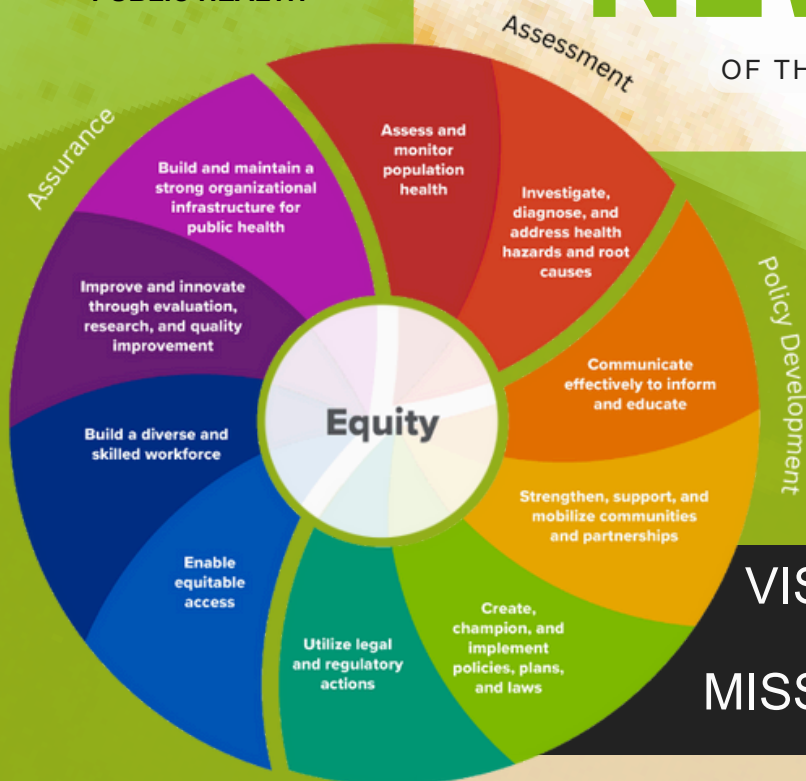


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10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Each month, the Appleton Health Department Newsletter features stories about how we are achieving each of the 10 Essential Public Health Services. This month, we focus on:

Essential Public Health Service #5: Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health

A FRESH START AT APL

One of the ten Essential Public Health Services outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) emphasizes the importance of creating, championing, and implementing policies and laws that positively affect public health. In line with this, the Appleton Public Health Department has undertaken a revision of the Smoking Ban in the Municipal Code to ensure a healthier and more welcoming environment for the community, particularly with the anticipated reopening of the Appleton Public Library in early 2025.

Previously, the Municipal Code included references to areas that no longer exist, such as the Blue Parking Ramp and the Library walkway. By revising the Smoking Ban, the Appleton Public Health Department is not only updating the law to reflect the current layout of the area, but also ensuring that patrons have a clear understanding of where smoking is prohibited, thereby fostering a cleaner and healthier environment for all.

The policy encourages a more inclusive and healthier downtown, creating a comfortable and safe space for everyone. The Appleton Public Library's commitment to inclusivity and accessibility means that children, families, and individuals will be able to enjoy the facility and new outdoor spaces such as the Children's Garden. The Smoking Ban will continue to include the Valley Transit Center block which is already smoke-free.

The revision of the Smoking Ban is an important step towards promoting public health and enhancing the overall experience for visitors to the Appleton Public Library. As the new Library opens its doors in early 2025, the community can look forward to a smoke-free environment where everyone feels welcome and supported.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

APPLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY: EVERYONE BELONGS HERE



As the Appleton Public Library prepares to reopen in 2025, the Appleton Health Department reflects on how we collaborate to improve community and individual well-being by leveraging all available resources. Public libraries are a necessary, free resource that everyone can use to find essential information and gain equal access to digital resources, making them a great hub for community support. Library programs support lifelong learning, and job searching, as well as a place to gather for workshops, events, and classes. Overall, public libraries play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life in a community.

A trusted, neutral space with expertise in community engagement, libraries are a natural fit to host public health campaigns, sharing information on health topics, disease prevention, and healthy living. The Appleton Public Library is designed with many innovative and flexible spaces that support the Social Determinants of Health including supporting mental and social well-being, youth and family initiatives, culturally relevant services, and access to information/digital equity. With the library's centralized location and proximity to public transit and parking ramp access, more of Appleton's residents will have access to all the library has to offer and closer, in-person collaboration with other City of Appleton staff.

RESOURCES

[CDC-10 Essential Public Health Services -Full](#)

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MEET CHERYL



Cheryl Schefe, MSW, CAPSW

Cheryl, Community Resource Navigator, has been a Social Worker for the past 20 years and she joined the City of Appleton's newly formed Community Health division in April. "I'm here to help people navigate through [accessing] basic needs. Whether it be help finding housing, clothing, food, a job. I can help walk them through the process of completing applications, navigating through community resources."

Cheryl and her clients get better outcomes through collaboration. "I'm able to walk alongside them, make those calls, make those connections, because when people are in crisis it is a difficult time for them [to do it] alone." Cheryl hopes to use the Appleton Public Library as a comfortable, neutral place to meet with clients in-person.

When she is not at work Cheryl enjoys traveling, hiking, and spending time outdoors with her husband Brian and her two teenaged boys Parker and Preston.

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