

# 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  
Cass County School Health Center  
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  
Macopin 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

## Happy Holidays from ICSHC!



### STATE

**CODB Increase for SHCs in FY2008:** Great news on our efforts to implement a 3% Cost of Doing Business (CODB) increase for the School Health Center program, Early Intervention, Family Case Management and five other Illinois Department of Human Services' programs. The fall veto session ended in November with a signed commitment from the Governor's office to include a 3% CODB increase for these programs in the FY08 budget. We thank Senator Trotter and Representative Hamos for their leadership on this issue. The coalition of groups will still pursue opportunities for funding in a FY07 Supplemental Budget when the general assembly reconvenes in January. Thanks to all those who asked their Representatives and Senators to co-sponsor this bill and don't forget to call and thank them for their support. Please visit [www.ilmaternal.org](http://www.ilmaternal.org) for more information.

**2007 State Campaign and Contest:** The ICSHC has launched its exciting initiative to increase funding for new and existing SHCs. To aid in this effort, ICSHC has recently kicked off its statewide campaign *Students' Key to Success: School Health Centers*. Each center has been invited to collect signatures on large, self-designed keys to demonstrate the instrumental role that SHCs play in the lives of students. The school that produces the most creative key will win a free pizza party! **The keys will be dropped off at the Governor's office in Chicago on January 19th at 10:00am, and we invite all ICSHC supporters to attend. For more information contact Megan or Blair by emailing [merskine@ilmaternal.org](mailto:merskine@ilmaternal.org) or calling 312-491-8161.**

**Illinois Health Connect Implementation and School Health Centers:** State insurance recipients living in Cook and Collar Counties will be required to choose a Primary Care Provider (PCP) as part of the shift to the new Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) system, called Illinois Health Connect. Recipients will receive the first round of PCP enrollment packets by mid-January after which, they will have 60 days to comply before being auto-assigned to a PCP. The Northeastern, Central, and Southern regions will roll out in February and March of 2007. **ICSHC was successful in securing all SHCs as direct access providers in this system, which means SHCs can still see and receive reimbursement for a child under the age of 19 without being their designated PCP.** Although secure as direct access points, the ICSHC encourages SHCs to enroll as PCPs. For more information and to download forms visit: [www.illinoishealthconnect.com](http://www.illinoishealthconnect.com). For provider information call 1-800-571-8504 and for general information call 1-877-912-8880. ICSHC hosted a technical assistance call with the IHFS and Illinois Health Connect last month. To receive notes from this call, please contact [kberg@ilmaternal.org](mailto:kberg@ilmaternal.org) or call 312-491-8161.

**All Kids will Cover Vaccines for Children Program:** Children covered by All Kids will be eligible to receive immunizations provided by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Providers that serve children are strongly encouraged to enroll in the VFC program. Enrollment in, or having an arrangement with a VFC provider, will be required in order to qualify to be a provider in Illinois Health Connect (see above), which will cover the majority of the children covered by All Kids. For more information 1-800-526-4372. Chicago-area providers call 312-746-6358.



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## NATIONAL

### SHC Federal Authorizing Bill Update

In light of dramatic changes that have occurred in Congress, the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care (NASBHC) has postponed the introduction of the federal authorizing bill. The bill scheduled to be introduced last month will now be introduced in the 110th Congress in early 2007. NASBHC and the state associations will continue to work to secure additional support for the bill in the form of original co-sponsors. Senator Barack Obama, from Illinois, has expressed interest in being a co-sponsor, and ICSHC will work with NASBHC to gain his support. For more information, visit [www.nasbhc.org](http://www.nasbhc.org).



### Federal Changes to SCHIP

Two significant changes concerning the States' Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) will positively affect Illinois. First, Congress passed legislation that requires states to verify the citizenship documentation of foster children as they see fit; therefore, they are not required to use the documentation mandated by Health and Human Services' regulations. In addition, Congress has reauthorized SCHIP funding from past fiscal years and will redistribute to states planning to experience shortfalls next year. Redistributed funding will not adequately fill budget shortfalls but will provide temporary resources until May. Illinois is one of the states that will benefit from the redistributed funds.

### Gardasil approved for Vaccines for Children Program

The CDC and Merck have announced that the HPV vaccination, Gardasil, will be added to the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. The VFC program provides no-cost immunizations to children ages 9-18 who are covered by Medicaid, along with some uninsured and underinsured children. The FDA has approved Gardasil for girls and women ages 9-26, and the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Projects voted unanimously to recommend that all girls ages 11-12 receive the vaccine.

## CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

**Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU):** TATU is a peer education approach to prevent youth smoking. As an adult trainer, you will help your youth group create and present anti-smoking messages to other students and members of your community. A training will be held on February 6th at the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago. Call 312-628-0218 for details.



**Not on Tobacco (NOT):** NOT is a program designed to help students quit smoking by identifying reasons why they smoke, setting goals for change, and developing healthy life skills. This is a one-day training perfect for counselors, nurses, health educators, and teachers and will take place on January 19th at the ALA of Metropolitan Chicago. Call 312-628-0218 for more information.

**Early Education and Child Care Conference:** This conference offers professional development and networking opportunities to professionals throughout the field of early childhood development. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place in Chicago from January 25-27, 2007. There will be 400 workshops in 24 areas of concentration. For further information, contact Sarah Baur at 312-733-1026, ext. 203.

**Great Lakes Region Asthma Forum:** The Great Lakes Region Asthma Forum will be held February 8-9, 2007 in Chicago. More information is available on their website at <http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/radon/asthmaforum/glasthmaforum07.html>.

## GRANTS

**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>.

**The Gannett Foundation—Local Community Grants:** The Gannett Foundation is accepting applications for its Local Community Grants program. The purpose of this program is to support organizations in Gannett communities that focus on issues such as education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. **Deadline is January 15, 2007.** Please visit <http://www.gannettfoundation.org/> for more details.

**Viola W. Bernard Foundation—Youth Mental Health Grants:** The Viola W. Bernard Foundation is accepting applications for its Youth Mental Health Grants program that aim to support innovative programs that address the interplay between social conditions and the psychological health of children and families. **Deadline is January 31, 2007.** For more information please visit: <http://www.violawbernardfoundation.org/index.html#howtoapply>.

**Tiger Woods Foundation:** The Tiger Woods Organization is accepting applications for its Youth Education and Development Grants program. The purpose of the grants are to provide opportunities for underserved youth, primarily in urban communities. **The deadline is February 1, 2007.**

## GRANTS CONT.



**Teammates for Kids Foundation:** The Teammates for Kids Foundation is accepting applications from non-profits organizations that specialize in working with children. The Foundation supports organizations that help needy children in the areas of health, education and inner-city services. **Deadline is February 1, 2007.**

[http://www.teammates4kids.com/apply\\_for\\_grant/apply\\_grant.htm](http://www.teammates4kids.com/apply_for_grant/apply_grant.htm).

**The General Motors Foundation:** The General Motors Foundation is accepting applications for its Health and Human Services grants program. This program supports research related to the causes, prevention and treatment of various diseases, such as cancer. HIV/AIDS awareness and education campaigns are also a priority. **The deadline is rolling.** Please visit [www.gm.com/company/gmability/community/guidelines/](http://www.gm.com/company/gmability/community/guidelines/).

**Bayer Foundation—Community Outreach Grants:** The Bayer Foundation is accepting applications for its Community Outreach Grants program. The purpose of this program is to focus on public health issues and areas of great medical need. **The deadline is rolling.** For more information please visit: [http://www.bayerus.com/about/community/com\\_fhow.html](http://www.bayerus.com/about/community/com_fhow.html).

**3M Foundation—Community Giving Grants:** The 3M Foundation is accepting applications for its Community Giving Grants program. The Foundation's goal is to positively impact communities by investing in youth and families. Current priorities include health and human services and K-12 education. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations in communities where 3M has a facility. **Deadline is rolling.** For more information, visit [http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/!ut/p/kcxml/04\\_Sj9SPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMOQ9K\\_YsPDdaP0l8yizeIDwhz1S\\_IcFQEAJIA\\_fU!](http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/!ut/p/kcxml/04_Sj9SPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMOQ9K_YsPDdaP0l8yizeIDwhz1S_IcFQEAJIA_fU!)

**The Mockingbird Foundation, Inc. Disenfranchised Children's Grants:** The Mockingbird Foundation, Inc. provides grants for organizations that support children, particularly disenfranchised children. Eligible applicants include 501(c)3's and public schools. **The deadline is rolling.** Please visit <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/guidelines.html> for more information.

## RESOURCES

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) provides **email alerts to providers**, including school health centers. If you do not already receive these updates, ICSHC recommends signing up by visiting <http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/sbc>.

Immunization Action Council provides comprehensive information on vaccine requirements by state. **To access the state's immunizations requirements**, go to [www.immunize.org/laws/](http://www.immunize.org/laws/).

