Welcome!

Review Your Packet
Agenda For Today

- **1:00- 2:30 PM** Welcome & Introductions
  - Training Overview
  - Icebreaker
  - Advocacy Discussion

- **2:30 – 3:15 PM** Illinois Legislative Briefing

- **3:15 – 3:30 PM** Break

- **3:30 – 4:30 PM** Lobbying Strategies, Role Playing, and Review

- **4:30PM** On your own (check in to hotel)
Phoenix Center and AFC present:

HIV/AIDS Lobby Days Reception
Caring for our Communities

TUES, April 12, 6:30-9:00 PM
Renaissance Springfield Hotel -- Ballroom

Light refreshments and soft drinks. Cash bar.

Entertainment:
Doris Greer, Singer and Sean Rose, Pianist

Mary Dixon Advocacy Award Presentation
Mary Dixon AIDS Advocacy Award

ACLU Legislative Director Mary Dixon

Dixon Award Recipient George Martinez

For Outstanding Contributions
Championing Social Justice for People Affected by HIV/AIDS
Agenda for Wednesday

- **6:30 – 8:30 AM**: Breakfast at Lindsay’s Restaurant, 1st floor of Renaissance or on your own. *Complimentary for scholarship recipients.*

- **8:00 – 8:45 AM**: Shuttles leave hotel for rally. Last shuttle leaves at 8:45 AM.

- **9 AM SHARP!!!**: HIV/AIDS Rally at the Capitol (East Steps, Lincoln Statue)

- **9:30 AM**: Lobby Day begins!

- **9:30 AM-1 PM**: Debriefing room available 3rd Floor Stratton Building: Room 349 C. Rest your feet and tell us which legislators you reached and how the discussion went.
HIV/AIDS Rally

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
- Starts at 9:00 AM SHARP!
- Guest Speakers:
  - State Rep. Constance “Connie” Howard
  - State Sen. Steve Rauschenberger
  - State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz
- Red balloon launch
- Lobby Day begins!
Housekeeping

- Hotel check-in times is 3PM; check-out time is noon
- AFC scholarships do not cover movies, room service, etc
- Dress up on Wednesday
- Remember: You are representing the HIV community
- Have fun!
Let’s Have Some Fun!
What is Lobbying?

Chances are, you already know . . .
Law OKs syringe sales without prescription

By Christi Parsons
Tribune staff reporter

July 27, 2003

SPRINGFIELD -- Sterile syringes will now be available without a prescription to buyers ages 18 and older under a new measure signed into law by Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Friday.

Meant to stem the spread of HIV by reducing the use of dirty needles, the measure also requires pharmacists to hand out pamphlets on drug treatment and safe needle disposal to everyone who buys syringes over the counter.

"You can recover from drug addiction, but you cannot recover from AIDS," said state Rep. Sara Feigenholz (D-Chicago), sponsor of the controversial measure. "We want to encourage drug users to get into recovery, but, until they're ready, we want to make sure they're not dying of AIDS."
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<th><strong>ADAP IN ILLINOIS:</strong></th>
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<td>IL has no waiting list; eligibility up to 400% Federal Poverty Level</td>
<td>Currently 1,182 are on ADAP. The program is frozen. As participants are removed through attrition, no new members are added.</td>
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<td>Nearly 4000 receive ADAP</td>
<td>Longest waiting list in the US: 553</td>
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<td>IL covers more than 80 drugs (Alabama covers 31)</td>
<td>200 will lose medications in April if the Alabama legislature does not increase funding by $3.5 million</td>
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<td>State lawmakers added $3.25M last year, for a total of $10M</td>
<td>Another 390 could lose medications in September</td>
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Cockroach Theory
Who Represents You?

CONGRESS:
2 U.S. Senators
1 U.S. Representative

ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
1 State Senator
1 State Representative

OTHERS:
Statewide & National officers
County commissioner
City alderman, etc.
Five Simple Steps to Be An Effective Advocate

1. **Get Connected:**

   Join AFC’s AIDS Advocacy Network

   - We’ll do the research for you
   - Deliver the news you need
   - We’ll ask you to **TAKE ACTIONS**
     *(please do)*
Other Networks

- NAPWA: www.napwa.org
- Save ADAP: www.atac-usa.org/default.asp?id=140
- ATAC: www.atac-usa.org
- CAEAR Coalition: www.caear.org
- LGBT Health: www.lgbthealth.net
2. Know Your Elected Officials

*And get them INVOLVED*

- Identify who represents you: [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)
- CALL THEM on important issues
- WRITE THEM
- MEET THEM *(This is what we are doing tomorrow)*

In short, establish a relationship with your elected officials.
3. Share What You Know:

You Know HIV/AIDS:

- Voice your opinions to the press
- Voice your opinions to elected/appointed officials
- Give the local perspective. How has HIV/AIDS affected you?

You’re Connected to HIV/AIDS Agencies

- Encourage groups to support client advocacy
- Help others identify their elected officials
- Provide regular advocacy updates
- Ask groups to make a commitment to advocacy
4. Help Get the Word Out

- Create a phone tree
- Copy and distribute materials
- Start a local AIDS advocacy committee and utilize existing networks at regularly occurring meetings
- Help us help you and those that follow us in the war on HIV/AIDS
5. Be part of the process!

