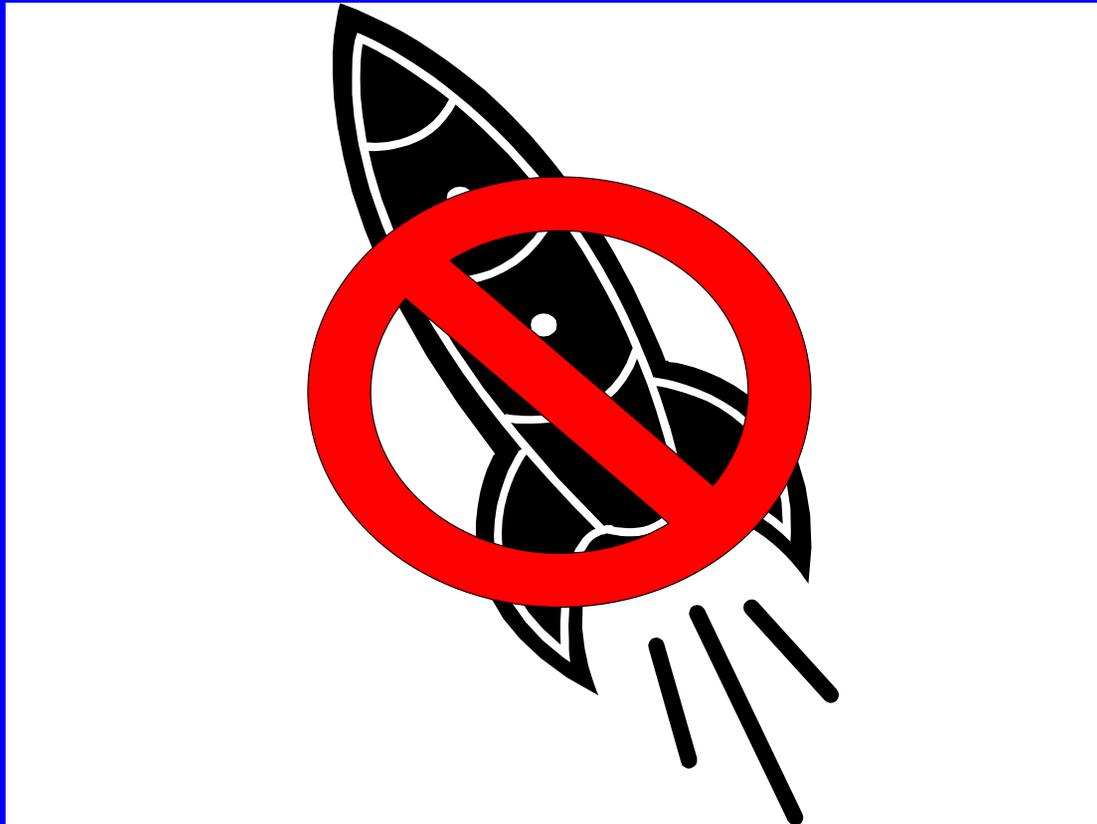


Illinois EPHT Planning Consortium:

