

# Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers

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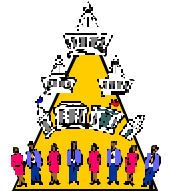
## Illinois School Health Centers

Amundsen High School  
Anna Jonesboro Community High School  
Aunt Martha's School-Linked Health Center—  
Chicago Heights and Aurora  
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  
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  
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  
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

## Ask Your State Legislator to Support the Cost-of-Doing Business Bill!!

### STATE

**Cost-of-Doing Business Bill** The FY07 budget included an important 3% cost-of-doing business (CODB) increase for a number of programs that provide needed services for vulnerable Illinoisans through community-based agencies. School health centers, among others were not included in this effort. To remedy this, we are asking for a 3% CODB in the fall veto session for the programs that got left out. We need you to contact your legislator and ask them to co-sponsor the bill. Ask your State Legislator to co-sponsor and support HB 5839/SB 3195 to help the programs left out of the FY07 CODB bill. To locate your state legislator please visit <http://www.vote-smart.org/index.htm>.



**All Kids Back to School Campaign** Covering Kids and Families Illinois (CKF-IL) is working with ICSHC on the 2006 *All Kids* Back-to-School Campaign in order to increase the number of children with access to quality healthcare. CKF-IL has some great resources to help educate families about *All Kids* and all SHCs should have received posters, bookmarks, fact sheets and application request cards in the mail. For additional resources and tips to educate students and families, please contact Joe Weimholt with CKF-IL at 312-491-8161 or email [coveringkids@ilmaternal.org](mailto:coveringkids@ilmaternal.org).

**Illinois Expedites Medicaid Payments** The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) has made significant improvements in its payment cycle. For physicians, federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs), and rural health centers, all clean claims for services to children aged 18 and under will be paid within 30 days of receipt of the claim by IDHFS. Dentists are also on a 30-day payment cycle for children, and claims for services to adults will be paid within 60 days of receipt. The policy has been in effect since July 2006. For more information visit [www.illinoisap.org](http://www.illinoisap.org).

### Job Announcements

- Karen S. Bernstein, MD is completing a fellowship training in adolescent medicine and will be looking for a job next summer in the Chicago-area. She can be reached at [KBernste@cnmc.org](mailto:KBernste@cnmc.org).
- An experienced LISW seeks a position in or around Edwardsville. Kristin can be reached at [kristin.feldmann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kristin.feldmann@sbcglobal.net).
- A Social Worker with a Masters in Marriage Family Therapy with 3 years post graduate experience is seeking a mental health job in the Chicago-area school. Please email Laura at [lbyrne00@yahoo.com](mailto:lbyrne00@yahoo.com).
- An LPN with experience working in a school setting is looking for a job in the Chicago-area. Please contact Claudette Minor at [claudetteminor@yahoo.com](mailto:claudetteminor@yahoo.com)
- A recent graduate with a Masters of Science in Public Health seeks a position working with adolescents in the Chicago-area. Tequilla Noel can be reached at [tcnoel@gmail.com](mailto:tcnoel@gmail.com).
- A Family Nurse Practitioner, with experience in school based health, is seeking a position in the Chicago-area. For further information, please contact Teri Masterson at [tjmas terson5@yahoo.com](mailto:tjmas terson5@yahoo.com).
- Uplift SHC in Chicago is seeking a half-time PNP, with primary care or adolescent experience. For more information please email Laurie at [lauriewodell@yahoo.com](mailto:lauriewodell@yahoo.com).

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## NATIONAL

### School Health Center Federal Authorization

The Federal Authorization Bill scheduled to be introduced in September has been postponed until the lame duck session in November. The strategy on the Senate side had been to partner the legislation with the the Community Health Center Reauthorization Bill, however, the bill passed the HELP Committee with no amendments, including the SHC Authorization. This has given the National Assembly on School-Based Helath Care (NASBHC) the opportunity to further cultivate relationships with key congressional leaders, thus allowing a much stronger bill to be introduced next month. NASBHC will also be releasing national polling data around this time to highlight the nationwide support for SHCs. Stay tuned for more information.



### Plan B Approved for Over-the-Counter Use for Women Age 18 and Older

After years of discussion and debate, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced approval of Plan B, a contraceptive drug, as an over-the-counter (OTC) option for women ages 18 and older. When used as directed, Plan B effectively and safely prevents pregnancy. Women under the age of 18 will still be able to access the medication, but will need a doctor's prescription to do so. Experts estimate that increased access to Plan B or emergency contraception may reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies by half in the United States. Although given the age restriction we may not see the same decline in teenage pregnancy rates.

### 2007 NASBHC Conference Call for Abstracts

NASBHC seeks expertise, best practices, resources and tools to be shared with the field at the 2007 National School-Based Health Care Convention in Washington, DC, June 28-30, 2007. For more information and to submit an abstract, visit <http://www.nasbhc.org/AMAbstractInformationhtml.htm>. The deadline for submission is October 20th.

## CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

**Bullying Prevention: Shifting Focus Towards Collaborative Solution:** The Illinois Center for Violence Prevention's 11th Annual Conference will be held October 16-18, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. The conference is designed to build participants' capacity to prevent violence. To find out more and to register go to [www.preventingviolence.org](http://www.preventingviolence.org).

**Beat Asthma in Illinois:** The Illinois Department of Public Health, Asthma Program will sponsor their annual conference on October 18th at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. For more information and to register, visit [www.ipha.com](http://www.ipha.com).

**Teleconference on Pediatric Asthma:** The Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) presents this free teleconference, "What You Need to Know—Basic Issues in Pediatric Asthma," on Friday, October 20th from 12:15—1:00 pm. For more information and to register, call 773-401-4444.

