

Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers

"Keeping Students Healthy and Ready to Learn"

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Amundsen High School
Anna Jonesboro Community High School
Aunt Martha's School-Linked Health Center
Aurora East High School
Austin Community Academy
Beethoven Elementary
Blackhawk Park School-Linked Health Center
Bond Healthy Living Center
Cahokia Senior High School
The Campus
Carbondale Community High School
Carver Military Academy
Clemente High School
Crane Tech Prep High School
Dunbar Vocational High School
DuSable Vocational High School
East St. Louis Senior High School
Evanston Township High School
Farragut Career Academy
Frazier Elementary School
Gallatin County School
Gladstone Elementary School
Harrison Primary School
Jose de Diego Elementary School
Kankakee Jr. High School
Kankakee High School
Lakeview High School
Macoupin Community Care Health Center
Maine East High School
Marion High School
Morton East High School
National Teacher's Academy
Phillips Academy
Pontiac Township High School
Proviso East High School
Roosevelt High School
Ryerson Elementary School
The School Health Link I
The School Health Link II
Senn High School
South Beloit High School
Sullivan High School
Trewyn Middle School
Uplift Community School
Urbana High School
Valeska Hinton School
Young Women's Leadership Charter School

STATE

• Illinois Medicaid Rates for Primary Care Increase

At the end of June, the Blagojevich administration announced changes to the state's Medicaid program that will improve children's access to health care by increasing payments for pediatricians, family physicians and dentists treating patients with Medicaid/KidCare insurance. The announcement came after the Memisovski vs. Maram suit ruled on behalf of the plaintiffs to ensure that all Illinois families have equal access to quality health care. The rate increases are expected to go into effect January 1, 2006. ICSHC is exploring what this means for SHCs. For full details visit <http://illinoisap.org/MedicaidJune2005.htm#Reports>.



• FamilyCare Included in the FY06 Budget

Thanks to the phone calls and letters from Covering Kids and Families Illinois coalition members and other partner organizations, the final phase-in of FamilyCare was included in the FY06 budget, which was passed by the Illinois legislature on May 31st. As a result, an additional 70,000 parents and relative caregivers are estimated to be eligible for FamilyCare. Parents and relative caregivers will be eligible for FamilyCare at 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), beginning in January 2006. Additionally, those between 133% and 185% FPL who have private insurance may also qualify for a premium assistance subsidy, similar to Kid-Care Rebate. Please contact Kathy Chan at coveringkids@ilmaternal.org for any questions.

• SHC Manager Wins Community Nursing Award



Carol Wardlaw, manager and family nurse practitioner at Huginnie Crane Adolescent Health Center, was recently chosen as winner of the 2005 VNA Foundation Super Star in Community Nursing Award and recipient of the \$25,000 unrestricted cash award in recognition of her significant contributions to community and public health nursing in Chicago. Wardlaw is one of the founding members of the ICSHC and continues to be an advocate as a leader in the Coalition and a trainer for the National Assembly on School-

Based Health Care (NASBHC). Congratulations Carol! For more about the award please visit <http://www.vnafoundation.net/>.

• Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

ICSHC is excited to begin partnering with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. The Coalition will be working with the Institute to strengthen the model in the Southern part of the state and collaborate on policy issues affecting SHCs in Illinois. The Institute has hired Sharon Hull, MD, MPH to work with centers in Southern Illinois and to coordinate these efforts.

Job Announcements

- Roberto Clemente School-Based Health Center in Chicago is seeking a part-time bilingual Health Education Specialist. For more information contact Catharine Rocha at 773-394-8821.
- Orr and Crane Adolescent Health Centers are each seeking an RN. Contact Diane Smith, diane_y_smith@rush.edu at Orr or Carol Wardlaw, carol_wardlaw@rush.edu at Crane.
- Jill Pankus, PNP, is seeking a part-time job. Please email her at jill.kasner@sbcglogal.net.
- Bianca Judenhahn Dassinger, MSW, just finished the SSA program at the University of Chicago and is looking for a job. Please contact her at bid@alumni.uchicago.edu.

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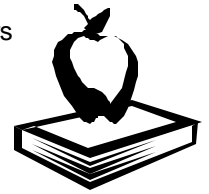
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NATIONAL

• HRSA Policy on SHC Funding

HRSA recently released new guidelines for 330 funded health centers. The new guidelines are very specific on how school health centers are now treated by HRSA. HRSA will no longer recognize SHCs as a separate health center program or unique health center category or type; however, they will still accept applications for health centers established in school settings, provided the applicant complies with 330 requirements. To view the complete guidelines visit <http://www.hrsa.gov.grants/previews/guidanceprimary/hrsa06001.htm>.



• Medicaid Update

The Budget Conference Committee has announced the final budget resolution which requires \$10 billion in cuts to the Medicaid program over the next 5 years. The Senate Finance Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee are charged with making recommendations for the cuts by September for inclusion in the final budget reconciliation bill, which must be enacted by September 30, 2005. IMCHC and ICSHC will be meeting with Congressman John Shimkus, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, to share concerns around the Medicaid cuts and discuss federal support for school health centers. For more information, please visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/faca/mc/default.asp> or www.familiesusa.org.

• NASBHC Launches National Census of School Health Centers

The national survey of school-based, linked and mobile health centers has officially been launched. The census effort is critical to assessing the growth of the school health center field and describing the model to national, state and local policy makers.

Please complete a survey for each school-based, linked or mobile program no later than September 23, 2005.

To access the survey visit http://www.nasbhc.org/Abstract/abs_login.asp. The census also asks SHCs to share compelling stories that could be used as an advocacy tool when describing the value of the SHC model. We encourage you to share a story that could also be used for our efforts in Illinois. If you have any questions or did not receive a log-in and password, please contact the NASBHC office toll-free at 888-286-8727.

