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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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2012 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE IL STATE ALLIANCE OF YMCAs

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Providing Access to Affordable Quality After School and Child Care

Illinois Ys provide a wide range of after school activities. The Y advocates for legislation that increases access and affordability as well as improves the quality of child care and after school programming. The Y supports increases in funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers at the Illinois State Board of Education as well as Teen REACH, Action for Children and other child care subsidies at the Illinois Department of Human Services.

HEALTHY LIVING

Building Partnerships to Increase Physical Activity and Access to Healthy Foods for Children and Families

Nearly one-third of Ys throughout the state are convening local coalitions to make policy, systems, and environmental changes that will increase access to physical activity and nutritious foods. At the statewide level, The Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs is partnering with the Illinois Food, Farm, and Jobs Council, and others to advocate for healthy living policy changes.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Helping Our Neighbors

The Y is a cause driven organization that provides accessible and affordable services to everyone who wishes to participate. Implementing taxes and fees on non-profits inhibits our ability to provide services to those that need us most. Our goal is to continue and enhance The Y's partnership with the state to reduce government costs by delivering quality services to the community with the financial assistance of private and public donors.



ABOUT THE Y. *A Y can be found in more than 120 communities across Illinois, serving more than 875,000 children, youth, and families. We have the presence and partnerships to deliver lasting personal and social change. We know that when we work as one, we can move people and communities forward. That's why we are committed to providing support to our neighbors and opportunities for kids, adults and families to learn, grow and thrive. All YMCA programs are open to all and we do not turn anyone away regardless of their ability to pay.*