

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 Centers
Chicago Heights and Aurora
Aurora East High School
Beethoven Elementary School
Benton/West Frankfort High Schools
Blackhawk Park School-Linked Health Center
Cahokia Senior High School
The Campus
Carbondale Community High School
Carver Military Academy
Cass County School Linked Health Center
Clemente High School
Crane Tech Prep High School
Dunbar Vocational High School
East St. Louis Senior High School
Evanston Township High School
Farragut Career Academy
Gallatin County School
Gladstone Elementary School
Harrison Primary School
Henson Elementary School
Jose de Diego Elementary School
Kankakee Jr. High School
Kankakee High School
Lakeview High School
Lindblom Math and Science Academy
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
South Shore Campus
Sullivan High School
Trewyn Middle School
Uplift Community School
Urbana High School
Valeska Hinton School
Young Women's Leadership Charter School

Welcome Back!



STATE

Victory! SB 715 passes State Legislature: Thank you for all your phone calls, faxes, letters and Advocacy Day participation. SB 715, the bill that expands the SHC program by increasing funding for new and existing SHCs, passed in both the Senate and the House. It received the vocal support of three Republicans during the floor debate and passed with a vote 74 to 44. With 30 minutes left before the end of the spring legislative session, SB 715 was called for a concurrence vote on the new amendment in the Senate where it passed 32 to 26. Thanks to everyone for all of their hard work and dedication. This is a stunning victory for Illinois school health centers, as it raised the visibility of our model and educated more members of the General Assembly than ever before. The passage of SB 715 will be a tremendous asset in negotiating \$5 million in the state's FY08 budget. Please take the time to contact your elected officials to express gratitude or disappointment depending on their vote. [Click here](#) to see a roll call of how your Representative voted and [click here](#) to see how your Senator voted.

Governor Cuts New Funding for School Health Centers: After months of budget negotiations, Governor Blagojevich signed into effect a majority of the Illinois' FY08 state budget and performed line-item vetoes for "pork" projects that totaled \$463 million of funding. The cuts included \$3 million for new and existing school health centers. Fortunately, the 3% cost-of-doing business increase for existing centers remains in the budget. The staff and partners at the ICSHC and Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition are working with the Governor's office and legislative leadership to communicate the important role school health centers have in keeping Illinois youth healthy. **You can voice your support of putting school health centers back into the budget by testifying at any of the 19 statewide budget hearings held with State Representatives. Please contact Blair Harvey by phone at 312-491-8161 or by email at bharvey@ilmaternal.org for more information.** We will continue to work with our elected officials to reinstate the \$3 million in the current budget or ensure its inclusion in the January supplemental budget.

All Kids and PCCM Updates: Illinois continues to roll out its Primary Case Case Management (PCCM) for state insurance recipients. Cook and Collar Counties have completed assigning clients to their medical homes, while enrollment packets have been sent to recipients living in Central and Southern Illinois as of August 13. ICSHC continues to encourage **school health centers to enroll as PCPs as they are now eligible to receive enhanced rates for EPSDT.** If you have questions or concerns about how the PCCM is affecting your center or your patients, please do not hesitate to contact Blair Harvey at 312-491-8161 or at bharvey@ilmaternal.org. More information can be found at www.illinoisceb.com.

IMCHC Staff Changes: Karen Berg, the ICSHC Project Director and IMCHC Policy Director has recently resigned from her position to pursue other opportunities. Blair Harvey has stepped up to become the new ICSHC Project Director. AmeriCorps interns Jill Pessis and Megan Erskine finished their year of service in July. Jill has accepted a position with the American Red Cross and Megan will continue to work with ICSHC as the new Project Associate. Drew Guzman, the new AmeriCorps intern started in September, and IMCHC has also hired Kathy Chan as the new Policy Director.

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STATE CONTINUED

Youth Advocacy Day 2007 a Success! More than 200 people converged on the State Capitol on April 18, 2007 to speak with elected officials about their school health centers and to urge them to support SB 715. Close to 175 youth attended from 14 different schools making this the most successful Advocacy Day to date. Students, providers, teachers, partners, supporters, and ICSHC staff were able to communicate with 22 Senators and 12 Representatives. Without the voices of these youth advocates, SB715 could not have been successful.

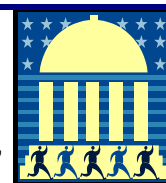


Youth advocates from Anna-Jonesboro

Youth Advisory Council Planning Launched in Chicago: ICSHC invites high school students from Chicago Area SHCs to participate in the planning of a new ICSHC Youth Advisory Board (YAC). Applications have been sent to Chicago SHCs and are due back to Megan Erskine on October 26. For more information, please contact her at merskine@ilmaternal.org or at 312-491-8161.

