



MISSION

EverThrive Illinois works to improve the health of women, children, and families over the lifespan through community engagement, partnerships, policy analysis, education, and advocacy.

VISION

EverThrive Illinois envisions an Illinois that works towards equity and social justice, fosters the development of healthy families, and provides fair access to quality health care – the basic rights of all human beings.

VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY

EverThrive Illinois bridges the gap between policymakers and those affected by their decisions. Through education and health promotion activities, we empower people to make healthy choices that strengthen families and communities.

INITIATIVES

- Child and Adolescent Health
- Health Disparities
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Health Reform
- Immunization

OUR INITIATIVES

Over the past 26 years, EverThrive Illinois has championed the creation and maintenance of healthy communities in Illinois. Through the following initiatives, we continue to accomplish our mission.

The Child and Adolescent Health Initiative focuses on providing the state's youth with high quality health care and comprehensive health education and youth engagement activities. This initiative includes a broad-based coalition of organizations and individuals united to educate the general public and policy makers about the efficacy of the school health center (SHC) model and building the capacity of SHCs to serve students. We also advocate for policies that have an impact on school-aged children, such as fighting for comprehensive sex education and improved mental health services, and organizing programs to empower high school students.

The Health Disparities Initiative seeks to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities in maternal and infant morbidity and mortality through community development and health promotion. Our Campaign to Save our Mothers and Babies, based out of our satellite office in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, connects community members with partners in health, housing, education, economic development, public safety, and education. This initiative also promotes Text4baby, a free mobile information service for expectant and new parents. Additionally, the Health Disparities Initiative brings together a network of providers and advocates to improve access to quality health care for premature infants and their families and to reduce the incidence of preterm labor, which currently occurs in 11.7% of births in Illinois.

The Healthy Lifestyle Initiative provides outreach, education, and programming to inspire individuals to be proactive in improving their health. This initiative stems from EverThrive Illinois becoming the lead agency in Illinois for Cooking Matters, a part of the national Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign. Cooking Matters teaches participants to cook delicious, affordable meals through nutrition and cooking instruction, and we have already reached hundreds of community members through our classes.

The Health Reform Initiative is devoted to the promotion and implementation of positive health care reform policies and the strengthening of Medicaid and other safety net systems. EverThrive Illinois provides education for stakeholders and consumers on the impact of new health care laws, while advocating for policies that bring us closer to providing every individual with high quality, comprehensive health care.

The Immunization Initiative focuses on increasing immunization rates and decreasing the incidence of vaccine-preventable disease across the lifespan. By promoting the delivery of safe, effective, and timely immunizations and working closely with the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, we ensure that the public and providers have access to accurate, reliable information about the benefits and risks of vaccines.



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Because of your support, we were able to host numerous successful programs and advocate for today's most important legislative issues. Thank you.



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Dear Partners,

2014 was a transformative year for EverThrive Illinois, formerly the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition. We dramatically increased the number of educational, networking, and coalition building opportunities to address the rapidly shifting health care landscape. We targeted our efforts in outreach on providers, consumers, and stakeholders, because we know these are the groups that will be most affected by the changes.

We celebrated many policy victories including restoring vital Medicaid services that had been eliminated in previous years' budget cuts, and providing reasonable accommodations to pregnant women, two of our major priorities for the legislative session. We didn't just focus our efforts on the legislature – we also worked with our champions at the appropriate state agencies to secure open access billing for school health centers – an enormous victory for the model. We will continue to advocate tirelessly for our field and with our partners to ensure that every Illinoisan has access to high quality, comprehensive, and culturally competent health care.

Cooking Matters continued to grow in its second year as an EverThrive IL program. The demand for the program has been exciting as community members extol its value and relevance to their lives. We have even recruited local, state and federal elected officials to participate in the program and share in our efforts.

Within the EverThrive IL office, we've almost doubled our staff within the last five years. In fact, we even had to expand to a third office to accommodate the new positions. The work never stops, and neither do we!

As we look forward, we see a bright future, full of opportunities for EverThrive IL to continue enacting change and building healthier communities. Thank you for your continued contributions to EverThrive IL because we simply could not do our work without your support. We are grateful for your powerful voices, financial donations, and volunteer efforts in our ongoing communications. We look forward to another year of success with you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ellen Mason
Board Chairperson

Janine Lewis
Executive Director

FY2014 HIGHLIGHTS

LAUNCHED OUR NEW BRAND as EverThrive Illinois and grew our staff to 19 employees

SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATED FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE IL MEDICAID BILL (SB741), which addressed cuts to the Medicaid program in 2012, including the restoration of adult dental services and the elimination of the four prescription limit for antipsychotic drugs

EDUCATED MORE THAN 6,000 STAKEHOLDERS ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT by facilitating presentations, webinars, and events; Created HelpHub, a web based technical assistance portal for professionals with questions about the Affordable Care Act

HOSTED AN ANNUAL YOUTH ADVOCACY DAY in April 2014, which brought 250 youth advocates and adult allies from around Illinois to Springfield to advocate for school health centers and an increase to the state's minimum wage



ORGANIZED AND INSTRUCTED 138 COOKING MATTERS CLASSES at 25 host and satellite sites for more than 1,500 participants and trained 43 new volunteers

PROVIDED COOKING MATTERS GROCERY STORE TOURS to four elected officials including U.S.

