

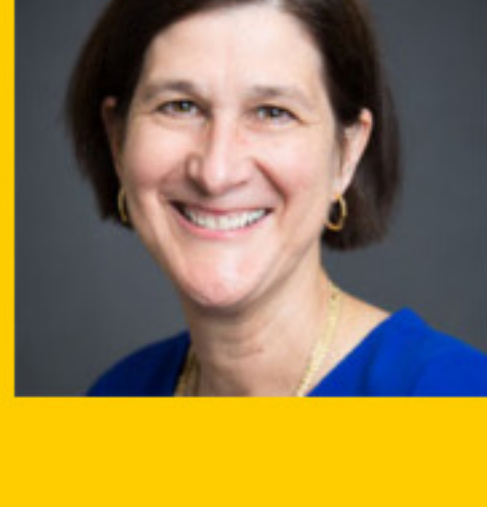


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At the University of Iowa College of Public Health, we understand that our work is very place based; it happens out in the "real world" where people live and work. We also recognize the mutual benefits that might come about through collaborative relationships with communities and businesses around the state. We invite you to keep in touch with us through these quarterly messages and through our initiatives around the state.

- Edith Parker, Dean

BLN Community Grants – Funding Opportunity



Application Deadline: January 15, 2020

The UI College of Public Health Business Leadership Network is seeking proposals for 2020 community public health projects in Iowa. Nonprofit organizations or local government entities located within the state of Iowa are eligible to apply. Cash grant awards of up to \$3,000 each will be made to recipients.

For full details, download the [request for proposals](#).

BLN Community Forum – Muscatine, IA



Last month the Business Leadership Network held a community forum in Muscatine, IA. The forum focused on substance use and mental health issues impacting youth and in the workplace.

View a [summary report of the Muscatine forum](#).

2019 BLN Grant Recipient Spotlight



Sioux City: Improving child nutrition and physical activity

The Siouxland District Health Department is implementing a program to increase healthy food and physical activity options for children in two child care centers in the Siouxland area.



Davenport: Bringing art to people impacted by cancer

A 1,000 "Art-to-Go" boxes filled with a variety of art projects are being delivered by the Living Proof Exhibit to cancer patients and survivors to help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, and improve overall well-being.

The UI College of Public Health in the News

CPH researchers studying recovery from alcohol use disorders

Whether because of work, housing, or a simple unwillingness to go, not everyone with an alcohol use disorder makes it to a treatment facility. Paul Gilbert, CPH assistant professor, is leading a study to discover new recovery processes that are more efficient and effective.

Research links household insecticides and heart disease deaths

A new study from researchers at the UI College of Public Health suggests that people who have higher levels of a chemical in their body that indicates exposure to commonly used insecticides die of cardiovascular disease at a significantly higher rate.

Safety resources for cold weather hazards

The UI Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health recently released a set of seasonal safety resources to help agricultural workers -- and others who venture outdoors during winter -- better understand and prevent cold weather hazards.

Video: Reducing risk of residential radon and lung cancer

Charles Lynch, CPH professor of epidemiology, recently spoke about the health effects of radon and what Iowans can do to reduce their risk.

UI researchers seek ways to reduce opioid use, chronic pain

A University of Iowa pain researcher has won two grants as part of a national effort to improve treatments for pain and cut the use of opioids.

UI research looks at breast cancer in young women

Recent research by the CPH Professor Paul Romitti shows that the number of women in their 20s with early-stage breast cancer is increasing, and their survival rate is decreasing.



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