CDC has updated an online **HPV brochure and poster** (available in English and Spanish) that can be accessed for free at [www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/common-downloads.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/common-downloads.htm) or [www.cdc.gov/std/hpv](http://www.cdc.gov/std/hpv).

**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 access. Other resources 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](http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_insurance.html) to access this new information from the MCH Library at Georgetown University.

**The CDC has revised recommendations for HIV testing** in health care settings and for screening of pregnant women. To access recommendations, go to [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5514.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5514.pdf).

**The Greater Chicago Food Depository's Nourish for Knowledge** program provides 3,000 children at 21 Chicago Public Schools with a bag of nutritious snacks to take home over the weekend when they cannot access school breakfast and lunch. In addition to alleviating hunger among at-risk children by providing the bag of foods, the program seeks to provide families with community, nutrition and physical activity information. Contact Leslie Tweedie at [latweedie@gcfd.org](mailto:latweedie@gcfd.org) or call 773-843-2741.

**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](http://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.

**Parents United for Responsible Education (PURE)** released results from a 2005 survey that sought to understand the state of parent involvement in Chicago Public Schools. To learn more about "Effective Parent-School Partnerships" please visit [www.pureparents.org](http://www.pureparents.org).



**JOBS**

**Alivio Medical Center's** School-Based Health Center is looking for a bilingual (English/Spanish) FNP. This is a full-time position. Anyone interested may contact Phoebe Pratt, at 773-650-1230, or Antonia Rodriguez at 312-829-6307.

**UIC Neighborhoods Initiative** has several positions available within school health centers located in Chicago. There is an immediate opening for a full-time registered nurse providing primary health care and intake. They are also looking for a part-time oral health educator. For further information, contact Regina A. Ortiz at 312-413-3418 or fax resume to 312-996-3838.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ICSHC Steering Committee**

3rd Wednesday every other month  
2—4 pm,  
(\*unless noted)  
January 17, March 21

**Public Educ. & Advocacy Committee**

Every 2nd Thursday of the month  
8:30-10:30 AM  
(\*unless noted)

January 11, February 8

**Program Devo. & Eval. Committee**

Every 1st Wednesday of the month  
1:00-3:00 PM

January 23 (2:00-4:00 PM), February 7

**Conference Planning Committee**

Every 1st Thursday of the Month  
1:30—3:00 pm

January 4, February 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.\*\*

**Chicago Area Spring Regional Meeting\***

February 9, 2006  
8:00 am—12:00 pm

Henson Elementary  
1326 South Avers  
Chicago, 60623

\* We invite you to stay after the meeting to attend our Strategic Communications Training from 12:30– 3:00.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Governor Key Drop-Off**

Friday, January 19, 2007

10:00 am

The Thompson Center,  
Chicago  
Call Megan at 312-491-8161  
to RSVP.



**SHC Youth Advocacy Day**

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Students from school health centers across the state are invited to attend Youth Advocacy Day in Springfield. Students will have the opportunity to voice the importance of SHCs to policy makers, while gaining skills in advocacy. Please contact Megan Erskine at 312-491-8161 for more details on how to participate in the event.



**COALITION TIDBITS**

Elizabeth Feldman, MD, the Medical Director of Advocate School-Based Health Centers attended her first NASBHC Governmental Affairs Committee this October. As the Illinois Representative, Dr. Feldman participated in meetings to help forward the national policy agenda and met with the offices of Senators Durbin and Obama and Representatives Emanuel and Schakowsky. She will continue to work with the committee to pass the federal authorizing bill. We are excited to have Dr. Feldman represent ICSHC at this level and thank her for her commitment to advancing the SHC model.

**Turn in Community Provider Survey!**

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Office of Special Services has released its Community Provider Survey. Chicago SHCs are encouraged to complete this survey, which will allow CPS to identify community partners, current services, and areas of need for schools. Contact Jaime Dirksen at 773-553-4246 with further questions.

**Strategic Communications Trainings**

ICSHC will be hosting Strategic Communications Training in each region of the state over the next couple months. The trainings will teach effective ways to communicate and raise awareness around ICSHC's 2007 Policy Goals to increase funding for SHCs. Attendees will learn how to raise awareness locally using the SHC Power-Point Presentation and learn how to build relationships with local partners and legislators.

Northern Region—January 9, 9:30—12:00 pm  
Rockford

Southern Region—January 23, 12—2:30 pm  
Carbondale

Chicago Region—February 9, 12:30—3:00 pm  
Chicago

Central Region— Date TBA, Urbana

*For full details and to RSVP call Blair at 312-491-8161.*