A Partnership With
Local Health Departments

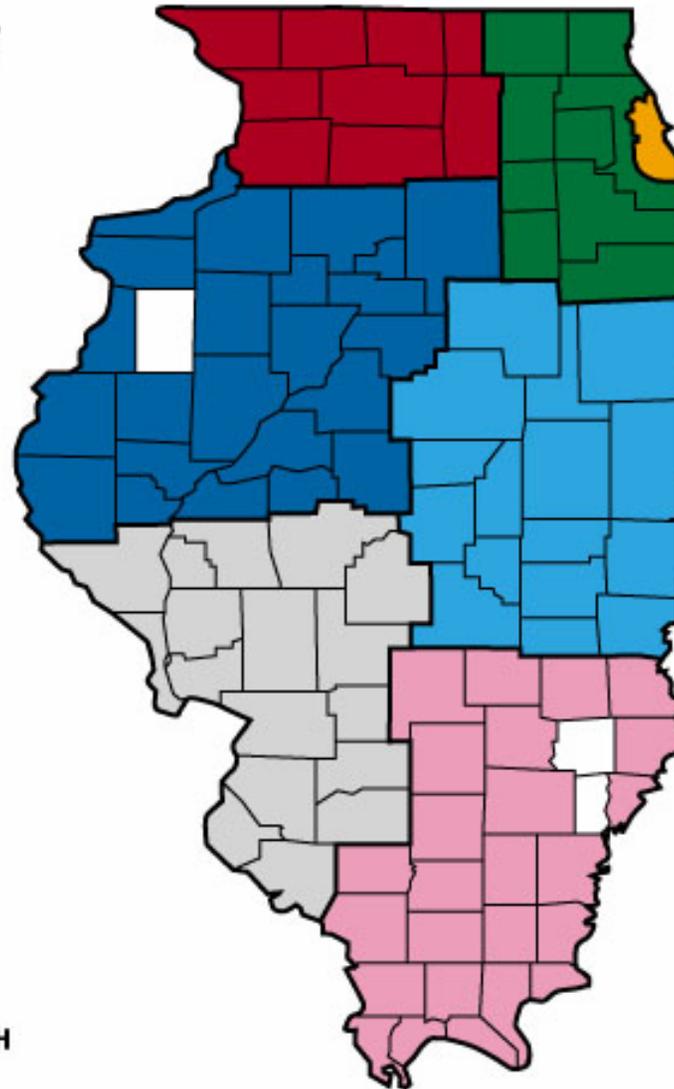
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Local Health Departments

Click on a region for a list of local health departments.



**When you've seen
one local health department,
you've seen
one local health department.**

From Top to Bottom

	<u>Max</u>	<u>Min</u>
Staff	1583	5
Area (sq. mi.)	1986	160
Pop. Density (sq. mi.)	12,750	20
Budget	\$166,400,000	\$85,000
% State & Fed funds	100%	30%

2001 Local Health Department Personnel Compensation Survey

IDPH

IDPH Regional
Offices

Local
Health
Department

Local
Health
Department

Vegetarian:
An old Indian word meaning
“Poor Hunter”

The Illinois Department of Public Health has “experts” in specific fields.

Local Health Department staff are “generalists”.

A “generalist” needs to be an
“expert” in everything.

Needs of LHDs

Many LHDs need assistance with:

- Epidemiology
- Database design
- Database maintenance
- GIS mapping and analysis
- And

LHDs Need Useable Data

Current Data Transmittal to LHDs

IDPH sends back data that LHD provided

Annual EPA reports of total pollutants

Monthly EPA reports of municipal water
systems

One Goal:

Provide LHDs with useable data (and the tools to use it) about their county and surrounding counties

One Method

Involve LHDs in the PC

If all you have is a hammer,
the whole world looks like
a nail.

**The only way to make a
silk purse out of a sow's ear
is to start with a silk sow.**



Organizations Represented on Planning Consortium

- American Lung
- IL Dept. of AG
- IDNR
- IDNS
- IDPH
- IEPA
- IPCB
- ISWS
- IWMRC
- ISGS
- IPHA
- IAPHA
- IALEHA
- IEHA
- ISOPHE
- UIS
- March of Dimes
- Voices for IL Children
- Citizens at Large
- Local Health Depts.

LHD Membership on PC

11 LHD members (representing 8 LHDs) on 45 member PC

They also represent:*

IL Association of Public Health Administrators

IL Association of Local EH Administrators

IL Environmental Health Association

IL Society of Public Health Educators

* Have the ability to lobby!

Benefits of Working w/LHDs

- They provide a wide range of experiences and lessons learned
- Can identify common and diverse needs of small, medium, and large agencies
- Access to valuable expertise
- Have a broad base of support for our activities
- Friendly critics to hold us to our promises
- An experienced sounding board for new ideas

Recommendations

- Find a way to enlist a variety of LHDs
- Identify their strengths and weaknesses
re: EPTHN concepts
- Realize that they represent a special class of data users
- Listen to their input and plan to provide them useable data in return
- Enlist the support of organizations that represent the interests of LHDs

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