

HEALTHY CHICAGO LAWN VISION

Our vision for a healthy Chicago Lawn is a safe, inclusive, culturally accepting community in which people feel connected and invested. Building on existing and seeking new resources, our community fosters collaboration among all of its members, developing and promoting an environment that provides high quality of life.

HEALTHY CHICAGO LAWN MEMBERS

15th Ward Alderman Toni Foulkes' Office, 16th District State Senator Jacqueline Collins' Office, 71st & 72nd S. Sawyer Ave. Block Club, 6400 S. Fairfield Block Club, 6400 S. Maplewood Block Club, 6500 S. Talman Block Club, Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Arab American Action Network, Beth Shalom B'Nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation, Campaign for Better Health Care, CAPS - 8th District, CeaseFire, Chicago Dept. of Public Health, Chicago Dept. on Aging - Southwest Center, Chicago Lawn Block Club Coalition, Chicago Park District, Chicago Police Dept. - 8th District, Chicago Public Library, Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, Curves Fitness, Friend Family Health Center, Greater Southwest Development Corporation, Holy Cross Hospital, Hurley School, Inner City Muslim Action Network (IMAN), Latino Organization of the Southwest, Maria High School, Marquette School, Metropolitan Family Services, Neighborhood Housing Services, SANAD, Sisters of St. Casimir, Southwest Chicago PADS, Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP), Southwest Youth Collaborative, Thresholds, UIC Prevention Research Center, United Block Clubs, individual residents of Chicago Lawn

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 Chicago Lawn



*Working Together for
a Healthier Chicago*

What is Healthy Chicago Lawn ?

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

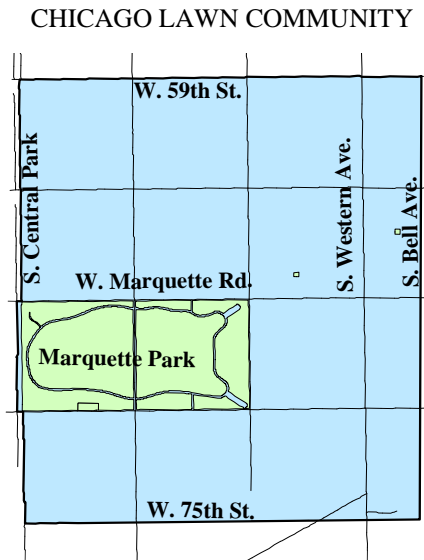
Starting in April 2004, Healthy Chicago Lawn undertook a planning process to identify resources and gaps in the community. Based on community members' experiences, data that describe the community and the availability of local resources, the coalition identified key areas of concern.

Coalition members developed strategies to address the identified issues and work together to support collaborative efforts that seek to improve the overall quality of life and well-being of Chicago Lawn.

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WHERE IS CHICAGO LAWN?

Chicago Lawn is located on the southwest side of Chicago and has a population of 61,412. Its neighbors include the community areas of Gage Park, West Englewood, Ashburn, and West Lawn.



WHO PARTICIPATES?

The coalition membership is 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 Chicago Lawn:

- ➔ To create a healthy community
- ➔ To improve the quality of life for Chicago Lawn 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 address the identified issues, the coalition has workgroups focusing on three key areas:

- ✓ Awareness/Access to Comprehensive Health and Social Services
- ✓ Healthy Lifestyles and Wellness
- ✓ Healthy Behaviors and Safety

Coalition members participate on at least one workgroup, which meets monthly, and continue to participate in bi-monthly coalition meetings.