Mission
EverThrive Illinois works to improve the health of women, children, and families everywhere through community engagement, partnership, policy analysis, education, and advocacy.

Vision
EverThrive Illinois envisions an Illinois that works towards equity and social justice, values to the community, fosters the development of healthy families, and provides fair access to quality health care - the basic rights of all human beings.

Our Initiatives
Over the past 26 years, EverThrive Illinois has championed the creation and maintenance of healthy communities in Illinois. Through the following initiatives, we continue to accomplish our mission.

The Health Reform Initiative is devoted to the promotion and implementation of positive health care reform policies and the strengthening of Medicaid and other safety net systems. EverThrive Illinois provides education for stakeholders and consumers on the impact of new health care laws, while advocating for policies that bring us closer to providing every individual with high quality, comprehensive health care.

The Immunization Initiative focuses on increasing immunization rates and decreasing the incidence of vaccine-preventable disease across the lifespan. By promoting the delivery of safe, effective, and timely immunizations and working closely with the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, we ensure that the public and providers have access to accurate, reliable information about the benefits and risks of vaccines.

The Healthy Lifestyle Initiative provides outreach, education, and programming to inspire individuals to be healthy over the lifespan through community engagement, partnerships, policy analysis, and education. This initiative also promotes Text4baby, a free mobile information service for expectant mothers and new parents. Additionally, the Health Disparities Initiative brings together a network of providers and community members with partners in health, housing, education, economic development, public safety, and education. This initiative empowers individuals to make healthy choices that strengthen families and communities.

The Health Disparities Initiative seeks to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities in maternal and infant morbidity and mortality through community engagement, partnerships, policy analysis, and education. This initiative also promotes Text4baby, a free mobile information service for expectant mothers and new parents. Additionally, the Health Disparities Initiative brings together a network of providers and community members with partners in health, housing, education, economic development, public safety, and education. This initiative empowers individuals to make healthy choices that strengthen families and communities.

The Health Reform Initiative focuses on increasing immunization rates and decreasing the incidence of vaccine-preventable disease across the lifespan. By promoting the delivery of safe, effective, and timely immunizations and working closely with the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, we ensure that the public and providers have access to accurate, reliable information about the benefits and risks of vaccines.

The Healthy Lifestyle Initiative provides outreach, education, and programming to inspire individuals to be healthy over the lifespan through community engagement, partnerships, policy analysis, and education. This initiative also promotes Text4baby, a free mobile information service for expectant mothers and new parents. Additionally, the Health Disparities Initiative brings together a network of providers and community members with partners in health, housing, education, economic development, public safety, and education. This initiative empowers individuals to make healthy choices that strengthen families and communities.

The Health Reform Initiative focuses on increasing immunization rates and decreasing the incidence of vaccine-preventable disease across the lifespan. By promoting the delivery of safe, effective, and timely immunizations and working closely with the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, we ensure that the public and providers have access to accurate, reliable information about the benefits and risks of vaccines.

The Healthy Lifestyle Initiative provides outreach, education, and programming to inspire individuals to be healthy over the lifespan through community engagement, partnerships, policy analysis, and education. This initiative also promotes Text4baby, a free mobile information service for expectant mothers and new parents. Additionally, the Health Disparities Initiative brings together a network of providers and community members with partners in health, housing, education, economic development, public safety, and education. This initiative empowers individuals to make healthy choices that strengthen families and communities.

The Health Reform Initiative focuses on increasing immunization rates and decreasing the incidence of vaccine-preventable disease across the lifespan. By promoting the delivery of safe, effective, and timely immunizations and working closely with the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, we ensure that the public and providers have access to accurate, reliable information about the benefits and risks of vaccines.
FY2014 HIGHLIGHTS

LAUNCHED OUR NEW WEBSITE at Best-For-Our-Brave.org and grew our staff to 18 employees.

SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATED FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE D & M MEDICARE BILL (H.B. 4501) which subsequently was cut in the Medicaid program in 2013, including the elimination of most dental services and the elimination of the tax on 4 prescriptions (limit for anthelmintic drugs).

EDUCATED MORE THAN 700 VOLUNTEERS ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT by facilitating presentations, webinars, and Townhalls. Created a Healthcare 101, a web-based tool, and a searchable portal for professionals, with questions about the Affordable Care Act.

HOSTED AN ANNUAL YOUTH ADVOCACY DAY in April 2014, which brought 200 youth advocates and adult allies, to advocate for, promote, and demand access to comprehensive, high quality, culturally competent health care. We have also recruited local, state, and federal elected officials to participate in the program and share in our efforts.

With the Best-For-Our-Brave.org office, we aimed to double our staff within the last two years. In fact, we now need to expand to a third floor to accommodate the new programs. We now have 8 staff, and never afraid to ask!

As we look forward, we see a bright future, filled with opportunities for Best-For-Our-Brave & to continue creating change and building healthier communities. Thank you for your continued contributions to Best-For-Our-Brave, because we simply could not do our work without your support. We are grateful for your continued support, financial donations, and your advice on how we can improve our commenting mechanisms. We look forward to another year of success with you!

FY2014 BOARD.jpg

Thank you to Our Donors & Members Fiscal Year 2014

Organization & Program Services Contributions & Program Services Management & General - Other Viagra+4501

Revenue Sources

1 fundraising 2.9%

2 Health Disparities Initiative 8.64%

3 contributions & Program Services 3.97%

4 Management & General - other 1.11%

5 Healthy Lifestyles 1.6%

6 Government 9.11%

7 Community-Based Organizations 11.44%

8 Federal 1.6%

9 Corporate 4.32%

10 Other 15.53%

Top 10 Donors

1 Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital

2 Advocate Health Care

3 US Department of Health and Human Services

4 Illinois Department of Human Services

5 MedImmune

6 BMO Harris Bank

7 CVS

8 Sargent Shriver National Center

9 Lloyd A. Fry Foundation

10 National Healthy Mothers of Northern Lake County