

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 Elementary
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/Arai Community School
Urbana High School
Valeska Hinton School
Young Women's Leadership Charter School

Thanks to all those that helped make IMCHC's annual benefit a great success!!

STATE

• Governor Proposes Health Care to Cover All Illinois Children

On October 6th, Governor Blagojevich unveiled a proposal that would make Illinois the first state in the nation to provide comprehensive health insurance to every child, regardless of income or immigration status. An estimated 253,000 children will be covered by *All Kids*, with the majority of children coming from families with an annual income between \$40,000-\$80,000 per year. The Governor is working to pass this piece of legislation during the fall veto session in hopes that the program can be running by July 1, 2006. While IMCHC supports this plan, we are also looking closely at the impact this will have on SHCs. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions and visit our website at www.ilmaternal.org for more information.



• Kidcare Applications Now Available Online

The State recently launched an online application for KidCare and FamilyCare in order to make the enrollment process more efficient. The online application is available at www.kidcareillinois.com. Families will now be able to apply from their homes, schools or libraries. If you are a KidCare application agent in Northern Illinois and have questions about the process, please call 312-793-2925; if you live elsewhere in Illinois, please call 217-557-9315 or 217-558-1532.

• Mayor Daley Visits Uplift School Health Center



Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and school officials launched the 2005-2006 back-to school campaign at Uplift Community School in the Uptown neighborhood on August 9. While visiting the school, Mayor Daley stopped by the School Health Center and visited with Medical Director, Dr. Cindy Mears.

Job Announcements

- The Health Center at Roosevelt High School in Chicago has an opening for a part-time nurse practitioner. For more information and to apply, please contact the Health Center Manager, Marla Goldsmith, DNP FNP at 773-866-0818 or email mgoldsmith@schosp.org.
- Tomcat School-Based Health Center in Aurora has an opening for a part-time nurse practitioner. For more information and to apply, please contact the HR manager Dianne Fraedrich at VNA of Fox Valley, 630-978-2532 x. 125 or email dfraedrich@vnafoxvalley.com.
- An experienced PA seeks a position in a Chicago school-based health center. Please contact Marianne Gould at 312-440-9056 or by email mgould524@comcast.net.

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NATIONAL



• Medicaid Update

After some delays due to emergency relief efforts for the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, the budget reconciliation process is back on track in Congress. In the aftermath of Katrina, some Congressional leaders are considering even deeper cuts to entitlement programs, including Medicaid. The House and Senate will be attempting to finalize the budget legislation in the final weeks of October. Please call your House and Senate members and tell them to protect Medicaid. Call toll-free at 1-800-828-0498. Visit www.familiesusa.org for more information.

• School Health Centers and Medicaid

In light of federal and state efforts to reform Medicaid, the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care (NASBHC) has developed a fact sheet and position statement on the important role of Medicaid in supporting and sustaining school health centers. The position statement and fact sheet can be viewed at www.nasbhc.org/APP/Index.htm.

• NASBHC Congressional Update

NASBHC hosted a Senate briefing on Medicaid and school health centers in September. Senator Barack Obama co-sponsored the briefing that was attended by 14 Congressional offices, as well as staffers from both the Finance and Aging Committees. Since the briefing, NASBHC has been asked to participate in a working group focused on developing legislation to expand mental health services in schools. A similar briefing for the House is planned later this fall which will also include information on the growing presence of school health centers in rural communities.



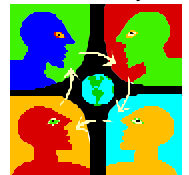
In September, three members of the ICSHC and Project Director, Karen Berg met with members of Congress in Washington D.C. to discuss the Federal Earmark and Medicaid reform. The Coalition met with the offices of Representative Costello, Johnson, Schakowsky and Shimkus as well as the offices of House Speaker Dennis Hastert and both Illinois Senators, Durbin and Obama. Each of the meetings were successful and ICSHC looks forward to continuing building relationships with members of the Illinois Delegation.

The Federal Earmark to aid in the sustainability of existing SHCs in 12 states will move forward if the Labor House Bill goes to conference by the end of November. If the bill does not go to conference, then it will go into omnibus and be lumped in with other appropriations. We will continue to update you with movement on the appropriations.

CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

• **School-Based Strategies to Address Asthma and Obesity:** The Healthy Schools Campaign will be hosting forums about the connection between health nutrition and education across the state. They will be held October 18th in Quincy, October 19th in Crystal Lake, November 2nd in Marion and November 15th in Dupage County. For more information and to register, visit www.healthyschoolscampaign.org or call 312-419-1810.

• **School Health Days:** IDHS will sponsor its annual training for school nurses, health educators, school counselors, social workers and administrators. They will be held on October 21st, in Lisle, October 26th in Orland Park, October 27th in Rockford, November 1st in Springfield, November 3rd in Collinsville and November 9th in Mt. Vernon. For more information and to register, please call the school health program at 217-785-4525.



