



The Collaborative for Children's Health Policy

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THE ISSUE:

There are real barriers to sustaining progress and attention on critical child health policies in Illinois, including changing administrations, budget challenges and the lack of vote or voice by children. We believe we can work together to address such barriers and improve the trajectory of child health by collaborating to make Illinois children's health a priority.

Our mission: The Collaborative for Children's Health Policy...

- ... ***transforms child and adolescent health and wellbeing in Illinois***
- ... ***by partnering to advance policies and investments***
- ... ***that will achieve health equity for youth, families and communities.***

Common Values:

How we approach child health

- We acknowledge that each child, family, and community is **unique**.
- We consider **access to high quality, child-centric and comprehensive services** a key component of health equity.
- We employ a **developmental approach** because health evolves over the life course, and is embedded in family and community health and well-being.
- We acknowledge that health in infancy, childhood and adolescence **affects health in adulthood**.
- We know that health and development are **impacted by racism, social and economic inequality, and immigration status**.
- We understand that investments in children and adolescents support the long term **economic and social wellbeing of our state**.

How we partner and work

- We recognize that everyone, **all families and youth sectors and disciplines**, has a role to play.
- We are stronger when we **work together**.
- We engage the most affected stakeholders in discussions about **policy in its development**.
- We rely on quality data to drive **evidenced-informed policies** and practices.
- We seek to enhance existing infrastructures, sustainability, implementation, and funding when they **support health equity**.
- We seek to **ensure that potential negative effects of any types of policies impacting child health are minimized**, and not borne by already disadvantaged populations.
- We work to build wide spread support across all elements of society in a **non-partisan way**.

We invite you to join us in our work. The Collaborative for Children's Health Policy is currently in formation and plans to launch in Summer, 2018. Please contact Ellen Byrne at elbyrne@luriechildrens.org for more information.