Mission
EverThrive Illinois works to improve the health of women, children, and families over the lifespan.

Vision
A society in which everyone is able to live their healthiest life.

Values
Health Equity
Diverse Voices
Strong Partnerships

EverThrive Illinois’ policy platform aims to help us meet our organization’s mission of improving the health of Illinois women, children, adolescents and families over the lifespan. EverThrive Illinois envisions an Illinois that works to achieve health equity, fosters and lifts up diverse voices, and through the work of strong partnerships, provides fair access to quality health care for all. EverThrive Illinois will work on policies at the federal and state levels to execute on these core values.

Federal - Legislative and Administrative Policy

1) Healthcare Coverage & Access - Defend the systems by which consumers, regardless of immigration status, obtain health coverage and work to ensure this coverage leads to accessible, affordable, comprehensive and quality health care including, but not limited to, Affordable Care Act (ACA) provisions, Medicaid, FamilyCare, All Kids, and CHIP.

2) Reproductive Health - Support efforts to protect and increase access to comprehensive, quality and affordable family planning services, including abortion, regardless of insurance status.

3) Healthy Pregnancies and Infants - Support policies, programs, and funding that promote healthy pregnancies and infants, which include but are not limited to Title V (Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant), Healthy Start, Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Title X (comprehensive family planning services) and paid family leave.

4) Vaccines - Support efforts to protect 317 federal funding which supplies vaccines to Federally Qualified Health Centers and Local Public Health Departments for children and adults who are under-insured and uninsured and provides funding for community based education.

5) School-Based Health Centers - Support policies that promote, protect and advance access to comprehensive, quality, affordable and confidential health services for adolescents, including school-based health centers and the Hallways to Health Act.

6) Food & Nutrition Programs - Support policies that protect and improve access to government food and nutrition programs including, but not limited to, Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), free and reduced meals for students, alternative school breakfast programs, and summer feeding programs.
State - Legislative and Administrative Policy

1) Women, Infant, and Children's Health - Advocate for policy and system changes that positively impact women, infant, and children's health, including but not limited to child care assistance, early intervention, Title X (comprehensive family planning services), paid sick time, paid family leave, and a livable minimum wage.

2) Adolescent Health - Support policies and programs that promote, protect and advance access to comprehensive, quality, affordable and confidential health services for adolescents, including school-based health centers.

3) Health Disparities - Support policies that aim to reduce health disparities - including gender, racial, ethnic, and geographic disparities - as well as advance social justice for women, children, adolescents and families.

4) Responsible State Budget - Advocate for a responsible, fully-funded, and balanced state budget with the appropriate revenue needed to meet the needs of Illinois children, adolescents, women and families.

5) Healthcare Coverage & Access - Advocate for policies that bring Illinois closer to providing every individual with high quality, comprehensive, accessible, and affordable health care.

6) Medicaid - Advocate for a transparent, accessible, and robust Medicaid program.

7) Medicaid Managed Care - Advocate for a Medicaid Managed Care System that meets the needs of consumers by ensuring a comprehensive set of benefits, including Early and Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefits, and continuity of care.

8) Affordable Care Act - Work to protect the positive healthcare gains made through the ACA and continue to facilitate consumer friendly implementation of the ACA.

9) Reproductive Health - Work to ensure access to comprehensive family planning services, including abortion services, regardless of insurance status.

10) Healthy Pregnancies and Infants - Support policies, programs, and funding that promote healthy pregnancies and infants, which include but are not limited infant mortality reduction, maternal mortality and morbidity reduction, and breastfeeding promotion.

11) WIC - Advocate for WIC administrative policy and system changes that reduce barriers, increase participation, and ensure the program meets consumers' needs.

12) Vaccines - Support policies that increase immunization rates and prevent diseases over the life span by promoting the delivery of safe, effective, and timely immunizations.

13) Mental Health - Support policies and programs that address the mental health needs of children, adolescents and women, including pregnant and parenting women.

14) Oral Health - Support policies and programs that address the oral health needs of children, adolescents and women, including pregnant women.

15) SNAP E&T and ABAWDs - Support efforts to ensure that SNAP's Employment and Training (E&T) Program and the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Waiver are implemented in ways that do not add barriers and work to meet the needs of Illinois SNAP recipients.