



March of Dimes Day at the Capitol

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Come join March of Dimes Staff and Volunteers for our annual visit to Springfield for Lobby Day!

- Meet your legislators
- Meet volunteers from across the state
- Learn about the issues that affect the mission of the March of Dimes
- Make a difference in Illinois

2007 AGENDA

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast at the State House Inn, Springfield
9:00 am – 10:00 am	“How to Talk About the Issues” Legislative Training
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Update on Newborn Screening and Illinois Covered
10:30 am -12:00 pm	Visits at the Capitol
12:00 pm – 1:00pm	Lunch and Debriefing at the Illinois State Library

March of Dimes Legislative Issues in 2007

- **Illinois Covered** – Illinois poised to join a handful of states in offering insurance coverage for ALL of its residents. Access to care for all women of child bearing age is crucial to insure that all babies are born healthy.
- **Newborn Screening** - In 2002, Illinois passed expanded newborn screening and starting in July Illinois will be screening for 29 recommended screens. There is still work to do!
- **Prematurity** – Prematurity is the number one cause of infant death in the United States. Over 22,000 babies are born premature each year and many require special treatment throughout their lives. Help us educate legislatures on issues related to Prematurity and encourage them to pass bills that allow Premies to get the treatment they need.

Join us on Wednesday, May 9th!

Please RSVP to Patricia Almanza at 312-596-4708 by Wednesday, May 2nd.

If you would like to stay overnight on Tuesday, we have reserved a block of rooms at the State House Inn, A Clarion Collection Hotel. Please call 217-528-5100 by

April 15th to reserve your room at a rate of \$84.99

See you in Springfield!

