



Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers (ICSHC), a project of the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, is excited to announce our 8th Annual School Health Center Conference focused on interdisciplinary collaboration, specifically including mental health, in schools. This year's conference, *Building Bridges: Healthy Minds, Bodies, Communities* will be held May 13 and 14, 2009 in Springfield, Illinois at the Hilton Springfield. **We would like to invite your organization to sponsor this year's conference at one of five sponsorship levels (delineated on the sponsorship form); by sponsoring this event, you'll show your dedication to child and adolescent health to professionals from across Illinois.**

ICSHC strives to improve the physical and mental health of children and adolescents in Illinois by fostering the development, stabilization and expansion of school health centers (SHCs). SHCs provide quality, comprehensive, and culturally competent services to disadvantaged youth and are dedicated to providing the most up to date care possible. *Building Bridges: Healthy Minds, Bodies, Communities* explores the importance of collaboration in SHCs to address the physical and mental health needs of children and adolescents. The conference will foster dialogue between SHC staff and allies to develop innovative approaches for reducing barriers youth face when accessing health care. ICSHC seeks sponsors devoted to the provision of quality care to children and adolescents in Illinois.

Our mental health collaboration goals for this year's conference are:

- Promote the integration of mental health services in school health centers
- Promote community collaboration in school health centers
- Address the impact of mental health issues in school health centers

We would be excited to have you provide sponsorship for this event at the any of the levels. As a sponsor you will receive special recognition in our conference materials, and your organization will be announced throughout the two-day event. Full details of the benefits to conference sponsors are included on the enclosed form.

Please return the enclosed registration form to sponsor our conference by February 26, 2010. We thank you for your consideration. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 312-491-8161 x31 or dmohanlittle@ilmaternal.org.

Sincerely,

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