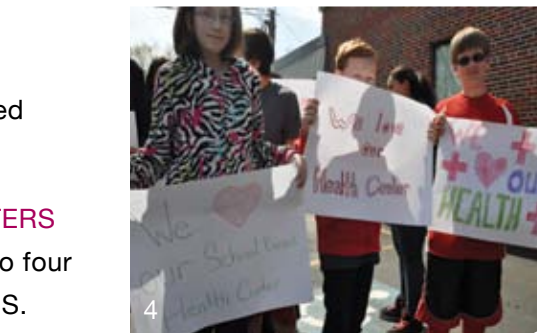
Representatives Mike Quigley and Jan Schakowsky, Illinois Representative Robyn Gabel, and Evanston Mayor Liz Tisdahl

HOSTED THE STATEWIDE CONFERENCE "BUILDING HEALTHY FUTURES" in May 2014. More than 100 attendees participated in 21 workshops

SECURED OPEN ACCESS BILLING so that school health centers will be reimbursed for covered patients, regardless of whether they are contracted with a managed care organization

SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATED FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT which provides reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnant women or those who have just given birth

HOSTED COMMUNITY AND FAITH BASED FLU CLINICS and expanded flu outreach with more than 1,000 flu vaccines administered



EDUCATED MORE THAN 800 PEOPLE ABOUT HPV PREVENTION after convening more than 40 professionals to serve on an HPV Advisory Board

SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATED FOR THE PASSAGE OF UNACCOMPANIED MINOR CONSENT TO CARE (HB4501) which allows unaccompanied minors (14-18 years) to consent to minor medical care necessary for their well-being



EDUCATED MORE THAN 100 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN CHICAGO'S ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY on the link between public health and advocacy



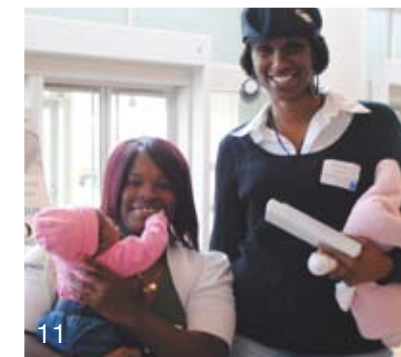
PROVIDED 14 PRESENTATIONS TO PREGNANT WOMEN at Cook County Jail

INCREASED STATEWIDE ENROLLMENT IN TEXT4BABY to more than 31,000 users, making Illinois fifth in the nation for total unique users

THE ILLINOIS PREMATURE INFANT HEALTH NETWORK AND THE CO-CHAIRS OF PREMATURETY CAUCUS, Senator Pamela J. Althoff and Representative Robyn Gabel, co-hosted a legislative reception to discuss our progress report on prematurity in Illinois

PICTURE CAPTIONS:

- 1 South Beloit SHC opening
- 2 Advocacy Day 2012
- 3 Board Member, Mary Driscoll at ILPQC Conference, Nov. 2013
- 4 South Beloit SHC opening
- 5 Cooking Matters for Families
- 6 Staff Member, Ceci Tipiani-Fuentes got her flu shot
- 7 Immunization Initiative Chapter Meeting 2013
- 8 Englewood Town Hall Meeting
- 9 Immunization Initiative Chapter Meeting 2013
- 10 Advocacy Day 2013
- 11 Infant and Maternal Mortality Summit 2012
- 12 Annual Luncheon 2014 with IDPH Director, Dr. Hasbrouck



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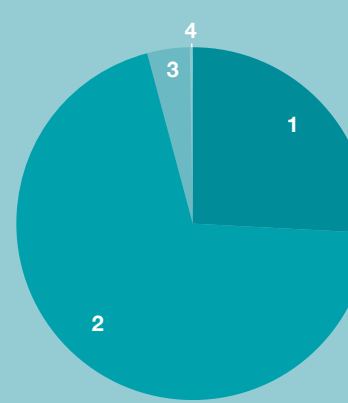
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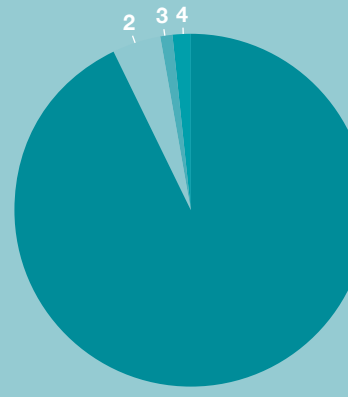
FY 2014 UNRESTRICTED REVENUE SOURCES
Total: \$ 2,693,419



- 1 Foundations 26.04%
- 2 Government Grants 69.93%
- 3 Contributions & Program Services 3.97%
- 4 Interest and Investment Gains .06%

FY 2014 EXPENDITURES

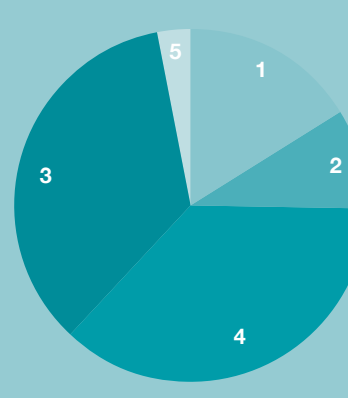
Total \$2,888,855



- 1 Program 92.99%
- 2 Management & General - Allocated to Programs 4.3%
- 3 Management & General - Other 1.11%
- 4 Fundraising 1.6%

FY 2014 EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

Total \$2,800,929



- 1 Immunization Initiative 15.6%
- 2 Health Disparities Initiative 8.64%
- 3 Child and Adolescent Initiative 35.24%
- 4 Health Reform Initiative 33.39%
- 5 Healthy Lifestyles 2.9%

We apologize in advance for any omissions or errors.