



Youth Advocacy Day 2017: What You Need to Know

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OUR MISSION to improve health outcomes
for women, children, and their families is accomplished
through advocacy, education, and community empowerment.

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.

PRIORITY AREAS

- Child and Adolescent Health
- Maternal and Infant Mortality
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Health Reform
- Immunizations

Illinois School-Based Health Alliance

Sponsored by the Child & Adolescent Health Initiative at EverThrive Illinois

The Illinois School-Based Health Alliance (ISBHA) brings together a broad-based coalition of organizations and individuals to advocate for and support school health centers (SHCs) as school and community assets.



Advocacy Day

- Annual event sponsored by EverThrive Illinois and the Illinois School-based Health Alliance
- Opportunity to bring youth from across the state to talk with their legislators about adolescent health and how to improve adolescent health services
- Last year, over 100 students from 7 schools attended the event



What are we Advocating for?

- Maintain funding for School Health Centers in the budget
- Protecting essential safety net programs
- As Advocacy Day approaches, we can include other legislation that is important and related to adolescent health

Day of Schedule (Tentative)

- 5:15-6:15am: Pick ups/Breakfast on bus
- 9:15-9:30am: Arrive at Howlett Building
- 9:30-10:45am: Orientation/Group Prep for Meetings
- 10:45-12:30pm: Meet with Legislators
- 12:30-1:15pm: Rally in the Rotunda
- 1:15-1:30pm: Grab lunch on bus/ Depart Springfield

Timeline and Important Dates

- Reach out to school for permission to participate
- Recruit students
- Identify Team Leaders and Bus Captains

- Tentative numbers due: March 3, 2017
- Training webinar: March 15, 2017 (tentative)
- Contact your legislators: March 29, 2017
- Final numbers due: April 5, 2017
- Permission slips due: April 19, 2017
- Advocacy Day: April 26, 2017

Team Leaders and Bus Captains

- Team Leaders
 - Recruit Students and collect consent forms (general and photo release)
 - Organize an Advocacy Day training with students
 - Travel to Advocacy Day with students
 - Lead students to legislators during Advocacy Day
- Bus Captains
 - Coordinates bus schedule with EverThrive IL, including updates on departure and arrival times on Advocacy Day
 - Serves as authority figure on the bus
 - Distributes food on the bus
 - Maintains attendance sheet and collects evaluations at end of day

Transportation and Food Logistics

- **Transportation**

- Depending on number of students, will get a van or bus
- May need to meet at a central location to ride with other schools, or there may be several pick ups and drop offs for one bus
- Will arrive home from Springfield early evening
- Will contact with further details on buses once we have a better idea of participant numbers

- **Food**

- Will have breakfast for students on the way to Springfield in the morning
- Will have lunch waiting on the bus for the ride home

What Students Need

- Consent Forms
 - General and Photo
- Comfortable Shoes
- Professional Clothing
- Photo I.D.
- Permission from School
- Understand pick-up, drop-off, and food schedule

Legislator Meetings

- Contact your Representatives about a month before Advocacy Day to schedule a visit
 - Visit ilga.gov to find the representatives for your district
 - Ask to meet with them between 10:45am and 12:00pm, if possible.
 - Inform them where you are coming from and that you have students that would like to meet with them
- Information will be covered in training session
- Please contact EverThrive IL if you need any help with this process!

Advocacy Day Training Webinar

- Important training for students before Youth Advocacy Day:
 - What is advocacy/ why is it important
 - Finding your legislators
 - How to talk to legislators
 - How to share your story in an impactful way
 - Advocacy Day logistics

Youth Advocacy Day

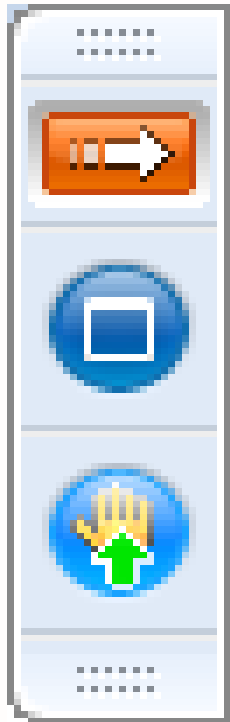
Video Contest

- Students can share their personal health story and highlight the importance of youth advocating for their health and SHCs
- The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to Target!
- Deadline = March 3, 2017
- Last year's winner:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9A8SYm4Mf4>

What can students talk about in their video?

- Past experiences with Youth Advocacy Day
- Past experiences with SHCs and how they have impacted their health
- Any other ideas!

Questions?



1. Type your question into the Question or chat box.
2. Please click the raise your hand icon if you have a questions that requires extensive explanation. We will then unmute you, and you may speak.

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