

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
Benton/West Frankfort High Schools
Blackhawk Park School-Linked Health Center
Bond Elementary
Cahokia Senior High School
The Campus
Carbondale Community High School
Carver Military Academy
Chicago Heights Aurora
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 ICSHC's Conference a success!!!

STATE

•**Comprehensive Sex Education in Illinois:** On May 17th, the Urbana School Board unanimously approved health education guidelines for the next six years that include a comprehensive, age-appropriate approach to sex education in grades five through twelve. In April, Chicago's Board of Education passed the Family Life and Comprehensive Sexual Health Education policy with no objections. Both victories will ensure students access to the information, skills, and encouragement they need to be responsible. For more information regarding these victories, visit <http://www.responsiblesexed.org>.

•**All Kids Training Tour:** This is an opportunity to send your staff and leaders to learn more about the Governor's All Kids initiative as well as other state health care programs. Trainings started May 22, 2006 and will run through June 15, 2006 at various locations statewide. Call IMCHC at 312-491-8161 for more information or visit <http://www.allkidscovered.com>.

•**School Health Center Conference a Success:** ICSHC held its fourth annual conference, *Spring into Action for Illinois Youth*, in Springfield on May 11-12, 2006. Over 100 people attended the conference, which featured a policy summit as well as workshops for SHC providers, administrators, and advocates. Thank you to everyone who made the conference a success!



•**Behavioral Health Activity Form:** The Mental Health Committee finalized the Behavioral Health Activity Form that will enable mental health providers to better capture the services being provided at their school health centers. The form will be sent out later this month with full details. The data collected from the form will be a powerful resource to advocate for SHCs, and we hope that all centers will begin using the form starting July 1, 2006. To request the form now, please email icshc@ilmaternal.org.

Job Announcements

•A recent Master of Public Health graduate seeks a position in a Chicago school-based health center. Please contact Lauren Muskovitz at 773-405-9504 or at lauren_muskovitz@gmail.com.

•An LSW seeks a position in a Chicago school-based health center. Please contact Christine Cockrell at 312-731-6363 or christine_cockrell@yahoo.com.

•An experienced PNP seeks a position in a Chicago school-based health center. Please contact Jennifer Jones at 219-616-4525 or by email at jejones1980@yahoo.com.

•An experienced LCSW seeks a position in a Chicago school-based health center. Please contact Sinane Goulet at 773-866-9638 or sinanerg@hotmail.com.

•Swedish Covenant Hospital seeks two part-time NPs at their Roosevelt School Health Center. If interested, send your resume to Pam Furmanek at PFurmane@schosp.org.

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NATIONAL



•Federal Authorization

Working with federal champions in Michigan, NASBHC is pursuing federal legislation to authorize a school-based health center program. In the coming weeks, NASBHC policy staff will work with Congress members and key coalition partners to draft legislation that could be considered by the end of this month. As part of the federal strategy, ICSHC staff met with Congressman John Shimkus' office in DC at the end of May. As a key committee member, his support for a federal authorization is critical.

•Medicaid Update

The Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) alters many aspects of the Medicaid program, and was signed into law in February 2006. Changes to the program include mandatory provisions that states must enact, thus making it more difficult for people to qualify for or enroll in Medicaid. States also have the option to make their own provisions to Medicaid as well. For more information and strategies to mitigate these potentially harmful provisions, visit <http://www.familiesusa.org>.

•Quality Health Care for Katrina Survivors

On May 9th the National Assembly on School Based Health Care (NASBHC) joined forces with partners the Children's Health Fund and Voices for America's Children to shine the national spotlight on the urgent need for quality health services for the children of America's hurricane-torn gulf region. The \$100 million request for emergency federal spending included funds to rebuild and reinforce more than 20 SHCs in Louisiana and Mississippi. For full details, please [click here](#).

CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

• **Child and Adolescent Illness: Mastering the Challenges:** The Chicago Center for Family Health is hosting its Summer Institute June 22-24, 2006. The Institute presents a resilience-building, systems-based, integrative approach to help children and their families meet the challenges of varying kinds of illness or disability. The training is designed for the continuing education of a broad range of health and mental health professionals in a variety of clinical settings and in private practice. For more information, call 312-372-4731, email ccfh@uchicago.edu, or visit their website at www.cchchicago.org.

• **Summer Institute for School-Based Mental Health Professionals:** The Loyola School of Social Work and the Family and School Partnerships Program presents a program that will assist mental health professionals in balancing the demands for accountability and compliance with sense of mission and values. The conference will be held July 20-21, 2006 at Kasbeer Hall, 25 E. Pearson, Water Tower Campus, Chicago. Registration is due June 30, 2006. For more information, visit www.luc.edu/socialwork.

• **Action Out Loud:** The Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH) is hosting its 3rd annual 5-day training camp for youth activists on August 7-11, 2006. The training is designed for youth ages 14-20 who are interested in making their voices heard and creating change in their community. The in-depth trainings will focus on sexual health, teen parenting, and reproductive rights issues. While the conference is free, space is limited. Applications are due June 16, 2006. If you have any questions, contact Adaku Utah at 312-427-4460 x236 or adaku@icah.org.

