



# 2023

## Report to the Community

# Stronger Together: A System of Collaboration

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In 2023, I completed my first full year as Executive Director at the Kane County Health Department. I continue to be impressed with the dedication of residents to support each other in an effort to improve the health of the public. The challenges threatening optimal health are many and continue to evolve, yet still, individuals and organizations step forward to serve others. This level of engagement and cooperation from a range of community partners have made it possible to put interventions in place to support the needs of the individuals and families to reduce illness.

The employees of the Kane County Health Department play an important role in promoting, protecting and advocating for the health of our residents. I take tremendous pride in working with such a tremendous group of knowledgeable, skilled people who have dedicated themselves to serving others. The team of professionals at the Health Department work with community partners and residents to listen to concerns, identify health issues, determine appropriate steps and then work with the community to act. These actions are part of our ongoing commitment to assure every resident in our diverse community has the opportunity to thrive.

In the following pages you will see examples of some of the activities that occurred in 2023. These are just samples of the great work the Health Department conducts in coordination with residents and organizations in the Kane County community.

We look forward to serving those who live, work, and visit Kane County in 2024 and beyond.



# Vision

**Kane County residents are the healthiest in Illinois.**

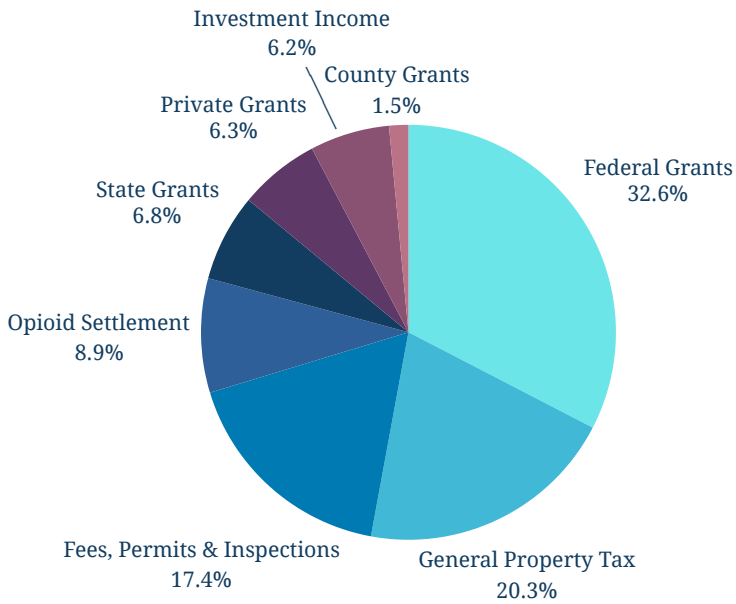
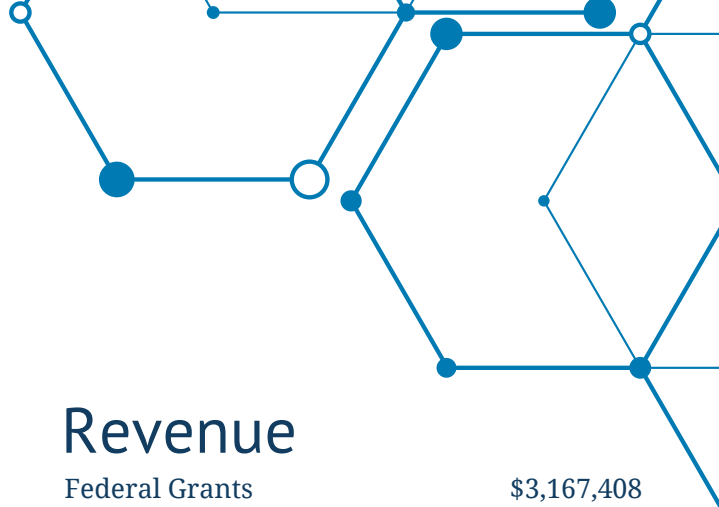
# Mission

