

## **CONTINUE YOUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS!**

- Tell your friends, co-workers, and clients about your advocacy experience and encourage them to get informed and get active. Urge them to visit [www.aidschicago.org](http://www.aidschicago.org) and join the Statewide Advocacy Network for weekly action alerts concerning HIV/AIDS issues on the state and federal levels.
- Write thank you letters to your elected officials when they support policy that benefits people living with HIV/AIDS. Legislators like to know the impact of their support and their positive actions should be recognized.
- Add your elected officials to your organization's mailing list so that they can receive more information about the work of you organization.
- Set up in-district meetings with the representative and senator in your service area to urge their support for AIDS care and prevention services.
- Arrange meetings for you and your board members with your legislators to inform and update them on the critical services your agency provides district residents.
- Invite the elected officials that represent your service area to visit your agency and facilities, attend your events and educational programs so they can learn more about your organization.
- Be part of the decision-making process and vote in every election. Make sure you are registered to vote at your current address.
- Start a voter registration drive at work. Register your clients and co-workers. Remind them that those impacted by policy should be the ones influencing policy.
- Use the media to spotlight issues. Write letters to the editor and invite reporters to events and meetings addressing HIV/AIDS issues.

### **Online Resources:**

[www.aidschicago.org](http://www.aidschicago.org) — AIDS Foundation of Chicago

[www.aidschicago.org/community](http://www.aidschicago.org/community) -- AIDS Foundation of Chicago Community Website

[www.thebody.com](http://www.thebody.com) – The Body

[www.c2ea.org](http://www.c2ea.org) – Campaign to End AIDS

[www.kaisernetwork.org](http://www.kaisernetwork.org) -- Daily HIV/AIDS Report

[www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov) -- Illinois General Assembly

[www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org) – Vote Smart (information about state and federal legislators and candidates)