



Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers

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School Health Center Advocacy Day **April 1, 2009**

The Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers (ICSHC) wants YOU to join us in Springfield on Wednesday, **April 1, 2009** for Advocacy Day. This year we have an exciting opportunity to expand funding for school health centers. Proposed legislation will help to strengthen services at existing centers and help new communities open school health centers. Now is the time to advocate on behalf of the SHC model of care!

- **Who:** Anyone is Welcome! SHC Staff, Students, Parents, Teachers, School Personnel, ICSHC Partners, Community Leaders and many more!
- **What:** ICSHC Advocacy Day
- **Where:** Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF)
206 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62701
- **When:** Wednesday, April 1, 2009—All Day
 - ✓ 5:30 - 6:00 am: Buses depart from a sites yet to be determined for different Illinois regions
(*Details TBA*)
 - ✓ 9:30-10:30 am: Registration
 - ✓ 10:30 am: Training
 - ✓ 11:15 am: Lunch
 - ✓ 12:00-12:30 pm: Rally in Capitol Rotunda
 - ✓ 12:30-3:00 pm: Meeting with Legislators
 - ✓ 3:00 pm: Buses depart from Springfield
- **Why:**
 - ✓ Expand funding for SHCs
 - ✓ Educate state legislators about the SHC model of care
 - ✓ Promote your SHC and how it benefits your community
 - ✓ Increase support for SHCs

This is a great opportunity for students to engage in state government, and also complete service-learning hours if applicable. Transportation is available via bus to and from Springfield. ICSHC will cover bus transportation costs. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided for all who participate. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Erskine at ICSHC. Our phone number is (312)- 491-8161. We are excited for Advocacy Day, and look forward to working with you to make it a success.

ICSHC Advocacy Day RSVP

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

IARF, 206 S. Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62701

The Time is NOW to Support School Health Centers!

Please fill out one RSVP form per Advocacy Day participant* and fax back to ICSHC before March 27th, 2009.

(Please Circle those that Apply)

Yes, I will attend!

Yes, I would like to ride a bus.

(Departure time approximately 5:30 am, locations TBD.)

No, I cannot attend.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Yes! I am also interested in receiving additional training to become an Advocacy Day team leader.

Team leader responsibilities include:

- Participating in Advocacy Day.
- Recruiting a team of youth, parents, teachers, providers and/or partners to participate in Advocacy Day.
- Collecting consent forms for all members of your Advocacy Day team.
- Leading your team through Advocacy Day activities, trainings and meetings with legislators.

Resources are available at ICSHC for team leaders and Advocacy Day participants. We are currently planning team leader trainings at regional meetings. If you have group planning on attending Advocacy Day, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Erskine at (312) 491-8161 for set up a team leader training in your region.

* Consent forms are also needed for all participants, they are available online or by contacting ICSHC.

*******Please fax back to Megan Erskine at (312) 491-8171*******