**Promote, protect and advocate for health and wellness in Kane County.**

## 10 Essentials of Public Health

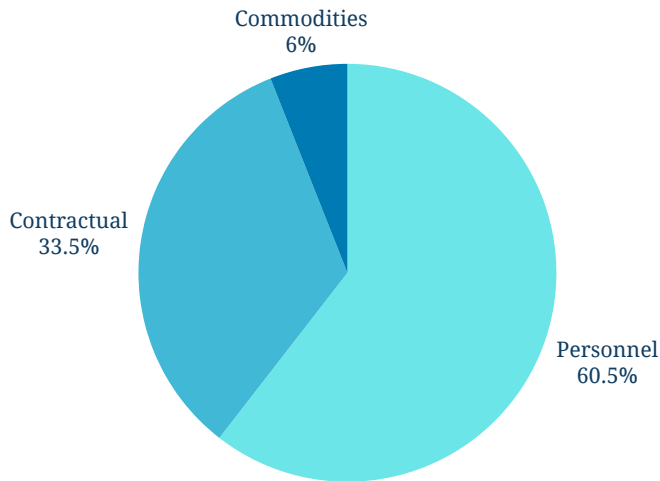
1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.
2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population.
3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.
4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.
5. Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.
6. Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.
7. Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.
8. Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.
9. Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.
10. Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.

# Finances



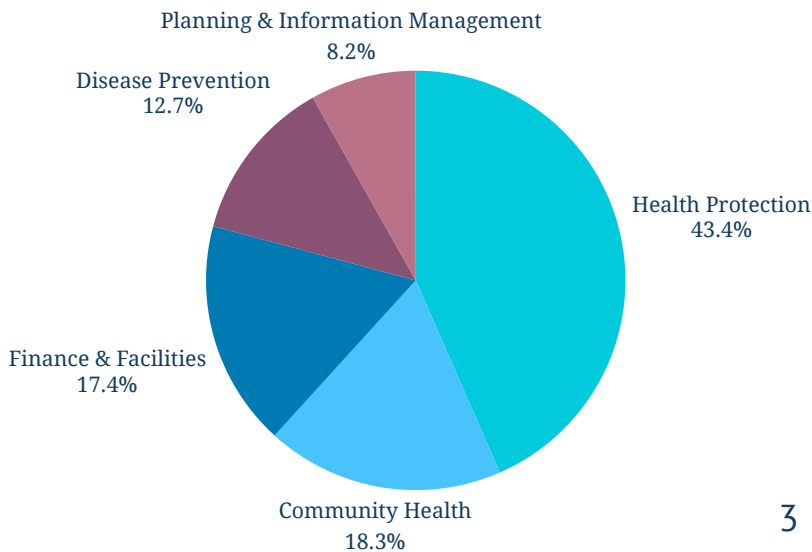
## Revenue

Federal Grants	\$3,167,408
General Property Tax	\$1,977,248
Fees, Permits & Inspections	\$1,689,016
Opioid Settlement	\$868,079
State Grants	\$665,329
Private Grants	\$616,425
Investment Income	\$605,004
County Grants	\$142,097
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,730,606</b>



## Expenses

Personnel	\$5,165,531
Contractual	\$2,859,355
Commodities	\$508,589
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,533,475</b>



## Expenses by Division

Health Protection	\$3,705,960
Community Health	\$1,588,567
Finance & Facilities	\$1,485,937
Disease Prevention	\$1,080,941
Planning & Information Mgmt	\$697,070
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,533,475</b>



# Division of Community Health

The Division of Community Health coordinates public health initiatives tailored to address the specific needs of the residents of Kane County. Through a comprehensive range of programs, services, and outreach efforts, the division promotes and protects the well-being of our community by coordinating systems that support local stakeholders. Collaborating closely with community organizations, healthcare providers, and governmental agencies, the division aims to foster a healthier public health environment and empower individuals to make informed decisions about their health, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life within Kane County.

## AOK - All Our Kids Network

Behavioral Health

Children's Mental Health

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

Integrated Referral and Intake System (IRIS)

Making Kane Fit for Kids

Opioid Overdose Prevention and Naloxone Distribution

Tobacco and Vaping Prevention

Violence Prevention

**16,650**

AOK Resource Guides distributed

**17,842**

Doses of naloxone distributed to prevent opioid overdoses

**3,574**

Families connected with essential services through IRIS

**84**

Smoke Free Illinois Act compliance checks completed

**2,150**

Free gun locks distributed to reduce firearm accidents

**872**

Community mental health professionals educated in free monthly webinars



# Division of Disease Prevention

The Division of Disease Prevention aims to support the health of the community as we provide education and outreach to the residents of Kane County. Our multi-faceted programs help to prevent disease through primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention. We work directly with individuals and families at our clinics and through our home visiting programs, offering resources and assistance with navigating the health care system.

