

HEALTHY AUSTIN VISION

Healthy Austin defines health as a state of well-being that is nurtured by the total environment of the individual. The infrastructure for building a nurturing environment includes a set of relationships, which create positive images of oneself, family, community, country and world. It also includes opportunities within the environment for the individual to develop and use their spiritual faith, gifts and talents for creating wholeness for themselves and others.

Healthy Austin coalition members include:

Austin Chamber of Commerce

Austin YMCA

Circle Family Care

Commissioner Collin's Office

PCC Community Wellness

PCC Austin Family Health Center

San Miguel School

Sister House

West District Health Council

Westside Health Authority

Westside Health Partnership

West Suburban Hospital

WHAT DOES PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE TO DO WITH ME?

Public health is more than clinics and immunizations. Public health means the health of everyone in the community. Public health looks out for the good of the whole community. Safe housing, clean and secure streets, quality education, available recreation, healthy food, and access to health care are all part of public health.

CHICAGO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Chicago Center for Community Partnerships works to establish and support a network of community-based partnerships that identify and improve priority public health issues in the community.

The Chicago Center for Community Partnerships is an effort of the Chicago Department of Public Health and the Chicago Partnership for Public Health.

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HEALTHY AUSTIN



*Working Together
for a Healthier
Chicago*

WHAT IS HEALTHY AUSTIN?

Austin is located on the west side of Chicago. Its neighbors include the community areas of Belmont Cragin, Hermosa, Humboldt Park, and West Garfield Park, and the suburban areas of Oak Park and River Forest.

Healthy Austin is a coalition made up of community residents, local service providers, agencies, organizations, business representatives, and others interested in the health of the Austin community.

The coalition is undergoing a planning process to identify resources and gaps in the community. Based on community members' experiences, data that describe the community, and the availability of local resources, the coalition will identify key areas of concern.

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WHO PARTICIPATES?

The coalition membership is very diverse, and includes:

- Community residents
- Community agencies
- Local businesses
- Local health care organizations
- Teachers/school staff
- Local government
- Anyone who is interested

WHY PARTICIPATE?

There are many benefits to participating on Healthy Austin:

- To create a healthy community
- To improve the quality of life for Austin residents
- To join forces with other community residents, providers and stakeholders
- To influence health policy and resource distribution in your community
- To make your voice heard

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

To develop a plan to improve the health of the Austin community, coalition members are:

- Listening to Austin community members' thoughts, opinions and experiences
- Finding data that describe the health of the community
- Looking at trends that influence the community, such as managed care and welfare reform
- Considering local resources that influence the health of Austin, such as the availability of jobs
- Developing strategies to address identified priority issues
- Collaborating and forming new linkages and strategies to improve the quality of life in Austin.