

Below is a short synopsis of the progress made with previous IPLAN priorities. Many of the priorities are complex in nature and will require long term action to impact the health problem. Priorities require a comprehensive collaborative systematic approach over a period of time. Success is often measured as a decrease in morbidity/mortality thus affecting individuals throughout their life span.

Livingston County Priorities 1995 – 2000

Reduce vaccine-preventable disease risk

This priority was utilized to assess the effectiveness of childhood immunization programs in the county. Pertussis remains the disease most prevalent that could be eliminated with vaccination. In 2005 there were 13 cases and in 2009 there were 2 cases. With the introduction of the Illinois Vaccine for Children Plus program, many local providers started giving childhood vaccinations again. Upon entry into the school system, children are in full compliance with the current immunization schedule. As new vaccines become available, information is distributed to the public to identify recipients and to medical providers.

Reduce high incidence of cardiovascular disease

This remains an ongoing priority.

Reduce high incidence of breast, cervical and lung cancer

The introduction of the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer prevention program assisted with the early identification of breast and cervical cancer. The five year average percent diagnosed in situ breast cancer has gone from 7.4% in 1986-1990 to 15.6% for 1998-2002. The breast cancer mortality rate has decreased from 12 deaths in 1990 to 3 deaths in 2005. The cervical cancer incidence age adjusted rate is below the state rate. Lung cancer remains an ongoing priority.

Reduce high incidence of abusive/violent behavior

This remains an ongoing priority. The Livingston County Coalition Against Violence was formed as a grassroots organization to address the problem. Grants were obtained from the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority to support preventive programs in the schools. The Healthy Families Illinois program was initiated at the health department. Screenings are done by medical providers to identify those at risk for domestic violence. Key partners addressing this priority are IHR, ADV/SAS and the schools.

Livingston County Priorities 2000 – 2005

Reduce the incidence and prevent family violence

This remains an ongoing priority with the focus on how drug/alcohol abuse impacts the problem. The Healthy Families Illinois program continues at the health department. Key partners addressing this priority are: Livingston County Coalition Against Violence, IHR, ADV/SAS and the schools.

Reduce the vaccine-preventable disease risk for children, and the incidence

of teen pregnancy

Childhood immunization clinics continue to be offered. Immunization schedules are updated per CDC/IDPH recommendations.

Teen pregnancy has decreased from 11.6% in 1990 to 8.8% in 2008 in the county.

Reduce the incidence of chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease and cancers

This remains an ongoing priority.

Reduce the incidence of food/water borne illnesses

The rate of food/water borne illness is below the rate for the state of IL. An active communicable disease program continues to address outbreaks as they occur. Prevention activities, such as food establishment inspections, and private water/septic system inspections continue.

Livingston County Priorities 2005 – 2010

Reduce the incidence of obesity

This remains an ongoing priority.

Reduce the incidence and prevent family violence

This continues to be addressed by the various community partners. Healthy Families Illinois continues to be offered. Many community stakeholders conduct routine screenings and refer. ADV/SAS (Alternatives to Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Services) continues to provide services in the county. Law enforcement and the judicial system are involved.

Reduce the incidence of drug and alcohol abuse

This continues to be an ongoing priority with a focus on prevention at a young age.

Reduce the incidence/severity of cancer

This continues to be an ongoing priority.

Livingston County Priorities to address in 2010 - 2015

Mental health – increase mental health access and availability of providers

Substance abuse – decrease the incidence/use

Heart disease – decrease the incidence focusing on coronary heart disease

Cancer – decrease the incidence focusing on lung and colorectal cancer

Access to care – improve by focusing on non emergency transportation, health care coverage and increasing the number of providers in specific disciplines.