**1,067**

Tuberculosis educational calls made to healthcare professionals and public

**911**

Vaccinations given to protect children against disease

**361**

Nurse home visits made to at-risk first time mothers

**137**

Families received lead case management services

**209**

Families connected with home visiting services

**810**

Families of medically fragile infants referred to KCHD

**High Risk Infant Follow Up**

**iGrow Coordinated Intake**

**Immunizations**

**Kane Kares  
(Nurse Family Partnership)**

**Childhood Lead Poisoning  
Prevention Program**

**Tuberculosis Program**

# Division of Health Protection

The Division of Health Protection includes Environmental Health and Communicable Disease. Environmental Health identifies and manages environmental factors that can impact human health, such as food safety, lead poisoning prevention, air and water quality, and vector control. Communicable Disease focuses on protecting residents

from the health threats of infectious diseases and outbreaks. This is achieved through disease trend analysis, education, disease investigations and outbreak management, and collaborating with and providing support to health care providers and sick individuals.

Air Quality (Radon)

Communicable Disease Surveillance

Epidemiology

Foodborne Illness Surveillance

Food Establishment Inspection

Lead Inspections

Outbreak Surveillance

Property Maintenance

Septic Inspections

Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance

Tanning Inspections

Vector Control

Well Inspections

**16,651**

Reportable disease cases investigated

**2,959**

Food inspections completed

**62**

Foodborne illness cases investigated

**118**

Disease outbreaks investigated

**221**

Septic and well permits issued

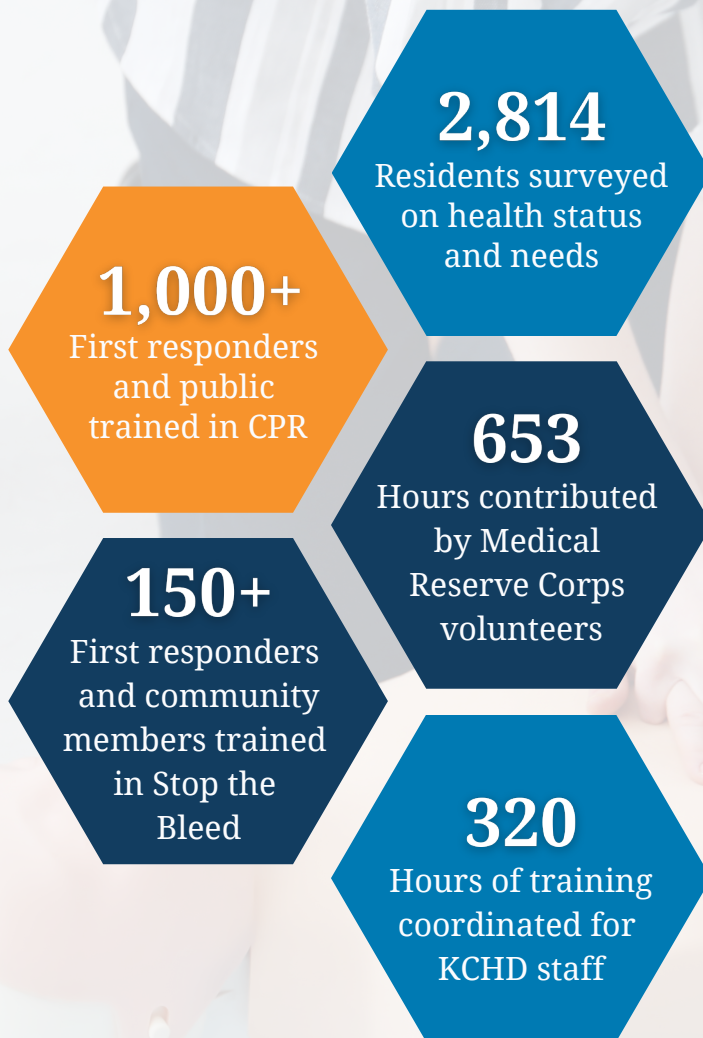
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Lead inspections completed



# Division of Planning & Information

The Division of Planning & Information Management was created in 2023, with the goal of strengthening the capacity of KCHD by developing strong plans to accelerate and improve health outcomes. The division supports the infrastructure needed to provide fair and just opportunities for the community's health. Through the integration of leadership priorities, data-driven evidence, and staff expertise, we help develop initiatives by providing research, analysis, and internal and external quality improvement tools. Keeping health equity at the forefront of our efforts, we support KCHD's ability to communicate and advance the health of Kane County residents.



- Community Health Planning
- Epidemiology
- Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN)
- Kane Health Counts Data Sharing and Action Teams
- Medical Reserve Corps
- Performance Improvement
- Public Health Accreditation
- Public Health Emergency Planning and Training
- Workforce Development

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