## 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.