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Alt. text: Aerial from North Lawndale with skyline and CTA train Pink Line elevated tracks over Ogden Avenue. Source: City of Chicago

# Hey friends!

We're so glad you're here. As part of our continued commitment to staying connected, especially during the months when our bi-monthly partnership meetings aren't held, we're launching this newsletter to keep the conversation going and the momentum strong. This new way of connecting is part of our collective journey under the Healthy Chicago 2025 Strategic Plan, and we're excited to walk this path with you.

In each issue, you'll get highlights from our hyperlocal meetings, shine a light on the incredible work YOU are doing in the community, and share upcoming events, reflections, and resources as we continue our shared mission to close the racial life expectancy gap in Chicago.

We recognize the government's historical role in perpetuating harm and know building trust through these relationships takes time. This newsletter is one way we intend to stay transparent and connected—with updates, community partner spotlights, and events. We also know language translation is currently missing and are exploring solutions to make this resource more accessible. In the meantime, we welcome your ideas and appreciate your patience!

> Click here to learn more about the Healthy Chicago 2025 Strategic Plan

## Community Corner 🏤

In case you missed it! Healthy Chicago 2025 March Meeting

<u>Recap</u> In March, Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) hosted 3 community engagement meetings with partners from the HC25 Strategic Plan's 3 priority areas. Several CDPH teams joined us to present progress made on the programmatic action plans. Across all 3 meetings, attendees heard from Offices of Chronic Disease, Substance Use, Mental Health, Violence Prevention, Syndemic Infectious Diseases, Immunizations, and MICAH (Maternal, Infant, Child & Adolescent Health).

Thank you to those who completed our post-event survey. Your feedback will help inform future meetings including topic presentations and preferred meeting times.

If you would like to access recordings from the March meetings, please reach out to <u>cdphcommunityengagement@cityofchicago.org</u>.

Thank you to all 31 partner organizations who attended our first round of meetings!

**Looking Ahead: SAVE THE DATES!** 

In our subsequent meetings, we will continue sharing updates from CDPH on the programmatic action plans but also create an intentional space to learn about the work of our partners and find ways to better coordinate. Thank you for your participation thus far.

Save the date for our next round of meetings: • Greater Englewood, Wednesday, May 14, 1-3pm

• North Lawndale, Tuesday, May 20, 1-3pm • Greater Garfield Park, Thursday, May 22, 1-3pm

attend whichever priority area meetings that are most relevant to your work and skip the others. Click here to be added to our distribution list for future meeting

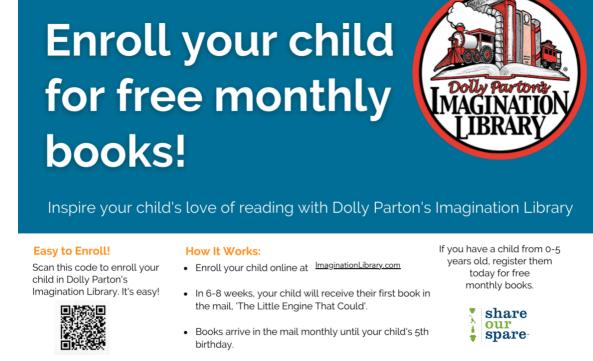
You should have received calendar invitations for all of these meetings

from <u>cdphcommunityengagement@cityofchicago.org</u>. You are welcome to

invites and newsletters!

#### Community Partner Spotlight: The Imagination Library This month we're spotlighting the Imagination Library -- a resource shared by our friends at **Share Our Spare**. If you have any questions, please reach out

to Bridget Rundquist (she/her), Director of Partnerships and Community Engagement at bridget@shareourspare.org.



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**CDPH Staff Highlight Brittany Williams** Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Chief Racial Equity Officer, Chicago Department of Public

Health



I'm honored to lead work that uplifts our communities and strengthens the partnerships that keep public health efforts rooted in the voices of our neighborhoods. My team and I have the privilege of overseeing our department's efforts to operationalize equity and create structures that center the needs of Chicago's most impacted communities. My role is grounded in ensuring that every aspect of our work -- from internal processes to community partnerships -- advances health equity in meaningful and lasting ways.

I am especially committed to the Healthy Chicago 2025 (HC2025)

Partnership Action Plan because it represents the kind of community-

rooted public health we have long aspired to and now have the opportunity to thoughtfully pursue with intention, accountability, and hope. It's a chance to build something transformative alongside our partners -- a vision of health equity shaped by the wisdom and lived experiences of the communities we serve. This initiative acknowledges that our city's life expectancy gap is completely unacceptable and cannot be addressed without the active participation of the communities most affected. Through this plan, we are intentionally building space for collaboration, transparency, and shared problem-solving with our community partners.

the life expectancy gap and build a healthier, more just Chicago — one neighborhood at a time.

insights and ideas can help shape the future of health and wellbeing in both your community and across our city. Together, we have the power to close

Join us at our upcoming community partnership meetings, where your

CDPH Program Highlight: PlayStreets!



We are excited to launch this year's Strategic Pilot of the PlayStreets program! In alignment with the Healthy Chicago 2025 Strategic Plan, this pilot will focus on these priority community areas: Greater Garfield Park, Austin, North Lawndale, Greater Grand Englewood, Roseland, and West

Pullman. By prioritizing these neighborhoods, PlayStreets aims to provide targeted programming and resources as part of CDPH's efforts to help narrow the life expectancy gap between Chicago's Black and non-Black communities. Through this initiative, eight community-based organizations (Breakthrough Ministries, BUILD, Inc., Calumet Area Industrial Commission, City Motivators, Lifescore Foundation, Phalanx Family Services, UCAN, and Westside Community Empowerment Center) will host 32 events across the

city's West and South sides, bringing health, wellness, and engagement

directly to the communities that need it most. The <u>PlayStreets webpage</u> is in the process of being updated with refreshed content and a link to CDPH's master calendar of community events. Stay tuned!

#### Before we wrap up, we're excited to share that some new funding opportunities have been posted! As a department, we are deeply committed to uplifting and supporting our community partners—people with lived experience, doing the vital work every day to grow and nurture

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their surroundings. We truly believe in the power of community-led solutions and encourage proposals that share this commitment. CDPH has released several Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to our website. These RFPs work to improve Chicago and our communities: • RFP 53652 seeks to fund one delegate agency to implement the Bullying Prevention Project, to conduct and demonstrate

evidenced-based training and interventions, increase collaboration across providers through convening subject matter experts, and • RFP 53656 looks to find a bidder to manage Restorative Practices efforts that promote and increase accessibility to prosocial

over a winning and losing approach to prevent and/or resolve conflicts in designated communities. • RFP 53657 is for the Mental Health Services and Prevention Education for Childhood Sexual Assault Prevention initiative to fund a mental health agency to provide child and adolescent victims of sexual assault and their families with trauma-informed, evidenced-

restorative resolutions where positive relationships are prioritized

Learn more and apply here

Proposal Due Date: June 2, 2025, 12pm CST

based mental health services.

Request for Proposals (RFP) from the West Town-Humboldt Park Expanded Mental Health Services Program (WTHP EMHSP) • "We're offering \$935,000 in grant funding to support innovative, community-rooted mental health services for the West Town and

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Humboldt Park areas."

### Thanks for being part of this journey! We hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Questions or

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ideas? Reach out

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