• **Stronger Roots, Stronger Branches Conference:** This conference is sponsored by the Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention, the Latino Coalition for Prevention, Prevention First, and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. The conference will address key issues of prevention, treatment, and recovery from a multicultural perspective and will be held September 28-29, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel and Conference Center in Naperville. Registration information can be accessed in soon at www.prevention.org.

• **Creating Safe Social Climates: It's About Youth!** The Ophelia Project is hosting a training to develop strategies to establish safe social climates. Participants will brainstorm innovative strategies to create safe social climates within their organization or school, share best practices with the nation's leading experts on peer aggression, evaluate your role and responsibilities in fostering systemic change, and envision and collaborate to create safe social climates in your community or school. This conference will be held October 23-24, 2006 at Hotel Orrington in Evanston. For more information, call 888-256-5437 or email ophelia@ophelia.org.

GRANTS

• **Substance Abuse Policy Research Program -- Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Grants:** Projects supported are expected to increase understanding of public and private policy interventions to prevent, treat, and reduce the harm caused by the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. **Deadline: June 15, 2006 and November 2006.** For more information and application guidelines, visit <http://www.healthinschools.org>.

• **U.S. Department of Education -- Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems Grants:** The U.S. Department of Education is accepting applications for its Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems Grants program. **Deadline: July 10, 2006.** For complete program information and application guidelines, visit: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-4936.pdf>.

GRANTS, CONT.

- **American Academy of Pediatrics -- Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Planning Funds Program:** The purpose of the CATCH program is to aid pediatricians in developing innovative, community-based initiatives that increase children's access to medical homes or specific health services not otherwise available. **Deadline: July 14, 2006.** For more information, visit <http://www.aap.org/catch.planninggrants.htm>.
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities -- Children's Health Grant:** Ronald McDonald House Charities is accepting applications for its Children's Health Grant programs. **Deadline: August 15, 2006 (Letter of Inquiry).** For complete program information and application guidelines, visit <http://www.rmhc.com/rmhc/index/grants.html>.

RESOURCES

- The Family Life Council presents **Wise Guys**, a Male Responsibility Program that focuses on healthy relationship building and preventing teen pregnancy and STIs. The curriculum includes a 250-page manual that provides all of the materials needed for replicating the program in your community, including interactive lesson plans, concept overviews, and resource lists. For more information about the Wise Guys Male Responsibility Curriculum, or how to schedule a training for your community, please call 336-333-6890 x 232.
- The Food Allergy Network has a free package called **The School Food Allergy Program**. The package offers a video and a complete training/in-service program for school personnel. The package is available at www.goodallergy.org.
- The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) offers their **NIDA Goes Back to School** campaign, which is a source of free science-based publications and teaching materials for grades K-12. The materials emphasize the consequences of drug abuse on the brain and the body and aims to increase scientific literacy. Visit www.BacktoSchool.drugabuse.gov or call 800-729-6686 to order free materials.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ICSHC Steering Committee

Retreat

Friday, July 14, 2006: 8:30 AM-3:00 PM
IDHS Office
1112 S. Wabash, 3rd Floor, Chicago
Conference Room

Public Educ. & Advocacy Committee

Every 2nd Thursday of the month
(unless noted)

Thursday, July 13, 2006: 8:30-10:30 AM
Thursday, August 10, 2006: 8:30-10:30 AM

Program Devo. & Eval. Committee

Every 3rd Thursday of the month
(unless noted)

Thursday, August 17, 2006: 1:00-3:00 PM

Mental Health Committee

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

Conference Planning Committee

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month
Next Meeting TBA

****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. Elizabeth Feldman named ICSHC's 2006 Outstanding Advocate!



Elizabeth Feldman, MD, is board certified in family and adolescent medicine and the Medical Director for the Advocate Illinois Masonic School-Based Health Centers at Lakeview and Amundsen High Schools. Dr. Feldman entered the school-based health care field as a co-founder of the two high school centers, the first opening in 1996. Since that time, she has been committed to providing care to teens in the ethnically and economically diverse community of Lakeview on Chicago's northside. Her passion, energy, and philosophy of care translates into her effectiveness as an advocate for school health centers. Thank you Dr. Feldman for your dedication.

COALITION TIDBITS

2006 ICSHC Advocacy Day a Success!

On March 29, 2006, over 120 students, teachers, parents, providers, and ICSHC members and partners gathered in Springfield to voice their support for school health centers. Over 100 students from Beethoven School Health Center, Bond Healthy Living Center, Carver Military Academy School-Based Health Center, Crane Adolescent Health Center, and Uplift Community School Health Center in Chicago joined ICSHC to ask for increased support for school health centers. The group voiced their support to over 26 legislators, toured the state capital, and watched the House of Representatives during session. ICSHC would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made the day a success. It was truly inspiring to be in Springfield and be surrounded by strong school health center advocates. To view photos, click [here](#).



Steering Committee Slate Approved

Thank to all of the 2005-6 members for your hard work and dedication. ICSHC welcomes the 2006-7 committee members and looks forward to a very successful year. We will begin our year with our retreat on Friday, July 14, 2006.