NATIONAL

Victory for SBHCs and SCHIP: Bills that would reauthorize SCHIP, scheduled to expire September 30, passed in both the House and the Senate. The House bill includes language that ensures that SHC services may be covered under SCHIP. Although SHC champions in the Senate worked hard to get similar language added to the Senate bill, they were unable to secure enough support from leadership. The House and the Senate leadership are currently working to reconcile the difference in the bill and send a compromise bill to President Bush. SHC advocates will continue to work on keeping SHCs in the final bill. This exciting victory is a direct result of everyone who signed post cards and attended the NASBHC conference in June to advocate for school health centers on Capitol Hill. Please stay tuned for more information about the reauthorization.



School-Based Health Center Establishment Act:

The federal legislation that would create a federal grant-based program continues to build support in Congress. S. 600, the School-Based Health Clinic Establishment Act, would create a federal grant-based program through which new and existing school health centers could apply for funds. Illinois Senator Durbin has already signed on as a co-sponsor. NASBHC is still working with leaders in the House to draft a companion bill, which should be available by this fall. Please take time to thank Senator Durbin for his support and to call and urge Senator Obama to support S. 600. The Senators' contact information can be found at www.congress.org.

NASBHC Annual Convention and Rally: The National Assembly on School Based Health Care's Annual Meeting took place in Washington D.C. June 27-30. Twenty-five people from Illinois were able to attend and participate in the various sessions, networking opportunities, and Capitol Hill visits in which supporters advocated for three bills pertaining to school health centers. The Illinois delegation met with 13 different congressional offices while also collecting close to 1,000 post cards in support of S. 600. The highlight of the conference for many Illinois attendees was the opportunity to attend a Constituent Breakfast with Senators Obama and Durbin, during which Senator Durbin spoke in support of school health centers.

CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

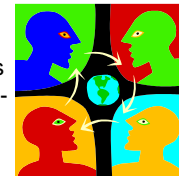
Free On-Site Nutrition Trainings: The Illinois Nutrition Education & Training (INET) Program promotes child achievement through nutritional status and health. INET is a not-for-profit organization funded by the Illinois State Board of Education that provides FREE on-site nutrition education training, technical assistance and resources to Illinois schools. INET has several nutrition trainings that could meet your school's needs. Two of those trainings include *Body Walk* and *Putting Your Local Wellness Policy into Action*. To learn more about the programs offered and to schedule a training, call 1-800-466-7998 or visit IL NET's website at www.kidseatwell.org.

9th Annual Illinois Women's Health Conference: The Illinois Public Health Department will sponsor, *Women's Health: Making a Difference in Illinois*, on November 14-15, 2007 at the Doubletree Hotel Chicago in Oak Brook, IL. For more information, please visit <http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/womenshealth/events.htm> or contact Brenda Blasko at 217-524-1844 or by email at brenda.blasko@illinois.gov.

Illinois Center for Violence Prevention's (ICVP) 12th Annual Conference: The ICVP Conference, *Vision. Action. Change. Building Community Solutions: Real Tools, Real Examples, Real Hope* will provide participants with basic and advanced approaches towards community-based violence prevention strategies, including building effective and sustainable collaborative processes. It will be held on October 2-3, 2007 at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference on the Chicago Northshore. For more information please visit <http://www.icvp.org/conference2007.asp>

Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nursing Midwest Conference and Exposition: This conference offers an array of educational sessions and exhibitors from across the Midwest region between October 24-27, 2007 at the Chicago Marriot Oak Brook Hotel. For registration, visit www.midwesternapnconference.com.

GRANTS



Youth Service of America— Youth Venture Program: Youth Service of America, in partnership with Youth Venture, is accepting applications for its Youth venture Program. The purpose of the program is to support youth-created and youth-led, new, sustainable, civic-minded organizations, clubs or businesses that include youth who are not traditionally asked to serve. Please go to <http://www.genv.net/en-us/region/ysa> for more information. **The deadline is October 1, 2007.**

William T. Grant Foundation: The William T. Grant Foundation is seeking proposals to support the intervention research to improve youth-serving organizations. The purpose of the program is to build greater capacity for the field of intervention research focused on youth-serving organizations such as schools and community-based organizations. **The deadline is October 4, 2007.**
http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3042/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=287117&attrib_id=11707

Pay It Forward Foundation—Youth Service Mini-Grants: The Pay It Forward Foundation is accepting applications for its mini-grants that support one-time only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, which in turn do favors for others-with the results growing exponentially. **The deadline October 15, 2007.** Please visit <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html> for more information.

Federal Research Grants for the School-Based Interventions to Prevent Obesity: The National Institute of Health is accepting applications for its School-Based Interventions to Prevent Obesity Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to encourage the formation of partnerships between academic institutions and school systems in order to develop and implement controlled, school-based intervention strategies designed to reduce the prevalence of obesity in childhood. **The deadline is October 16, 2007.** Please visit <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-417.html> for more information.

