



Cook County DEPT. of Public Health

A division of Cook County Health

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COMMUNITIES

ABOUT

The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is a nationally accredited, state-certified local health department serving 2.3 million residents in suburban Cook County. CCDPH serves all suburban communities unless they are served by their own Illinois Department of Public Health-certified local health department.

Its mission is to optimize health and achieve health equity for all people and communities of Cook County through leadership and collaborations and focusing on health promotion and prevention, while advocating for and assuring the natural environmental and social conditions necessary to advance physical, mental and social well-being.



Serving

2.3M residents



125

Local municipalities
served



\$475K

Funding for Youth Mental
Health

SUPPORTING MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH



In Illinois, Black women are more than twice as likely to die from pregnancy-related conditions as White women, and 91% of pregnancy-related deaths are considered potentially preventable. Healthy Beginnings connects families earlier to nursing care, high-risk pregnancy support, medical and mental health services, and essential resources, helping prevent avoidable complications and give every mother and baby a healthier start.

COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION CLINICS



Vaccination rates among school-age children in suburban Cook County increased slightly for the first time in more than a decade, but nearly 12,000 students remain unprotected, almost double the number in 2014-15. Continued funding will expand community-based clinics, improve access in areas of greatest need and strengthen public education and trust to move vaccination coverage closer to the 95% level needed to protect communities from highly contagious diseases.



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DECREASING OPIOID-INVOLVED OVERDOSES

Chicago and suburban Cook County have experienced a third consecutive year of declines in opioid overdose deaths. Opioid-involved overdose deaths in Cook County declined 42% from 2022 to 2024, including a 33% decline in the overdose mortality rate in suburban Cook County.

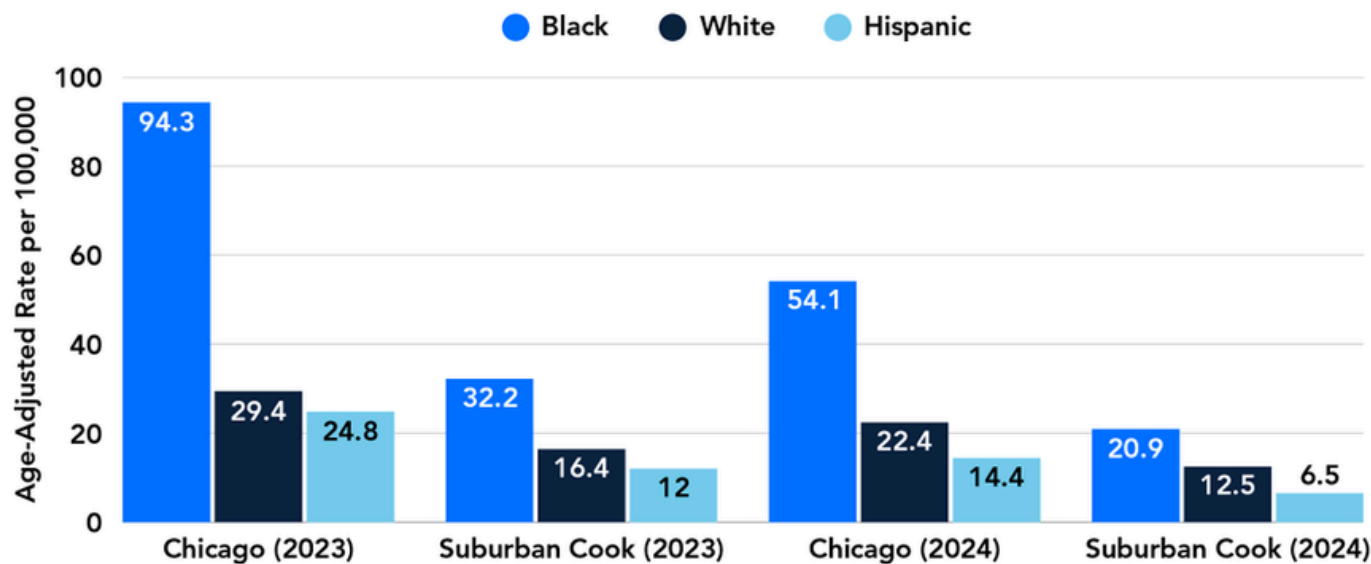
Continued funding for naloxone access, harm reduction, treatment and community-based prevention is critical to maintain this progress.

GRANTMAKING FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Building on ARPA-funded work, CCDPH is investing in community-based organizations that can reach youth and families in the trusted places where they live, learn and gather, creating more opportunities for early support, connection to services and suicide prevention.

Continued funding allows CCDPH to sustain this community infrastructure, intervene earlier and address both mental health needs and the conditions that contribute to poor mental health outcomes.

Figure 1: Rates of Opioid Deaths in Chicago & Suburban Cook County by Race & Ethnicity (2023 - 2024)



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