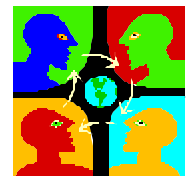


• Federal Earmark Update

The Federal Appropriations request that would aid in the sustainability of centers in Illinois and eleven other states is currently in committee and will be called in to conference some time after Labor Day. NASBHC and ICSHC continue to hold meetings with strategic offices to raise awareness about the earmark. Three ICSHC members are visiting their members of Congress in Washington DC in early September, Karen Berg will be meeting with House Speaker Dennis Hastert's office, and Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. will be visiting Carver Military School-Based Health Center in mid-September. Stay tuned for more information and for ways to activate your member of Congress.

CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

- **Beat Asthma in Illinois Conference:** September 19—20, 2005, Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, Springfield. For more information and to register call 217-522-5687 or email ipha@ipha.com.
- **Partners in Action, Building Community Health:** October 4-6, 2005, Mid-America Club, 200 E. Randolph Drive, 80th Floor, Chicago. For more information and to register visit <http://app.idphstate.il.us/phfi> or call 773-728-0271.
- **Kidsfest-Chicago:** A family event to promote healthy lifestyles will be held October 14-15, 2005 at the DuPage Expo, 4050 East Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois. For more information call 815-895-9227 or visit www.kidseatwell.org.
- **Leading the Charge: Making a Difference in the Lives of Teens and Young Families:** A conference sponsored by the Healthy Teen Network will be November 16-19, 2005, The Fairmont Hotel, Chicago. For more information call 202-547-8815.



GRANTS

- The **National Eye Institute** is seeking applications for the Healthy Vision Community Awards Program. The Program supports the implementation of health education activities that align with the Healthy Vision 2010 objectives and the Healthy People 2010 goals to reduce health disparities and improve quality of life. For full details visit <http://www.healthyvision2010.org.news.nei-hvca/default.asp>. Applications are due August 31, 2005.
- The US Department of Health and Human Services is seeking proposals for the **Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program**. The goal of the program is to stimulate innovative community-based programs that utilize prevention strategies to promote access to health care for children and their families. For more information visit <http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops392.asp>. Applications are due September 12, 2005.

GRANTS, CONT.

- The US Department of Health and Human Services is seeking proposals for the **Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program**. The program supports the development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that have limited access to health care services. Visit <http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops393.asp> for more information. Applications are due September 23, 2005.
- The **Mattel Children's Foundation** is seeking applications for its second round Domestic Grants program. The Foundation supports charitable organizations that serve children in need. Visit <http://www.healthinschools.org> for more information. Applications are due September 30, 2005.
- The **Deluxe Corporation Foundation** is seeking proposals from nonprofit organizations serving communities where Deluxe facilities are located, which includes Chicago. The grant focus areas are education, cultural and human services. For details visit <http://www.deluxe.com/dlxab/deluxe-foundation.jsp>. Applications are due November 15, 2005.

RESOURCES

- **Free Obesity Resource Book!** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Heart Association have created a statistical sourcebook on obesity. "A Nation at Risk: Obesity in the United States," can be ordered free by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1 or emailing inquiries@heart.org.
- **2005 Illinois Kids Count** is now available online at <http://www.voices4kids.org/illinoiskidscount.htm>. This year's focus is on improving learning.
- Action for Healthy Kids has announced the availability of the **Wellness Policy Tool** on their website. The tool will help schools in drafting their local wellness policies. To view the tool visit www.actionforhealthykids.org/resources.php.
- The Gilead Center has released their annual report on the uninsured in Illinois. **Numbers and Neighbors: A Detailed Description of Illinois' Uninsured**, is available online at <http://www.gileadcenter.org/resources/gileadreport>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ICSHC Steering Committee

Every 1st Wednesday bimonthly
(except where noted)

Wednesday, September 14
2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Public Educ. & Advocacy Committee

Every 2nd Thursday of the month
(unless noted)

Thursday, September 15
8:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Program Devo. & Eval. Committee

NEW SCHEDULE: Every 3rd Thursday of the month
(unless noted)

Friday, September 23
1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Mental Health Committee

(next meeting held in conjunction with the Program
Devo. & Eval. Committee mtg.)

Friday, September 23
1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Conference Planning Committee

Every 2nd Thursday of the month
Friday, September 8
1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

All ICSHC committee meetings are held at IMCHC, 1256 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago unless noted otherwise. RSVP to Blair at 312-491-8161. Phone conference is available for all committee meetings.

Calling all young artists and performers!

The Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition (IMCHC) invites young artists and performers to showcase their talents and help to improve the health and well being of women and children in Illinois by participating in IMCHC's annual benefit. This year's fundraiser on October 6, will feature artwork and performances by Chicago-area students. For more information and to find out how to participate please visit www.ilmaternal.org.

This year's
benefit will be
held at the
HotHouse
31 E. Balbo
Chicago
5-8 p.m.

COALITION TIDBITS

New Conference Planning Committee!

ICSHC has launched a new committee solely focused on designing and planning the annual school health center conference. We invite all members across the state to share their experience and expertise to ensure another successful conference in 2006. If you are interested in participating, please contact Blair at icshc@ilmaternal.org or 312-491-8161.

SAVE THE DATE!

Chicago Area Meeting,
Friday, November 4th, 2005
8:00 am—12:00 pm
Location TBA

SAVE THE DATE! IMCHC Annual Benefit

**"Creating a Healthier
Tomorrow Today"**

Thursday, October 6, 2005