**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 roles and responsibilities in fostering systemic change, and envision and collaborate to create safe social climates in communities or schools. 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](mailto:ophelia@ophelia.org).

**Building Physical Recreation Opportunites: Developing Healthy Behaviors in at-risk Communities:** This workshop, sponsored by the Healthy Albany Park Coalition will be held Thursday, October 26 from 9:00 am—12:00 pm at Jensen Park, 4650 N. Lawndale in Chicago. For more information and to register, email [healthyalbanypark@gmail.com](mailto:healthyalbanypark@gmail.com) or call Kathryn Kruse at 773-279-2968.

**Cultural Competence When Caring for Persons with Asthma:** The Asthma Coalition of Greater St. Louis Metro-East and the SIU—Edwardsville School of Nursing present this free, educational seminar on October 30, 2006 from 5:00—9:30 pm at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights. Deadline for registration is October 25. Please call Emily Coffin at 618-650-3207 for more information.

**Fall Tobacco Training Schedule 2006:** The American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago has announced the fall training schedule for smoking prevention and cessation programs including *Teens Against Tobacco Use* (TATU) and *Not on Tobacco* (NOT). Programs start October 20th. For more information and to find out the next dates, please contact the ALA-MC at 312-628-0218.

## GRANTS

**Macy's Make it Happen Grant:** Macy's Department Store has announced their RFP for nonprofit organizations located in their communities. **The deadline is November 10th.** For more information visit: <http://www.macysnorthmedia.com/release.php?id=432>.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation—Substance Abuse Policy Research Program:** The RWJ Foundation is accepting applications for this program that encourages experts to address issues relating to substance abuse. Grants range from \$100,000—400,000. **The deadline for application is November 14, 2006.** Please visit <http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/sapr> for more information.

**Allen Foundation Inc.—Nutrition Grants:** The Allen Foundation is accepting applications for its Nutrition Grants Program that aims to fund nutritional research, assist in training educators of good nutritional practices, and to encourage the dissemination of information about healthful nutritional practices. **Application is due December 31, 2006.** Visit <http://www.allenfoundation.org/apply.asp>.

**GRANTS, CONT.**

**Teammates for Kids Foundation:** The Teammates for Kids Foundation is accepting applications from non-profit organizations that specialize in working with children in the areas of health, education and inner-city services. **Application deadline is February 1, 2007.** Please visit [http://www.teammates4kids.com/apply\\_for\\_grant/apply\\_grant.htm](http://www.teammates4kids.com/apply_for_grant/apply_grant.htm).

**Health Education Grants:** The Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation is accepting applications for its Health Education Grants program. The purpose of the program is to support sustainable programs in health education. **Application deadline is rolling.** Please visit <http://www.bms.com/sr/philanthropy/data/grants.html>.

**Disadvantaged Youth and Family Grants:** US Cellular is accepting applications for its Disadvantage Youth and Family Grants program. **Application deadline is rolling.** Please visit [http://www.uscc.com/uscellular/SilverStream/Pages/x\\_page.html?p=a\\_charitable](http://www.uscc.com/uscellular/SilverStream/Pages/x_page.html?p=a_charitable).

**RESOURCES**

The former dental director for the NYC Health Department and consultant to school-based health center programs has created, **Dr. Rosenthal's Toolkit: Clinical and Management Tools for Effective School-Based Dental Programs.** This toolkit is a collection of essential materials for organizing dental services at your school. To download go to <http://www.healthinschools.org/sh/dental/toolkit.asp>.

Osco Drug is making available their **Asthma for Action** class for coaches, physical education and health teachers and school administrators and athletic trainers. This is a free, 1.5 hour class offered to schools on a limited basis. Please call Teresa Juday at 847-916-4575 or email [Theresa.juday@albertsons.com](mailto:Theresa.juday@albertsons.com) for more information and to schedule a class.

The Chicago Asthma Consortium aims to recognize schools in Chicago that make significant efforts to provide support to children with asthma by awarding the **Asthma Friendly School Award.** To receive an award application, call 773-769-6060.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ICSHC Steering Committee**

3rd Wednesday every other month  
2—4 pm,  
(\*unless noted)  
November 8 \*, January 17

**Public Educ. & Advocacy Committee**

Every 2nd Thursday of the month  
8:30-10:30 AM  
(\*unless noted)  
October 19\*, November 9,  
December 14

**Program Devo. & Eval. Committee**

Every 1st Wednesday of the month  
1:00-3:00 PM  
November 1, December 6 \*

**Conference Planning Committee**

Every 1st Thursday of the Month  
1:30—3:00 pm  
November 2, December 7

**\*\*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.\*\***

**Chicago Area Fall Regional Meeting**

November 3, 2006  
8:00 am—12:00 pm

Maine East High School  
2601 West Dempster, Room 230  
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**SHC Advocacy Day  
Wednesday, April 11, 2007**

**Administrative Cost-Sharing Planning Phase Launched**

The planning committee for the Administrative Cost-Sharing model was appointed in June 2006 and is meeting monthly throughout the year to identify core components of the centralized administrative system which will include practice management, data collection, and billing components as well as defining corporate structure, staffing, and financial plans. A summit will be held in spring 2007 to share the recommendations of the planning team and a pilot of school health centers in the Chicago area will plan the implementation of these findings in fall 2007.

**COALITION TIDBITS**

**Representative Julie Hamos Visits Evanston SHC**

On July 13th, Representative Julie Hamos visited Evanston Township High School Health Center. Representative Hamos received a tour of the clinic and then met with staff members, parents, the new superintendent and ICSHC members. We are excited to be working with Representative Hamos on the legislation that supports a 3% CODB increase for programs including SHCs, and we thank her for her leadership.



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**2007 School Health Center Conference**

**May 10th and 11th  
Springfield, Illinois**