



Latine Health Equity Landscape Analysis

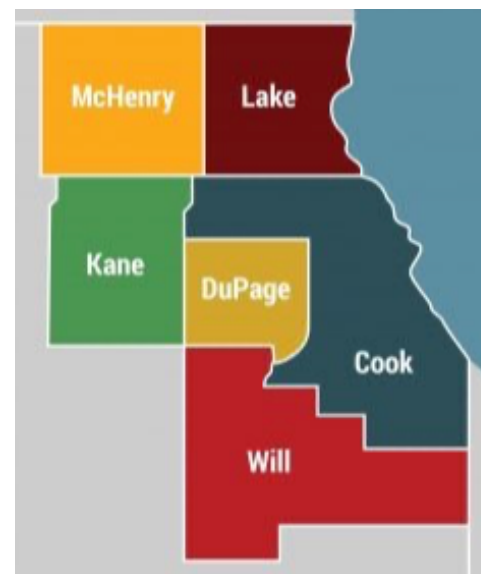
Why a landscape analysis?

Formed in 2020 in response to the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on Latine communities in the Chicago area and across Illinois, Illinois Unidos has become a hub for community and legislative partners around culturally empowered public health education, capacity building, policy advocacy, and community-driven health care. As the focus on Covid-19 wanes, IU remains committed to the health of Latine peoples in Illinois through a framework of equity and social and political determinants of health.

What is the landscape?

The collar counties around the Chicago area provide the most direct place of impact for Illinois Unidos as it considers its next steps within the health equity ecosystem.

- **What are the assets and gaps in equitable health services in the surrounding collar counties?**
- **Which public institutions and advocates in these areas are best serving their Latine community members?**
- **Are there strategic opportunities for Illinois Unidos to consider within the Latine health equity sector?**



Primary barriers to receiving equitable healthcare



Not just bilingual but **culturally responsive care** that builds trust



Lack of **preventative care** that leads to advanced disease



Lack of **health insurance** or underinsurance



Lack of **mental health** services and stigma surrounding treatment



No transportation, inability to miss work, and other **financial costs**

Opportunities and Recommendations for Illinois Unidos

Policy advocacy to expand and professionalize Community Health Worker programs

Build multi-directional relationships across institutions and throughout communities

Host a repository for **health data** around equity and culturally responsive healthcare

Leverage policy, relationships, and infrastructure for the next generation of workers in **health equity**.

