

HEALTHY SOUTH CHICAGO VISION

Healthy South Chicago is a community-driven process that empowers residents to achieve their highest level of well-being. Strengthened by collaborative efforts and shared resources, Healthy South Chicago promotes access to expanded community health and other quality of life services that are:

- ✓ affordable
- ✓ educational
- ✓ convenient
- ✓ timely
- ✓ high quality
- ✓ full-range
- ✓ preventive
- ✓ culturally appropriate
- ✓ multilingual

in a clean, safe, crime-free environment, for the whole family without discrimination regardless of socioeconomic, racial/ethnic, or immigration status.

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 will 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 South Chicago Coalition

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WHAT IS HEALTHY SOUTH CHICAGO?

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

Starting in August 2001, Healthy South Chicago 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 have now collaborated and formed new linkages to accomplish their goals.

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 South Chicago:

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

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

To address the identified issues, the coalition formed workgroups focusing on four key areas:

- ✓ Facilitating access to health care
- ✓ Promoting healthy behaviors
- ✓ Fostering a positive community environment
- ✓ Supporting community development

Community members participate on at least one workgroup, which meets monthly, and continue to participate in quarterly coalition meetings

Help us make a difference
and come join us!

Anyone can join. For more information, contact Dinah Ramirez, R.N., Project Coordinator

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