



Youth Advocacy Day 2018

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

Illinois School-Based Health Alliance

- **MISSION:** The Illinois School-Based Health Alliance (ISBHA) works to ensure that children and adolescents are healthy, safe, and ready to learn by advocating for and supporting school-based health centers (SBHCs) as school and community assets.
- **GOALS:**
 - Advocacy
 - Training & Technical Assistance
 - Sustainability & Growth

Youth Advocacy Day



Tentative Schedule

- **5:30/6:00 a.m.:** Pick up participants
- **9:30 a.m.:** Arrive at Howlett Building
- **10:00 a.m.:** Orientation & prepare for meetings
- **11:00 a.m.:** Meet with Legislators
- **12:45 p.m.:** Rally in the Rotunda
- **1:30 p.m.:** Grab lunch & depart Springfield

Logistics

Transportation

- Depending on number of students, will get a van or bus
- Central location, or 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 participants

Food

- Will have breakfast on the way to Springfield in the morning and lunch on the bus for the ride home
- Snacks after morning session and on bus

Adult Leaders

- Recruit youth and collect consent forms (general and photo release)
- Organize a training with youth participants before Youth Advocacy Day
- Help schedule legislative visits
- Coordinate the bus schedule with EverThrive IL
- Travel to Youth Advocacy Day with youth, and help distribute food
- Lead youth to legislators on Youth Advocacy Day
- Help collect evaluations at the end of the day
- [Youth Advocacy Day 2018 Folder](#)

Student Recruitment

- Engage existing student groups (e.g. Youth Advisory Councils, health clubs, student government, etc.)
- Pass out flyers at your clinic
- Recruit frequent users of the clinic
- Have this event approved for community service hours
- Coordinate with Civics/Political Science teachers

Legislator Meetings

- Contact your Representatives about a month before Youth Advocacy Day to schedule a visit
 - Visit ilga.gov to find the representatives for your district
 - Ask to meet with them between 11:00am and 12:00pm, if possible
 - Inform them where you are coming from and that you have students that would like to meet with them
- Please contact EverThrive IL if you need any help with this process!

Youth Participation

- Prior to Youth Advocacy Day, participate in the “Advocacy 101” training
- In February, participate in a letter writing contest to the Governor



Youth Checklist:

Pre-Advocacy Day:

- Consent Forms (general and photo)
- Permission from School
- Understand Pick-up, Drop-off, and Food Schedule
- Communicate allergies, dietary restrictions, and t-shirt size

Day-of:

- Comfortable Shoes
- Professional Clothing
- Photo I.D.

Important Dates

- Reach out to school for permission to participate
- Recruit students
- Identify adult leaders that can attend

- Tentative numbers due: January 26, 2018
- Training webinar available: January 26, 2018
- Set up legislator meetings: February 6, 2018
- Final numbers due: February 13, 2018
- Consents due: February 27, 2018
- Youth Advocacy Day: March 6, 2018

Fundraising

- Partnership Opportunities:
 - Partner with EverThrive IL' to make our Sponsor-a-Student Campaign a success. This virtual campaign allows donors to cover the cost of one student's attendance (\$75.00)
 - Co-host a fundraising event with EverThrive IL
 - Explore corporate funding opportunities
 - Send a special appeal to your stakeholders

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