• **Working Together to Improve the Interdisciplinary Response to Child Maltreatment:** This annual conference sponsored by the Multidisciplinary Pediatric Education and Evaluation Consortium will be held November 9-10, 2005 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital Conference Center. For more information contact Shelley Banks Johnson at 312-492-3720 or sbanks@chicagoCAC.org

• **Leading the Charge: Making a Difference in the Lives of Teens and Young Families:** This annual conference sponsored by the Healthy Teen Network will be November 16-19, 2005 at The Fairmont Hotel in Chicago. For more information call 202-547-8815 or visit www.healthyteennetwork.org.

GRANTS

• The **American Psychiatric Foundation Awards for Advancing Minority Mental Health** recognizes psychiatrists and mental health programs that raise awareness of mental illness, increase access and improve the quality of care to underserved populations. Please visit www.psychfoundation.org/awardsandfellowships/minority.cfm for more information. Deadline is November 1.

• The **CDC Foundation and CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health**, in partnership with Cargill and the American School Health Association, announce the availability of mini-grants to support physical activity or nutrition programs that are part of action plans developed using the CDC School Health Index. Please visit www.ashaweb.org/mini_grants.html for more information. Deadline to submit a letter of inquiry is November 14.

GRANTS, CONT.

- The **Deluxe Corporation Foundation** is seeking proposals from nonprofit organizations serving communities where Deluxe facilities are located, including 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.
- The **US Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAA)** are seeking proposals for the Underage Drinking: Building Health Care System Responses Program. For more information visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/FRA-AA-06-003.html>. The deadline is December 19.
- The **W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Youth and Education Program** is seeking applications for innovative programs that improve learning outcomes for vulnerable children and youth. This is a rolling deadline. For more information please visit <http://www.wkkf.org/Programming/Overview.aspx?CID=271>.

RESOURCES

- View a free webcast, sponsored by the California Distance Learning Health Network (CDLHN) on childhood obesity with a focus on **Talking with Parents and Children about Overweight and Helping Overweight Children Have a High Self Esteem**. Visit http://cdlhn.com/moreinfo.cfm?skiOBE_031006_1047&type=phc.
- The USDA just released the new kids' food pyramid, **MyPyramid for Kids**, to help kids to be physically active and to make healthy food choices. To view visit http://teammnutrition.usda.gov/resources/mpk_close.pdf.
- The **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Center for Mental Health Services** has developed resources to help individuals cope with traumatic events. Visit SAMHSA's Emergency Mental Health and Traumatic Stress Website at <http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/emergencyservices/default.asp> to view and order.
- The **Child Nutrition Foundation** created the "Backpack Brochure" to put nutrition education and school meal information in the hands of parents. These brochures are free and supplies are limited. For ordering information, call 1-800-728-0728.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ICSHC Steering Committee

(Every 1st Wednesday bimonthly)
Wednesday, November 2
2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Public Educ. & Advocacy Committee

Every 2nd Thursday of the month
(unless noted)
Thursday, November 10
Thursday, December 8
8:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Program Devo. & Eval. Committee

NEW SCHEDULE: Every 3rd Thursday of the month
(unless noted)
Thursday, November 17
1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Mental Health Committee

(next meeting held in conjunction with the Program Devo. & Eval. Committee mtg.)
Thursday, November 17
1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Conference Planning Committee

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month
Wednesday, November 16
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.****

Dr. Kimberly Glow honored by Planned Parenthood



Kimberly Glow, MPH, MD, Medical Director of the Urbana School-Based Health Center, was one of the award recipients for the *Beyond Choice Gala*, the 65th Anniversary dinner & recognition event. Dr. Glow was recognized for her work in shaping the future of adolescent health. Congratulations Kim!

National Census of SHCs

Please don't forget to complete the national census on SHCs. The information provided in the survey will be invaluable for our work in Illinois. We are also encouraging everyone to submit a story, which is the last question on the survey. Visit www.nasbhc.org to access the survey. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amanda at 312-491-8161.

COALITION TIDBITS

ICSHC Welcomes Two Americorps Members and an Intern

Please join us in welcoming new members to our Coalition team. Ashley Dyer and Mary-Ann Johnson-Wakama are members of the Chicago Health Corps, an Americorps Program and Amanda Stodd is completing her Master's in Nursing at Rush. ICSHC is excited to expand the capacity of the Coalition and we look forward to a very productive year.

SAVE THE DATE!

Illinois SHC Conference
May 11 and May 12, 2006



Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center,
Springfield, Illinois

CHICAGO AREA MEETING Friday, November 4

Dunbar High School
3000 S. Martin Luther King Drive
Chicago

This meeting features presentations by the Maine East SBHC, Cook County Ambulatory Network and the YWCA RISE Children's Center. Please call 312-491-8161 to register or [click here](#).