summit on Adverse Child Experiences

Launched the Chicago Forum for Justice in Health Policy

Drafted and passed HB5412, Illinois' first legislation recognizing Community Health Workers

Launched the Quentin D. Young Equity Project

Became a Chicago Area Health Education Center

Provided guidance to CDPH on approaches to measuring structural racism in Chicago

2020s

Launched the Public Health Workforce Collaborative

Launched the Intern Equity Program

Published *Health Equity Requires Defunding and Abolishing the Police*

Launched Illinois Aging Together

Led initiative to pass Legislation to expand freestanding birth centers to the South side of Chicago

Served as backbone organization for a new learning collaborative community health worker model in the Western suburbs.



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