



***Poisoning still remains a public health problem
in the United States and Illinois is no exception.***

The Illinois Poison Center's vision is an Illinois that no longer suffers from the harm of poisoning. However, people unintentionally or accidentally encounter potentially poisonous and toxic substances everyday in their homes, communities, and job environments. The Illinois Poison Center (IPC) offers treatment advice and information about all types of poisoning exposures, including household products, medication errors, medication interactions, plants, vitamins and supplements, carbon monoxide, lead, gaseous fumes, insect or animal bites/stings and hazardous materials.

Increasing our capacity to deliver poison prevention education to Illinois residents is essential to achieving our mission. Continuing to build strategic partnerships with community organizations, hospitals, and public health departments helps the IPC to educate residents in Illinois communities that are medically underserved, underinsured, and non-insured.

Current program funding provides an opportunity for the IPC to solicit community organizations who are interested in partnering with the IPC to provide poison prevention education when working with their clients or community members. Each participating organization will work with an IPC outreach specialist to integrate the IPC poison prevention materials into the organization's current outreach activities/events/programs. The Illinois Poison Center (IPC) seeks organizations that work with community clients providing human services and education that are willing to integrate poison prevention and safety information into their current programs, services, and outreach activities.

Selected organizations will receive poison prevention education training from IPC staff to enable organization staff/representatives to easily, effectively share poison prevention information with their community. A stipend ranging from \$500 - \$1,000 will be provided to each selected organization to integrate poison prevention education into their existing community education activities. Any organization selected must agree to the identified scope of work and apply the awarded stipend per the terms of the grant. All poison prevention materials will be provided free of charge by the IPC. It is anticipated that 10-20 organizations will be selected to participate in this year's project.

See the application instructions for further details. For additional information email vdance@ilpoison.org,

[CLICK HERE to download the application and instructions:](#)

Application Process

Each interested organization should complete the attached/downloadable RFP application form. **Completed applications are due on or before July 30th.** Use the return information provided on the application to ensure proper delivery of the application. Completed applications will be reviewed by the IPC Public Education Team and IPC Grant Development Coordinator. Selection of applicants will be based on an organization's ability to complete the scope of work and the benefits derived by IPC in partnering with the selected organization. IPC reserves the right to contact an organization and conduct an oral interview if additional information is required beyond what is included in the application to determine final selection.

Please complete the entire application and return it via US Mail or courier service. You may include organization brochures and materials that will demonstrate your involvement in the community and the type of educational outreach you provide. Please do not include video tapes or any other materials you would want returned. However, a CD may be substituted for printed materials.