- Are you registered to vote?
- Have you moved recently?
- Be part of a national AIDS movement by joining the Campaign to End AIDS October 8-12, 2005 • www.aidsvote.org
YOUR VOICE MATTERS

- One Letter = One Law
  - Megan’s Law
  - MADD
  - Amber Alert
State issues:

2005 Session

- Overview of state legislature
- Legislation
- Budget
- Bills to Watch
About the Illinois General Assembly

59 Senate Districts:
- 2 House Districts for Each Senate District
- Senators serve 4-year terms

118 House Members:
- Representatives serve 2-year terms
About the Illinois General Assembly

- Part-Time Legislature
- Spring Session: January to June
- Veto Session: 6 Days in November
A bill starts in either House or Senate
- Referred to a Committee
- Committee can vote YES, NO, or do NOTHING
- Committee-passed bills go to full House or Senate
- If passed, sent to other chamber (process starts over)
- If passed both Houses
- Bill goes to governor for signature
Mandated HIV Testing

**OPPOSE HB 255:**

- Mandates HIV testing of prisoners at intake and release
- Mandated testing is bad public health policy
- Can discourage use of prevention and care services in the future

State Rep. Mary Flowers (D-Chicago)
African American HIV/AIDS Response Act

SUPPORT HB 2578

- Entitles prisoners to free and voluntary HIV counseling and testing services
- Requires prisons to OFFER testing and HIV prevention education
- Supports HIV+ inmates being released
- Mandates that HIV educational materials be made available in state’s public office, prison visiting rooms, and prisons

State Rep. Constance Howard (D-Chicago)
Responsible Sex Ed

SUPPORT SB 457:

- Creates a new grants program for medically accurate, age appropriate, and comprehensive sex ed
- Abstinence will still be taught as only sure way to avoid pregnancy & STDs
- Local communities retain control over sex education

State Sen. Carol Ronen (D-Chicago)
Bills to Watch

Keeping Families Together in Guardianship

Cases: SB 658 (Cullerton)/HB 3415 (Eddy)

- Allows judges to appoint the best guardian for a child or disabled adult, even if that person has a past felony conviction
- Amendments require the court to consider the nature of the offense, the date of the offense, and the evidence of the proposed guardian’s rehabilitation
- AFC supports

- Prohibits discrimination against renters based on the source of their income. These bills will prohibit landlords, real estate brokers, and salespeople from denying a lease or sale to an individual solely because he/she uses a public subsidy— including HOPWA— to pay rent.

- AFC supports
Bills to Watch: Substance Abuse Treatment & Prevention

- HB 3511 (Methamphetamine Study)/HB 3513 (Methamphetamine Treatment) Rep. Ron Stephens D-Highland
- Requires the Department of Human Services to research and distribute information about the best way to treat methamphetamine addiction
- Makes grants available to licensed treatment programs for methamphetamine addiction prevention and treatment services
Bills to Watch: Hepatitis

- **Hepatitis C Material: HB 595 (Rep. Howard, Senator Hunter)** requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to make educational materials available to healthcare providers, members of the armed forces, and others at risk of contacting hepatitis C. *Note: This bill has passed the House and is now in the Senate.*

- **Hepatitis C Screening and Awareness Act: HB 904 (Howard)** Illinois Department of Public Health must implement a hepatitis C prevention plan that includes education, screening, voluntary testing, and treatment for people at risk of contracting hepatitis C. Bill was subsequently amended to include all types of hepatitis.
Governor’s Budget Proposal

- Maintains last year’s ADAP increase of $4.1 million
- Maintains total of $3.1 million in HIV prevention for communities of color
- Expands Medicaid for 74,000 families through the FamilyCare program
- Caps Medicaid brand-name drugs
Break
Lobbying at the State Capitol

- Illinois State Capitol Building—where lawmakers debate and vote
- Stratton Building is where most state representatives have their offices
- Most state senators have their office in the Capitol
Lobbying at the State Capitol

- Entrance to the Capitol building
- Security at the Capitol building
Looking For Your Lawmakers?

- See if they are in their offices
- Office listing in your packet
- Lawmakers are typically in offices before and after session
- Ask their assistants where they are

Lobbying at the “rail”

- Most visits happen “at the rail,” the public area just outside the House and Senate chambers
- To request a lawmaker visit, pass your card to the doorkeepers and wait patiently
- Be prepared for the CHAOS
At the “rail”
More of the “rail”
Advocates Lobbying At the Rail
Advocates prepping to talk to a legislator
Be Quick & Ready!
Hand-outs Help
Reinforce the Message
The Stratton Building
Stratton Building Hallway

Debriefing Room: 349C 3rd Floor
Advocates at Stratton building
office visit
Stratton office visit
Advocates lobby Rep. Acevedo
Who do I visit?

- Your own Illinois Senator and Representative

- If possible, go with others from your district or a nearby district

- Prepare to share a personal experience and link it to a policy goal
What if…

- I can’t find my legislator?
- It’s a zoo?
- It didn’t seem like my lawmaker was listening?
- I didn’t get a chance to say everything?
**Practice Effective Lobbying**

**DO:**

- Introduce yourself
- Briefly state your concern
- Be gracious, attentive organized
- Link the issue to your life – tell your story
- Say “I don’t know” if you don’t know the answer
- Make an “ask” and wait for the answer
- Say “thank you”
- **FOLLOW-UP!!**
Practice Effective Lobbying

DON’T:

- Forget to introduce yourself
- Be nervous, rude, combative, inattentive, or unprepared
- Go on too long
- Respond to a question if you’re not sure about the answer
- Forget to make your “ask” and follow-up later
- Try too hard: show genuine consideration and just be yourself
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- Pfizer Inc.
- Phoenix Center
- Renaissance Springfield Hotel
And finally…

- Check in to the hotel
- Read through your packet – be ready to talk about issues.
- See you at the reception – 6:30 PM