

March 3, 2003

Dear Adult Education and Literacy Colleague,

IACEA is pleased to again sponsor its Legislative Awareness Day at the State Capitol in Springfield on Thursday, April 10, 2003. Programs are invited to bring students, staff, and volunteers to this annual "Celebration of Success!" IACEA also invites you to bring a table display promoting your program. The morning is open for programs to travel, schedule individual trips to local sites, visit legislators or arrange a tour of the Capitol. This may also be an opportunity for students to participate in a history or constitution learning activity. The staff of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau will be happy to help you arrange tours of the Capitol or other historic sites. They can be reached at 217-789-2360 or by visiting their web site at [www.visit-springfieldillinois.com](http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com).

Because this event has become so popular, it is no longer possible for IACEA to underwrite the cost of providing lunch. It will be necessary for each program to make its own meal arrangements.

Security at the Capitol remains strict. We are again asking the Secretary of State's office to approve entry for our participants via a button designed specifically for Legislative Awareness Day. When we have confirmation of this, we will communicate with programs as we receive their registration information. Please have you students, staff, and volunteers plan to bring a picture ID as back up identification.

Some additional regulations to consider when planning a table display and attending this activity: Decorations cannot be applied to any part of the building with tape, glue or any type of adhesive material. No candles, confetti, balloons, lapel stickers or any stickers with adhesive are allowed.

Smoking is prohibited in all State facilities.

We are inviting representatives from State Government and funding agencies, as well as others to visit the displays and participate in the 1:30 p.m. rally. All of the State Senators and Representatives are being informed that we will be present in the Capitol on April 10th, and we have asked that they make plans to visit with their program representatives. Please take time to write a personal letter to your Legislators telling them you will be in Springfield and look forward to seeing them on April 10th. Please also list the names of the Senators and Representatives for your program on the enclosed registration form.

We will establish a check-in location in the Capitol where someone will be available to answer questions and provide assistance. Please plan to stop by to let us know you have arrived and to receive any updated information about the day's program. The IACEA table in the Capitol will have someone available from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

It is very important that we "Celebrate our Success" and let the public know that "Adult Education and Literacy in Illinois works." We look forward to a strong, statewide representation in Springfield. Marilyn Schmidt is chairing the committee working on these activities. If you plan to participate, please complete the enclosed form and return it to Marilyn as indicated. If you have questions, you can reach Marilyn by phone at (618) 594-4157, fax (618) 594-4189 or e-mail [msschmidt1@aol.com](mailto:msschmidt1@aol.com).

See you in Springfield!

Very truly yours,

Susan Kidder, President

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