Verizon Foundation— Grants for Nonprofits: The Verizon Foundation supports projects by nonprofit organizations that focus on education, literacy, domestic violence prevention, or technology for healthcare and healthcare accessibility. Eligible applicants are public or private elementary and secondary schools that are registered with the National Center for Education Statistics or eligible tax exempt organizations. **Deadline is November 30, 2007.** Please visit <http://www.foundation.verizon.com/02005.shtml> to apply.

RESOURCES

The American Cancer Society is offering schools the opportunity to take part in a variety of healthy behavior programs that deal with tobacco cessation, nutrition, physical fitness, sun safety, and fundraising opportunities. Please contact Stacey Peters or Desmond Konadu at 708-633-7770 to learn more details about each program.

Treat it with Spanish is a 70 page workbook designed to meet the needs of the school nurse. Beginners and intermediate Spanish speaking nurses will learn job-related Spanish that addresses the names of body parts, ailments, and diseases. The workbook is \$21.95, while pricing for supplemental materials vary. You may visit www.SpanishStepsOnline.com to learn more about this product.

New resources with a focus on Medicaid and SCHIP have been made available to advocates working to provide under-served children with increased coverage and health care acces. Other recources include a section on states' child and adolescent health coverage campaigns and a separate list of resources for families. Please go to http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_insurance.html to access this new information from the MCH Library at Georgetown University.

Spanish multimedia information is available for the 2006-2007 Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for injectable trivalent inactivated influenza. To access these resources go to the Immunization Action Coalition web site at www.immunize.org/vis/#influenza. These on-line materials are intended for low-literacy, Spanish-speaking patients who may have limited access to computers with slow internet access.



JOBS

- Lisa Militello is a Nurse Practioner with a Masters in Public Health. She has experience in SHCs in upstate New York. Her family recently relocated to the Chicago and she is seeking placement at an area SHC. Please contact her by email at lmilitello@hotmail.com.
- Sarah Watkin is a licensed Social Worker who completed her graduate studies at a SHC in Michigan. She is planning to move to Chicago and would like to work at a SHC. Please contact Sarah at sarycanary@hotmail.com or call her at 970-903-2953.
- Lisa Potts is a RN with 22 years of experience in pediatric fields as well as experience in lecturing, case presentations and education. She is interested in working in an area SHC. She may be reached at 630-400-6295 or by email at lisa.potts@sbcglobal.net.

Regional Meetings

Chicago Area Meeting
Friday, November 2, 2007
8am to Noon
Location TBA

Southern Illinois Meeting
Friday, October 26
Time
Location

Central Illinois Meeting
Friday, November 9
Stay tuned for more updates

COALITION
TIDBITS

Seniors from C.H.A.M.P.S., a new Orr health club, at the State Capitol



Bradley Visit Marion Unit #2
School Health Center

On December 15, 2006, Representative John Bradley got a first hand look of the Marion Unit #2 School Health Center. Since opening its doors two years ago, the Marion School Health Center has seen over 1,000 patients from various school in the district. Bradley was very impressed with the center and said, " I commend the staff for the work that has gone into what is a very successful program."

Committee Meetings

ICSHC Steering Committee
 3rd Thursday every other month
 2—4 pm,
 September 20, November 15

Public Educ. & Advocacy Committee
 Every 2nd Thursday of the month
 8:30-10:30 AM
 September 13 , October 11

Program Devo. & Eval. Committee
 Every 1st Wednesday of the month
 2:00-3:30 PM
 October 3, November 9

Conference Planning Committee
 Every 1st Thursday of the Month
 1:30—3:00 pm
 October 4, November 1

****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.****

Terrier Care Open House

The Shawnee Health Service in Carbondale, IL is celebrated the expansion of Terrier Care, the SHC for Carbondale School Districts 95 and 165 by hosting an Open House on Thursday, September 20 at the Carbondale Community High School. Services are now available to elementary schools in the district.



ICSHC members meet with Representative Soto at State-wide Meeting.



Representative Bradley at Marion Unit #2 SHC

School Health LINK Receives Award

The School Health LINK of Rock Island received an Excellence in Pediatric Care from the Illinois Department of Public Health. School Health LINK, Inc. opened its doors in Silvis, IL in 1995 and quickly expanded from serving United Township High School and nine feeder schools to serving school age children and adolescents in all Rock Island County. A second LINK clinic was opened in 2000 after conducting a community needs assessment. Congratulations to all the providers and staff at both LINK clinics!

SHC and Library Partnership at the Campus of Orr

Check out an article submitted by Megan Cusick, a librarian at the Campus of Orr in Chicago, for the National Assembly of School-Based Health Center newsletter. She writes about a collaboration between the school's library and school health center in providing health outreach and starting a youth a health club. Please go to the Publications section under the ICSHC website at www.ilmaternal.org/ICSHC.index.htm