

**Children's Memorial Hospital**  
**Office of Child Advocacy**  
**Programming and Policy Activities**

**Injury Prevention and Research Center**

*Intentional Injury*

Child Abuse/Maltreatment

1. Clinical Symposia in Child Abuse and Neglect
2. Child Maltreatment Awareness CD-ROM and web-based presentations for pre-hospital providers, police, day care and early childhood workers, school personnel, clinicians and City of Chicago agencies
3. Participation on City of Chicago Child Abuse Prevention Task Force
4. Coping with Crying project
5. Collaboration with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) system of Cook County to enhance tracking and monitoring of medically at-risk children following hospital discharge
6. Policy development on legislative issues

Guns/Firearms

1. Pediatric Resident (web-based) curriculum education project on counseling re: guns in the home

Youth Suicide

1. Data collection and analysis in collaboration with Denise Dowd, MD (Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, MO)

Adolescent Assault

1. Data collection and analysis in collaboration with Marie Crandall, MD (Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine)

*Unintentional Injury*

Safe at Home

1. Home Safety Kits education and distribution in collaboration with Injury Free Coalition for Kids
2. Falls from Heights initiative in collaboration with Injury Free Coalition for Kids

Safe at Play

1. Safe Playgrounds in collaboration with Injury Free Coalition for Kids
2. Bicycle helmet safety events in collaboration with Uptown Injury Prevention Project
3. Knee Injury Prevention Project for female athletes in collaboration with Children's Memorial Hospital Institute for Sports Medicine

Safe on the Road

1. Car seat education and distribution in collaboration with
2. Uptown Injury Prevention Project and Chicago Safe Kids Coalition
3. Pedestrian safety in collaboration with Uptown Injury Prevention Project
4. Walking school bus project in collaboration with Goudy Elementary School in Uptown

### Positive Youth Development

1. Safe Schools/Successful Students (social/emotional development in schools and summer camp) project
2. Cabrini Green Youth Program

### Public Policy

1. Advancement of expanded e-coding system among all IL emergency rooms to better quantify the scope of injury to children in collaboration with the Illinois Hospital Association

### Child Health Data Lab

1. Development of State and Community Reports on Injury Prevalence and Targeted Solutions (SCRIPTS) reports to quantify and geo-map injuries to IL children
2. Leadership and collaboration with Illinois Department of Public Health and other funding agencies in the development of an Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IVDRS) to better describe types and circumstances surrounding violent deaths in Illinois and to contribute to CDC National Violent Death Reporting System
3. Analysis and evaluation of injury prevention projects
4. Illinois Health Survey in collaboration with Chicago Department of Public Health and University of Illinois-- Chicago

### Other Activities

1. Member of Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children Injury Prevention Committee (through Division of Trauma)
2. Collaboration with Illinois Injury Prevention Coalition

### **HIV/AIDS**

1. Public policy development for prenatal HIV testing and AZT therapy (when appropriate) as a routine standard of care in collaboration with Illinois Department of Public Health
2. Public policy development for routine newborn HIV testing at birth when mother's HIV status unknown at delivery in collaboration with Illinois Department of Public Health
3. Public policy development for payment of perinatal HIV test through IL Managed Care Act
4. Public policy development of CDC-recommended routine HIV testing for 13-64 year olds in collaboration with Illinois Department of Public Health
5. Advancement of HIV confidential name reporting
6. Professional and public education on the benefits of prenatal/newborn HIV testing
7. Adolescent peer education on HIV/STI risk reduction (through Section on Pediatric, Adolescent and Maternal HIV)
8. Development of manual for principals and collaboration with Chicago Public Schools and suburban Cook County Schools on management of HIV-infected children in school setting
9. Educational material for parents and guardians of HIV-infected children on disclosure and management issues in the school setting
10. Curriculum development for blood-borne pathogens training for Chicago Public Schools
11. Participation on Chicago Pediatric and Adolescent Community Advisory Boards
12. Participation on IDPH Perinatal Task Force
13. Participation on AIDS Foundation of Chicago Policy and Advocacy Committee (through Section on Pediatric, Adolescent and Maternal HIV)
14. Participation on AIDS Foundation of Chicago Primary Care Committee (through Section on Pediatric, Adolescent and Maternal HIV)
14. Prevention capacity building to service providers and agencies serving persons with HIV

### **Chronic Illness**

1. School nurse education and training on integration and management of technology-dependent children in Chicago Public Schools (system-wide) and suburban Cook County schools
2. School teacher education and training on identification, management and referral of children with attention deficit hyperactivity (ADHD) disorder in Chicago Public/Parochial/Suburban Schools
3. Education and training on social/emotional development in collaboration with Chicago Public Schools and other suburban/private schools
4. Collaboration with Chicago Public Schools to strengthen "oral classroom" instruction for children with cochlear implants and other hearing impairments
5. Epilepsy Manual for management of children with epilepsy and other seizure disorders in Chicago Public Schools (system wide distribution), Cook County suburban and other school districts
6. Fitness programs for children with spina bifida, cerebral palsy and other musculoskeletal disorders
7. Supportive housing for young adults with spina bifida, sickle cell anemia and other chronic conditions
8. Development of adolescent "transition" models for medically vulnerable adolescents to progress into adult care delivery systems and community living

### **Obesity**

1. Participation in Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC) Initiative

### **Clergy Collaboration**

1. Affiliated Member of Near North Ministry Alliance in Cabrini Green

### **Youth Mentoring**

1. Sponsorship of physician-led Summer Youth Mentoring and Promotion of Literacy (SYMPL) program at Children's Primary Care—Uptown
2. Participation in Children's Memorial Hospital Careers in Health Care Summer Program for Youth

### **Literacy Promotion**

1. Support for Reach Out and Read literacy promotion project through Children's Memorial Hospital Continuity Clinics
2. Support for in-hospital "Catch the Reading Bug" literacy promotion program
3. Support for ambassador program to support health literacy for parents of children seen at hospital

### **International Advocacy**

1. Collaboration with Department of Surgery to donate surgical supplies to third world and other impoverished countries to assist with pediatric surgeries (REMEDY)
2. Support for collaboration with Bugando Medical Center of Mwanza, Tanzania through Department of Medical Education

### **Legal Advocacy**

1. Support for referral of family to legal resources affecting childhood health in collaboration with hospital Legal and Social Work Departments

## **Faculty, Resident, Social Work and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Education**

### Pediatric Resident Education

1. Collaboration with Office of Medical Education and Children's Primary Care-- Uptown required rotation in Community Medicine and Child Advocacy (CMCA) for (PL2) pediatric residents
2. Project DOCC (Delivery of Chronic Care) for PL1 pediatric residents
3. Support for pediatric resident electives in advocacy
4. Lectures to child psychiatry and psychology residents on child advocacy
5. Third-year pediatric resident Project Mwanza international child advocacy project (Tanzania, Africa)

### Social Worker Education

1. Lectures to CMH social work interns and staff

### Pediatric Nurse-Practitioner Education

1. Collaboration with Rush University Medical Center Pediatric Nurse-Practitioner Training Program in providing annual lectures in child advocacy for pediatric nurse-practitioner students
2. Support for community-based field training opportunities

### **CMH Professional/Staff Education**

1. Ongoing professional and staff education on child advocacy

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