

What is IPLAN?

The Illinois Plan for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN) is a community health assessment and planning process that is conducted every five years by local health jurisdictions in Illinois. Based on the Assessment Protocol for Excellence in Public Health (APEX-PH) model, IPLAN is grounded in the core functions of public health, and addresses public health practice standards. The completion of IPLAN fulfills most of the requirements for Local Health Department certification under Illinois Administrative Code Section 600.400: Certified Local Health Department Code Public Health Practice Standards. The essential elements of IPLAN are:

1. An organizational capacity assessment
2. A community health needs assessment
3. A community health plan, focusing on a minimum of three priority health problems

-The capacity assessment is an internal review.

-The community health needs assessment requires that the Health Department: 1.) convene a group of concerned citizens; 2.) Review and analyze characteristics and indicators of health status in Ogle County; 3.) Establish a priority of health needs/problems

-The community health plan designs a tentative approach for addressing those health needs/problems.

Health Indicators fall into these 6 categories:

1. General characteristics
2. Health and access to care
3. Maternal/child health
4. Chronic disease
5. Infectious disease
6. Environmental/occupational

The definition of a **Health Problem** is, “a situation or condition of people which is: considered undesirable, is likely to exist in the future, and is measured as death, disease or disability.”

In Ogle County the community group determined these 3 top priorities over the last three IPLAN processes:

1994

Low Birth Weight
Oral Health Disease

HIV/AIDS

1999

Heart Disease
Preventable Cancer

High Teen Pregnancy

2006

Frail Elderly Needs
Mental Health Disease
(hospitalizations)
Adolescent Health
(obesity, sexual, drug/
alcohol use)

The 2010 IPLAN will be published in late 2011.